

# History Major

## Global Themes

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A minimum of 10 courses and a maximum of 14 courses taught by History Department faculty at Holy Cross or approved by the department chair, including the following:

- HIST 200: Historian's Craft (must be completed by fifth semester)
- Five courses numbered 201 level or higher (must include at least two courses at the 300 or 400 level)
- Two courses in Pre-Modern history
- Four courses related to one of the following Global Themes (including one "capstone" course at the 300 or 400 level). These courses must encompass geographic diversity.
  - Colonialism and Empire
  - Gender in Public and Private Life
  - Race and Ethnicity
  - Knowledge and Belief
  - Resistance, Revolution and Reaction
  - War and Memory

### Colonialism and Empire

From the Roman to the Aztec, from the Mughal to the French, empire is one of the most enduring and oldest forms of political organization, and its story has never been simply one of conquest and resistance. Beyond its political manifestations, imperial relations have included and produced far-reaching networks of trade, religion, education, and culture. The relationships between colonizing and colonized peoples have been highly complex and have involved violence, collaboration, defiance and negotiation, often at the same time. Scholars debate not only the nature of these interactions, but also their enduring implications. How have people established, maintained and contested imperial power? How have colonizing forces justified empire, and how do we evaluate its impact? Is the age of imperialism over or does it persist in new forms?

### Gender in Public and Private Life

Gender, as an expression of power relations and identity, lies at the root of human experience and historical inquiry. More than a synonym for women's history, gender situates women as well as men, through ideas about manhood and womanhood, at the center of historical analysis. A gendered approach to the study of history asks questions about the ways human perceptions of sexual difference – of masculinity and femininity and the norms of behavior deemed appropriate for men and women – have shaped major forces and events in the past. Are gender identities fixed and biologically determined? Or are they constructed by societies to express the political, economic and social anxieties and values of a given time period? Is gender's impact limited to domestic spaces, such as family organization, or is it present in larger public arenas, such as war, policy-making, law and diplomacy? Taking a gendered analysis into account can broaden what we deem as "history," can highlight previously marginalized voices, and can challenge the assumptions and periodization of standard historical narratives.

## **Race and Ethnicity**

Many people think of race as natural and self-evident; as old as humanity itself and as simple as black and white. However, human societies across time and geography have created ways of making and experiencing “difference” according to invented categories of ethnicity and race. These divisions have formed the rationale for oppressive hierarchies within societies as well as for liberation movements. What causes race to come into existence as a way of understanding the world? How has race operated in different regions of the world—for example, within and between the Americas, Asia, Africa and Europe? What are the origins of racial-ethnic thinking, and how have racial and ethnic categories informed socio-political relations over time? How have people created and experienced social differences? How have individuals or groups developed strategies both to perpetuate and to change racial and ethnic dynamics?

## **Knowledge and Belief**

The ways in which individuals and societies come to know the world and create meaning have changed dramatically across different times and places in history. Courses on this Global Theme investigate how religion, science, philosophy, art, and law affect human actions and beliefs. Going beyond the study of formally articulated ideas, these courses examine how individuals and societies create, contest, and transmit different systems of meaning and value. Students learn to analyze fundamental issues within the histories of religion, science, technology, popular culture, law, political ideology, and cultural transfer.

## **Resistance, Revolution and Reaction**

Political upheavals occur when a group of individuals rejects the dominant values of the status quo and struggles to create a different social order. These upheavals can range from bottom-up mass movements to top-down military coups. In such struggles for power, insurgents endeavor to win support for a new set of norms, which can range from promoting civil rights to advocating genocide. Moreover, while some revolutions produce paradigm-shifting gains in democracy and social welfare, others conducted in the name of liberation have generated more of the very exploitation they first pledged to eliminate. How did people understand such transformations at the time and how did succeeding generations re-assess and re-imagine them? What prompts people to decide to break the rules of their community or risk their lives for social change? How is power won, and how is it maintained and institutionalized? How do societies, both ancient and modern, decide who should have rights and who should be denied them? What roles have civil disobedience, violent resistance, and even terror played in both the challenging of order and the crushing of dissent?

