History (HIST) Courses

HIST2001 World History to 1500

Major developments in world history before the 16th century are considered with an emphasis on the rise of civilizations, the birth of religions and philosophies, and the development of artistic traditions. The development of various political systems, technologies, and forms of cultural expression in Western and non-Western societies are highlighted. The influence of societies upon one another and the political, religious, philosophical and artistic legacies of these cultures on the modern world are also emphasized. Prerequisite(s): ENG1020 or ENG1024 or English placement. Offered at Charlotte, Online, Providence 3 Semester Credits

HIST2002 World History Since 1500

Major developments in world history from the 16th century to the present are considered with an emphasis on the impact of ideas and influences from Asia, Africa and the Americas upon European culture and society and the European impact upon Asia, Africa and the Americas. Emphasis is placed on the various revolutions — industrial, democratic, political, technological, military, social and cultural — that marked this period of time.

Prerequisite(s): ENG1020 or ENG1024 or English placement.

Offered at Charlotte, Online, Providence

3 Semester Credits

HIST2050 Food in World History

This course examines the important role that food has played in human history from the Neolithic Revolution to the present. The course analyzes the ways in which historical events and cultural movements (e.g., wars, revolutions, religious conflicts, industrialization, exploration and colonization) have affected the human diet. The course also studies the manner in which dietary constraints and the need or desire for certain foods have, in turn, influenced world history.

Prerequisite(s): ENG1020 or ENG1024 or English placement. Offered at Charlotte, Online, Providence 3 Semester Credits

HIST2100 U.S. History from Colonial Times to 1876

This course is a survey and analysis of United States history and those institutions that contributed to the evolution of the American nation from colonial times through the period of the Civil War and Reconstruction. Particular attention is given to the Puritan influence upon American character, the American Revolution, the creation of the federal Constitution, western settlement, the nature of slavery and the breakdown of the American political system resulting in civil war.

Prerequisite(s): ENG1020 or ENG1024 or English placement. Offered at Charlotte, Providence

3 Semester Credits

HIST2200 U.S. History Since 1877 (to the Present)

This course is a survey and analysis of United States history and those institutions that contributed to the evolution of the American nation since Reconstruction. Emphasis is on the rise of industrialization, urbanization and immigration; the coming of imperialism; the development of American foreign policy; the rise of big business; the growth of reform movements as seen in Populism, Progressivism and the New Deal; the Women's Movement; the Civil Rights Movement; and recent developments.

Prerequisite(s): ENG1020 or ENG1024 or English placement. Offered at Charlotte, Providence

3 Semester Credits

HIST2300 History of Globalization

This course explores the history of the process of globalization from its beginnings in the ancient world to the 21st century. It examines the spread of economic, political, intellectual and religious developments that brought together diverse societies across the world and bound them together in the economic, political, diplomatic and cultural institutions and networks (both formal and informal) that exist today. Topics include colonialism, imperialism, and the exploitation of both free and unfree labor in Latin America, Africa and Asia by industrialized nations. Particular attention is paid to seminal moments in history when peaceful contacts, violent clashes and/or ideological conflict led to new connections or altered existing ones among various regions of the globe.

Prerequisite(s): ENG1020 or ENG1024 or English placement. Offered at Charlotte, Online, Providence 3 Semester Credits

HIST2400 History of the Atlantic World

This course examines the development of the Atlantic World from the 15th century to the end of the 19th century. In this course students investigate the connections forged among the major components of the Atlantic World: North America, Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa and Europe. The course examines not only interactions between the "Old" World and "New" World and between the European core and the American and African periphery, but also intra-regional connections between local cultures. Focus is on the development of both trans-Atlantic and intra-regional economies, the Atlantic slave trade and its eventual abolition, the impact of colonization on indigenous communities in the Americas and the Caribbean, the creation of creole societies in the Western hemisphere, and the effect of colonization on gender roles. This course ends with an analysis of trans-Atlantic intellectual movements such as the Enlightenment and the Atlantic Revolutions that brought independence to most of the countries of the Western hemisphere by the mid-19th century.