## **War and Memory**

Wars do not begin and end on the battlefield. They originate within particular historical contexts, in response to factors ranging from the political and strategic, to the social and cultural. Moreover, long after the final battle has been fought, the memory of warfare continues to be shaped, debated, and changed, affected not least by whether one was on the winning or losing side. Memories of war can often be contentious, producing bitter conflicts about national holidays, museum exhibits, reenactments, school textbooks, literature, and films. What causes wars? How have contemporaries justified war? What effects have wars had on political development, gender relations, the economy, and society? What unintended consequences have resulted from war? Has there always been a clear winner and loser?

# COURSES

## Colonialism and Empire

HIST 101	Race & Ethnicity in Lat. Amer.	HIST 258	Nature, Culture, and Power in Global History, 1500-1850
HIST 101	Global History of Technology	HIST 260	Wicked Wmn & Proud Patriarchs: Gender & Sexual in Col. Ltn Amer
HIST 101	Gandhi, MLK, and non-Violence	HIST 262	Germany: Dictatorship to Democracy
HIST 101	WW2-Eastern Front & Holocaust	HIST 271	Native American History 1
HIST 104	Perspectives on Asia II	HIST 272	Native American History 2
HIST 109	Ancient Near East and Greece	HIST 275	U.S. Mexican Border
HIST 110	Rome: Republic & Empire	HIST 277	Afro-Latin America
HIST 113	Renaissance to Napoleon	HIST 279	America's Colony: Puerto Rico 1898
HIST 119	The Global Environment: Past/Present	HIST 280	Modern India
HIST 126	Colonial Latin America	HIST 281	Imperial China
HIST 127	Modern Latin America	HIST 282	Modern China
HIST 155	World War II in East Asia	HIST 284	Vietnam, Nationalism and War
HIST 196	African Colonial Lives	HIST 286	Modern Japan
HIST 197	Early Africa to the 1800	HIST 287	Pacific War
HIST 198	Modern Africa Since 1800	HIST 290	Gender History in Africa
HIST 199	History of Capitalism in U.S. in the World	HIST 291	Making Modrn MidEast 19th Century
HIST 199	Gandhi Non-violence and Justice	HIST 292	Making Mod Mid East II
HIST 199	Gender and Power in African History	HIST 293	Ottoman Empire 1: 1300-1600
HIST 199	The Global Environment and Visual Culture	HIST 294	Ottoman Empire 2, 1500-1922
HIST 199	Christianity and Colonialism	HIST 296	South Africa & Apartheid
HIST 201	Colonial America	HIST 297	History of Disease and Healing
HIST 203	Slavery, Industry, Empire 1815-60	HIST 298	Asian Revolutions
HIST 206	US in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century II: 1945-Present	HIST 299	Global Environmental History
HIST 207	19 <sup>th</sup> Century U.S. Diplomacy	HIST 299	Kharybdis from Mermaids to Tourism
HIST 208	The US & the World since 1890	HIST 299	The English Invasion of Wobanakiak (New England)
HIST 210	Early American Lives	HIST 299	Race, Religion & Education in Colonial India
HIST 212	History of Colonialism: U.S. in the World	HIST 299	Pen and Ink Sitchcraft: Native American History
HIST 229	The Asian American Experience	HIST 299	Europe's Long 20th Century
HIST 230	Environmental History		
HIST 236	Renaissance Europe		
HIST 239	Louis XIV's France, Ca. 1560-1715		
HIST 241	French Rebels and Revolutionaries		
HIST 242	British Society & Empire I: 1763-1901		
HIST 243	20 <sup>th</sup> C British Soc. & Empire II		
HIST 244	Medicine, Health and Empire		
HIST 245	Imperial Russia East/West		
HIST 251	Colonial Ireland and India		
HIST 255	Eur. in the Age of Mass Polt & Total War		
HIST 256	Europe and the Superpowers		

## **Colonialism and Empire (Cont'd)**

HIST 305	America's First Global Age
HIST 310	Global Modernities: Politics of Difference
HIST 315	East Asia Displayed: Global Sprts and International Exhibitions
HIST 317	Pain & Suffering: US History
HIST 346	Archeology, Empire, Nationalism in Ottoman Medit
HIST 352	Rebels & Radical Thinkers
HIST 365	Resistance & Rev in Mod Africa
HIST 370	Capital and Empire: US in the World
1870/1920s	
HIST 399	Indigenous Latin America
HIST 399	Colonialism, Law and Gender
HIST 399	Technology, Environment, and Industry in the East Asian Past
HIST 399	Mountains, Masculinity and Empire
HIST 401	History Fiction w/Footnotes
HIST 401	Manhood in the British Empire
HIST 401	Gender, Violence in the 19&20C B.E.

## Gender in Public and Private Life

HIST 101	Family and Gender in China	HIST 299	Sinners or Saints?: Women & Gender in the Middle Ages
HIST 101	American Social Movements	HIST 299	Big History of Humanity
HIST 101	Post 1945 Social Movements	HIST 299	Sports, Society, and History
HIST 101	Sex&Power: A Global History	HIST 299	Kharybdis from Mermaids to Tourism
HIST 105	Asia in Western Fiction and Film	HIST 299	Global Environmental History
HIST 106	Origins of Japanese Culture	HIST 310	Global Modernities: Politics of Difference
HIST 122	Food, Power & Environment	HIST 314	Music/Sport/Cultural Encounter
HIST 124	Religion and Society in the U.S.	HIST 317	Pain & Suffering: US History
HIST 134	Spirit Worlds: Early America	HIST 319	Joan of Arc & Medieval Warfare
HIST 197	Early Africa to 1800	HIST 324	Italy & France: War and Resistance
HIST 199	Jesuits in the World	HIST 325	Women and Gender in War, Holocaust, Resistance
HIST 199	Food Power & the Environment	HIST 327	Cultures of the Cold War
HIST 199	Gender and Power in African History	HIST 342	Americans in Paris
HIST 199	History of Global Slavery	HIST 361	Germans, Jews and Memory
HIST 201	Colonial America	HIST 365	Resistance & Rev in Mod Africa
HIST 202	Age of American Revolution	HIST 392	Arab-Israeli Conflict
HIST 204	Civil War and Its Aftermath	HIST 399	20 <sup>th</sup> Century U.S. Lives
HIST 205	US in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century I: 1890-1945	HIST 399	Colonialism, Law and Gender
HIST 206	US in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century II: 1945-Present	HIST 399	How we got Here: America After the Sixties
HIST 210	Early American Lives	HIST 399	Mountains, Masculinity and Empire
HIST 212	History of Capitalism: U.S. in the World	HIST 401	Putin's World
HIST 214	Comparative Women's History	HIST 401	Afro-Latin American Religions
HIST 224	Catholicism in US	HIST 401	Gender in 20C US
HIST 227	Muslim Africa	HIST 401	Gender, Violence in the 19&20C B.E.
HIST 232	Medieval Lives	HIST 401	The American Way of War
HIST 241	French Rebels and Revolutionaries		
HIST 242	British Society & Empire 1763-1901		
HIST 243	British Soc. & Empire Since 1901		
HIST 245	Imperial Russia East/West		
HIST 247	Gender & Sexuality in the Middle East		
HIST 254	Soviet Union After Stalin		
HIST 260	Wicked Women & Proud Patriarchs: Gender & Sexuality in Colonial Latin America		
HIST 263	Work, Culture, and Power in the US		
HIST 267	History of Modern Italy		
HIST 277	Afro-Latin America		
HIST 284	Vietnam, Nationalism & War		
HIST 289	Migration/Mobility/African Hist.		
HIST 290	Gender History in Africa		