Prerequisite(s): ENG1020 or ENG1024 or English placement. Offered at Providence

3 Semester Credits

HIST2420 History of the Mediterranean World

This course is a survey history of the Mediterranean world — the societies and nations that border the Mediterranean Sea from pre-history to the 1960s. Among the nations and societies to be studied are Portugal, Spain, France, Italy, Greece, the Balkan states, Malta, Cyprus, Turkey, Israel/Palestine, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria. Focus is on the ways in which the civilizations and nations of the Mediterranean world have interacted with and influenced one another with particular emphasis on religion, gender roles, art and architecture, technological innovation, commerce, migration, slavery, government, political ideology and war. The influence of contacts between the Mediterranean world and the Atlantic and Pacific worlds are also considered.

Prerequisite(s): ENG1020 or ENG1024 or English placement. Offered at Providence

3 Semester Credits

HIST2440 History of the Pacific World

This course is a survey history of the Pacific world — the societies and nations that border on the Pacific Ocean or that have been active in settling in the Pacific, from pre-history to the 1970s. Among the nations and societies to be studied are China, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, India, Indonesia, Fiji, Tonga, Tahiti, Samoa, New Guinea, Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Russia, the United States and Mexico. Focus is on the ways in which the societies, cultures and nations of the Pacific world have interacted with one another with particular emphasis on religion, commerce, exploration, colonization, labor and war, and the effect that these interactions have had on individual societies. The relationships between Europe and Africa and the Pacific world are also studied.

Prerequisite(s): ENG1020 or ENG1024 or English placement. Offered at Providence

3 Semester Credits

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HIST3010 Modern History

This course provides an in-depth analysis of the major ideas and forces in the Western world during the 20th century. It reviews significant figures and events, as well as the seminal forces that have led to current conditions. Prerequisite(s): ENG1021 or ENG1027. Offered at Charlotte, Providence 3 Semester Credits

HIST3020 A Multicultural History of America

In this class students survey the broad currents of American history through the lens of immigration, race and ethnicity. Beginning with the colonization of North America, students study the experiences of Native Americans and immigrants from diverse points of origin across four centuries. Students use firsthand narratives, period fiction, contemporary journalism, and historical scholarship to interrogate the shifting nature of American identity from colonial "contact" through the present day. Prerequisite(s): ENG1021 or ENG1027.

Offered at Charlotte, Online, Providence

3 Semester Credits

HIST3100 Contemporary American History: The United States in a Global Age

This course addresses the recent history of the United States from the end of World War II to the present day, taking as its focus America's increasingly dominant role in world affairs. It traces America's rise as a global military and economic power and explores the implications of such might and affluence on American culture, foreign policy and liberation struggles here and abroad. Topics addressed include the Cold War, Vietnam War and Iraq War, liberal and conservative presidential politics, and the critiques that emerged from the left and the right.

Prerequisite(s): ENG1021 or ENG1027. Offered at Charlotte, Online, Providence 3 Semester Credits

HIST3200 American Government

This course involves an examination of the political and governmental system of the United States, the principles upon which it is founded, and the institutions and systems which comprise it. Topics to be discussed are constitutional foundations, federalism, political parties, public opinion, interest group activities, civil liberties and decision-making in institutions of American national government, such as Congress, the presidency and the Supreme Court.

Prerequisite(s): ENG1021 or ENG1027. Offered at Charlotte, Online, Providence 3 Semester Credits

HIST3400 African American History

This course explores the history of people of African ancestry in the United States from the colonial period to the present day with special focus on the transition from slavery to freedom to full citizenship over the course of the 18th–20th centuries. Among the topics studied are African American religion and spirituality, African American involvement in political and social reform movements, the role played by African Americans in the U.S. economy, and African American contributions to American culture. Interracial interaction, the social construction of "blackness," and the construction of gender roles within the African American community are also major themes of the course. Prerequisite(s): ENG1020 or ENG1024 or English placement. Offered at Providence

3 Semester Credits

HIST3500 History of Health and Medicine in the Western World

This course studies the history of health and medicine in the Western world. It examines how scientific, religious and cultural ideas regarding health and wellness have changed over time and traces the development of the institutional framework of healthcare in the West. The course also investigates how ideas regarding sex, gender, race, ethnicity and class have influenced cultural understandings of illness and the effect of these ideas on medical treatment and access to healthcare for women, people of color and the poor. Prerequisite(s): ENG1021 or ENG1027. Offered at Providence

3 Semester Credits