## Race and Ethnicity

HIST 101	Race and Ethnicity in Lat. America	HIST 271	Native American History 1
HIST 101	Post 1945 Social Movements	HIST 272	Native American History 2
HIST 101	African American Lives	HIST 275	US Mexican Border
HIST 101	China and America	HIST 277	Afro-Latin America
HIST 105	Asia in Western Fiction and Film	HIST 278	Raza e Identidad
HIST 106	Origins of Japanese Culture	HIST 279	America's Colony: Puerto Rico 1898
HIST 114	Napoleon to the E.U., 1815-Present	HIST 281	Imperial China
HIST 122	Food, Power & Environment	HIST 283	Ethnic Conflict in 20 <sup>th</sup> C Asia
HIST 126	Colonial Latin America	HIST 286	Modern Japan
HIST 127	Modern Latin America	HIST 287	Pacific War
HIST 128	Latino History	HIST 289	Migration Mobility/African Hist.
HIST 134	Spirit World: Early America	HIST 290	Gender History in Africa
HIST 137	American Slavery, American Freedom	HIST 296	South Africa & Apartheid
HIST 145	History of Medicine	HIST 299	The English Invasion of Wobanakiak (New England)
HIST 196	African Colonial Lives	HIST 299	Race, Religion & Education in Colonial India
HIST 197	Early Africa to 1800	HIST 299	Global Environmental History
HIST 198	Modern Africa Since 1800	HIST 310	Global Modernities: Politics of Difference
HIST 199	Gender and Power in African History	HIST 314	Music, Sports, & Cultural Encounter
HIST 199	History of Global Slavery	HIST 315	East Asia Displayed: Global Sports and International Exhibitions
HIST 199	Jesuits in the World	HIST 317	Pain & Suffering: US History
HIST 199	Christianity and Colonialism	HIST 342	Americans in Paris
HIST 201	Colonial America	HIST 361	Germans, Jews & Memory
HIST 203	Slavery, Industry, Empire 1815-60	HIST 365	Resistance & Rev in Mod Africa
HIST 204	Civil War and Reconstruction	HIST 370	Capital and Empire: US in the World
HIST 205	US in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century I: 1890-1945	1870/1920s	
HIST 206	US in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century II: 1945-Present	HIST 392	Palestinian-Israeli Conflict
HIST 209	Hamilton's America	HIST 399	Riots, Revolts, Famine: Colonial Violence in the British Empire
HIST 212	History of Capitalism: U.S. in the World	HIST 399	20 <sup>th</sup> Century U.S. Lives
HIST 221	American Urban History	HIST 399	Indigenous Latin America
HIST 225	The Civil Rights Movement	HIST 399	Gilded Age-US in the World
HIST 226	Irish American Experience	HIST 399	How we got Here: America After the Sixties
HIST 227	Muslim Africa	HIST 401	Science and Empire Mod Mid East
HIST 229	The Asian American Experience	HIST 401	Disaster History in East Asia
HIST 234	Medieval Spain	HIST 401	Manhood in the British Empire
HIST 242	British Society & Empire 1: 1763-1901		
HIST 244	Medicine, Health and Empire		
HIST 247	Gender and Sexuality in the Middle East		
HIST 260	Wicked Women & Proud Patriarchs: Gender & Sexuality in Colonial Latin America		
HIST 261	Germany in Age of Nationalism		
HIST 263	Work, Culture, and Power in the US		
HIST 267	History of Modern Italy		

## Knowledge and Belief

HIST 101	Global History of Technology	HIST 317	and International Exhibitions Pain & Suffering in American Thought
HIST 101	Spies and Lies, 1945-Today	HIST 327	Cultures of Cold War
HIST 101	China and America	HIST 329	Collapse of Communism
HIST 101	Spies and Lies	HIST 352	Rebels and Radical Thinkers
HIST 101	Gandhi, MLK, and non-Violence	HIST 361	Germans, Jews and Memory
HIST 111	Rise of Christian West	HIST 370	Capital and Empire: US in the World 1870/1920s
HIST 112	Emerging Europe, 1000-1500	HIST 399	Science&Empire in the ModMidEast
HIST 113	Renaissance to Napoleon	HIST 399	Gilded Age-US in the World
HIST 119	The Global Environment Past/Present	HIST 399	Colonialism, Law and Gender
HIST 124	Religion & Society in US	HIST 399	Technology, Environment, and Industry in the East Asian Past
HIST 134	Spirit Worlds: Early America	HIST 399	Mountains, Masculinity and Empire
HIST 192	East Asia Hist. in Print and Visual Culture	HIST 401	Islam and Modernity
HIST 199	East Asia History in Print and Visual Culture	HIST 401	Europe of the Dictators
HIST 199	Global Environment and Visual Culture	HIST 401	Religion and Politics: Mod US
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HIST 232	Medieval Lives		
HIST 236	Renaissance Europe		
HIST 244	Medicine, Health, and Empire		
HIST 245	Imperial Russia: Between East and West		
HIST 247	Gender and Sexuality in the Middle East		
HIST 253	Soviet Experiment		
HIST 254	Soviet Union after Stalin		
HIST 258	Nature, Culture, and Power in Global History, 1500-1850		
HIST 293	Ottoman Empire - 1/1300-1600		
HIST 296	African and Apartheid		
HIST 297	History of Disease and Healing		
HIST 299	The Last Age of Samurai Rule: Japanese History (1550-1868)		
HIST 299	Sinners or Saints?: Women and Gender in the Middle Ages		
HIST 299	Witchcraft and Persecution in Europe (c. 1300-1700)		
HIST 299	Race, Religion & Education in Colonial India		
HIST 299	Global Environmental History		
HIST 305	America's First Global Age		
HIST 315	East Asia Displayed: Global Sports		



## Resistance, Revolution and Reaction

HIST 101 African American Lives  
 HIST 101 War and Revolution in the 20c  
 HIST 101 Struggles for Justice US  
 HIST 101 Global History of Technology  
 HIST 101 Spies and Lies, 1945-Today  
 HIST 101 Teddy Roosevelt America  
 HIST 101 Gandhi, MLK, and non-Violence  
 HIST 111 Rise of Christian West to A.D. 1000  
 HIST 112 Emerging Europe, 1000-1500  
 HIST 113 Renaissance to Napoleon  
 HIST 114 Napoleon to the E.U., 1815-Present  
 HIST 126 Colonial Latin America  
 HIST 155 World War II in East Asia  
 HIST 196 African Colonial Lives  
 HIST 198 Modern Africa Since 1800  
 HIST 199 The West in the World-post 1989  
 HIST 199 Making in History  
 HIST 199 Gandhi Non-violence and Justice  
 HIST 199 History of Capitalism in U.S. in the World  
  
 HIST 202 Age of American Revolution  
 HIST 203 Slavery, Industry, Empire 1815-60  
 HIST 204 Civil War and Reconstruction  
 HIST 207 19<sup>th</sup> Century U.S. Diplomacy  
 HIST 208 The US & the World since 1890  
 HIST 209 Hamilton's America  
 HIST 210 Early American Lives  
 HIST 211 Labor and Capital in America  
 HIST 212 US Capitalism and Politics  
 HIST 222 Great Leaders  
 HIST 223 Radicalism in America  
 HIST 225 The Civil Rights Movement  
 HIST 229 The Asian American Experience  
 HIST 231 Medieval England to 1216  
 HIST 233 War and Chivalry in Medieval France  
  
 HIST 237 The Reformation  
 HIST 241 French Rebels and Revolutionaries  
 HIST 243 20<sup>th</sup> C British Soc. & Empire  
 HIST 245 Imperial Russia/East & West  
 HIST 251 Colonial Ireland and India  
 HIST 253 Soviet Experiment  
 HIST 254 Soviet Union After Stalin  
 HIST 255 Europe: Mass Politics/Total War  
 HIST 256 Europe and the Superpowers  
 HIST 261 Germany in Age of Nationalism  
 HIST 262 Germany: Dictatorship to Democracy  
  
 HIST 263 Work, Culture, and Power in US Hist  
 HIST 267 History of Modern Italy

HIST 272 Native American History 2  
 HIST 280 Modern India  
 HIST 282 Modern China  
 HIST 285 Warrior Tradition in Japan  
 HIST 286 Modern Japan  
 HIST 291 MakingModrn MidEast 1882-1952  
 HIST 292 Making Mod Mid East II  
 HIST 293 Ottoman Empire 1: 1300-1600  
 HIST 294 Ottoman Empire 2, 1500-1922  
 HIST 296 South Africa & Apartheid  
 HIST 298 Asian Revolutions  
 HIST 299 Global Environmental History  
 HIST 299 Mao and Memory  
 HIST 299 Chinese Migrations  
 HIST 299 Witchcraft, Magic and Ritual  
 HIST 299 The US and the Gilded Age and the Progressive Era 1865-1920  
 HIST 299 Europe's Long 20th Century

## Resistance, Revolution and Reaction (Cont'd)

HIST 305	America's First Global Age
HIST 320	Crafted by War: Late Medieval England
HIST 322	War & Cinema
HIST 324	Italy and France: War and Resistance
HIST 327	Cultures of the Cold War
HIST 329	Collapse of Communism
HIST 340	Gilded Age America
HIST 345	Reform and Change in Ottoman Empire
HIST 352	Rebels & Radical Thinkers
HIST 365	Resistance&Rev in Mod Africa
HIST 392	Arab-Israeli Conflict
HIST 399	Germany & the Global Economy
HIST 399	The 70's in America
HIST 399	Riots, Revolts & Famine: Colonial Violence in the British Empire
HIST 399	20 <sup>th</sup> Century U.S. Lives
HIST 399	How we got Here: America After the Sixties
HIST 401	European Dictatorship and Democracy
HIST 401	Putin's World
HIST 401	Religion & Politics: Modern US
HIST 401	Gender in 20c US
HIST 401	Gender & Violence in 19&20c B.E.
HIST 401	The American Way of War
HIST 401	Europe of Dictators

HIST 101	War and Revolution in the 20C	HIST 399	Ireland and India
HIST 101	Spies and Lies, 1945-Today	HIST 399	Diplomacy
HIST 101	China and America	HIST 399	Technology, Environment, and Industry in the East Asian Past
HIST 110	Rome: Republic and Empire		
HIST 112	Emerging Europe, 1000-1500	HIST 401	US and Japan Since 1850
HIST 114	Napoleon to the E.U., 1815-Present	HIST 401	Sex & Power: War and Holocaust
HIST 155	World War II in East Asia	HIST 401	Origins of War and Conflict in Afr
HIST 199	History of Diplomacy	HIST 401	Putin's World
HIST 204	Civil War and Reconstruction	HIST 401	Europe of the Dictators
HIST 205	US in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century I: 1890-1945	HIST 401	The American Way of War
HIST 207	19 <sup>th</sup> Century U.S. Diplomacy		
HIST 208	The US & the World since 1890		
HIST 209	Hamilton's America		
HIST 211	Labor and Capital in America		
HIST 222	Great Leaders		
HIST 231	Medieval England to 1216		
HIST 253	Soviet Experiment		
HIST 262	Germany, Dictatorship/Democracy		
HIST 276	Historically Speaking		
HIST 282	Modern China		
HIST 291	Making Modrn MidEast 1882-1952		
HIST 292	Making of the Mod Mid East II		
HIST 299	Russia Reborn? 1991 to Present		
HIST 299	Global History 1 to 1600		
HIST 299	Sex & Society in Mod MiddleEast		
HIST 299	Chinese Migrations		
HIST 299	The last Age of Samurai Rule in Japanese History (1550-1868)		
HIST 299	Filming Revolution in 20th Century Asia		
HIST 299	The English Invasion of Wabanakiak (New England)		
HIST 317	Pain and Suffering: US History		
HIST 319	Joan of Arc & Medieval Warfare		
HIST 320	Craft by War: Medieval England to 1485		
HIST 322	War and Cinema		
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HIST 325	Women and Gender in War, Holocaust, Resistance		
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HIST 392	Arab-Israeli Conflict		
HIST 399	Lincoln's America		
HIST 399	Human Rights Africa/Diaspora		
HIST 399	Asia's Women Warriors		