

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	Sex, Nationalism and Ideology	HIST 262	Germany: Dictatorship to Democracy
HIST 101	Pirates to Patriots: 1500-1800	HIST 271	Native American History 1
HIST 101	Travel Narrative & African Hist	HIST 272	Native American History 2
HIST 101	Playing with the Past	HIST 275	U.S. Mexican Border
HIST 104	Perspectives on Asia II	HIST 277	Afro-Latin America
HIST 109	Ancient Near East and Greece	HIST 278	Raza e Identidad
HIST 110	Rome: Republic & Empire	HIST 279	America's Colony: Puerto Rico 1898
HIST 113	Renaissance to Napoleon	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 198	Modern Africa Since 1800	HIST 287	Pacific War
HIST 199	History of Capitalism in U.S. in the World	HIST 290	Gender History in Africa
HIST 199	Gender and Power in African History	HIST 291	Making Mod Mid East I
HIST 201	Colonial America	HIST 292	Making Mod Mid East II
HIST 203	Slavery, Industry, Empire 1815-60	HIST 293	Ottoman Empire 1: 1300-1600
HIST 204	US Civil War and Reconstruction	HIST 294	Ottoman Empire 2, 1500-1922
HIST 206	US in the 20 th Century II: 1945-Present	HIST 296	South Africa & Apartheid
HIST 207	19 th Century U.S. Diplomacy	HIST 297	History, Disease and Healing
HIST 208	The US & the World since 1890	HIST 298	Asian Revolutions
HIST 210	Early American Lives	HIST 299	Chinese Migrations
HIST 212	History of Colonialism: U.S. in the World	HIST 299	Latin American Lives
HIST 229	The Asian American Experience	HIST 299	Modern Revolutions
HIST 230	Environmental History	HIST 299	Knowing Nature in the Early Modern World
HIST 239	Louis XIV's France, Ca. 1560-1715	HIST 299	East Asian Technologies from Samurai Swords to Samsung
HIST 241	French Rebels and Revolutionaries	HIST 305	America's First Global Age
HIST 242	British Soc&Empire 1763-1901	HIST 346	Archeology, Empire, Nationalism in Ottoman Medit
HIST 243	20 th C British Soc. & Empire II	HIST 352	Rebels & Radical Thinkers
HIST 245	Imperial Russia East/West	HIST 365	Resistance & Rev in Mod Africa
HIST 251	Colonial Ireland and India	HIST 399	Law and Power in South Asia
HIST 255	Eur. in the Age of Mass Polt &Total War	HIST 399	Riots, Revolts & Famine: Colonial Violence in the British Empire
HIST 256	Europe and the Superpowers	HIST 399	Indigenous Latin America
HIST 260	Wicked Wmn & Proud Patriarchs: Gender & Sexuality in Colonial Latin America	HIST 399	Science and Empire in the ModMidEast
		HIST 399	Gilded Age-US in the World
		HIST 399	Global Modernities: Politics of Difference
		HIST 401	History Fiction w/Footnotes
		HIST 401	Manhood in the British Empire

Gender in Public and Private Life

HIST 101	Family and Gender in China	HIST 314	Music/Sport/Cultural Encounter
HIST 101	American Social Movements	HIST 317	Pain&Suffering: US History
HIST 101	Post 1945 Social Movements	HIST 319	Joan of Arc & Medieval Warfare
HIST 101	Sex&Power: A Global History	HIST 324	Italy & France: War and Resistance
HIST 101	African American Lives	HIST 325	Women and Gender in War, Holocaust, Resistance
HIST 105	Asia in Western Fiction and Film	HIST 327	Cultures of the Cold War
HIST 106	Origins of Japanese Culture	HIST 342	Americans in Paris
HIST 122	Food, Power & Environment	HIST 399	Law and Power in South Asia
HIST 124	Religion and Society in the U.S.	HIST 399	20 th Century U.S. Lives
HIST 134	Spirit Worlds: Early America	HIST 399	Indigenous Latin America
HIST 199	Family and Gender in China	HIST 399	Global Modernities: Politics of Difference
HIST 199	US Populism and Protest	HIST 401	History Fiction w/Footnotes
HIST 199	Food Power & the Environment	HIST 401	Manhood in British Empire
HIST 199	Gender and Power in African History	HIST 401	Putin's World
HIST 201	Colonial America	HIST 401	Religion & Politics: Modern US
HIST 202	Age of American Revolution	HIST 401	Gender in 20C US
HIST 204	US Civil War & Reconstruction		
HIST 205	US in the 20 th Century I: 1890-1945		
HIST 206	US in the 20 th Century II: 1945- Present		
HIST 210	Early American Lives		
HIST 212	History of Capitalism: U.S. in the World		
HIST 214	Comparative Women's History		
HIST 224	Catholicism in US		
HIST 227	Muslim Africa		
HIST 232	Medieval Lives		
HIST 241	French Rebels and Revolutionaries		
HIST 242	British Soc&Empire 1763-1901		
HIST 243	20 th C British Soc. & Empire II		
HIST 244	Medicine, Health, & Empire		
HIST 245	Imperial Russia East/West		
HIST 247	Gender & Sexuality in the Mid-East		
HIST 253	Soviet Experiment		
HIST 254	Soviet Union After Stalin		
HIST 260	Wicked Wmn & Proud Patriarchs: Gender & Sexuality in Colonial Latin America		
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		
HIST 299	Big History of Humanity		
HIST 299	Sex & Revolution/Latin America		
HIST 299	Gender and Sexuality in the MidEast		

Race and Ethnicity

HIST 101	Sex, Nationalism and Ideology	HIST 278	Raza e Identidad
HIST 101	WWII & Holocaust	HIST 279	America's Colony: Puerto Rico 1898
HIST 101	Family and Gender in China	HIST 281	Imperial China
HIST 101	Sex&Power A Global History	HIST 283	Ethnic Conflict in 20 th C Asia
HIST 101	Africana American Lives	HIST 286	Modern Japan
HIST 105	Asia in Western Fiction and Film	HIST 287	Pacific War
HIST 106	Origins of Japanese Culture	HIST 289	Migration/Mobility/African Hist.
HIST 114	Napoleon to the E.U., 1815-Present	HIST 290	Gender History in Africa
HIST 122	Food, Power & Environment	HIST 296	South Africa & Apartheid
HIST 126	Colonial Latin America	HIST 299	Work, Culture & Power in U.S. Hist.
HIST 127	Modern Latin America	HIST 299	The Asian American Experience
HIST 128	Latino History	HIST 299	Global Environmental History
HIST 134	Spirit Worlds: Early America	HIST 299	Science&Empire in the Mod/MidEast
HIST 137	American Slavery, American Freedom	HIST 314	Music, Sports, & Cultural Encounter
		HIST 317	Pain &Suffering: US History
HIST 145	History of Medicine	HIST 342	Americans in Paris
HIST 196	African Colonial Lives	HIST 361	Germans, Jews & Memory
HIST 197	Early Africa to 1800	HIST 365	Resistance & Rev in Mod Africa
HIST 198	Modern Africa Since 1800	HIST 392	Arab-Israeli Conflict
HIST 199	US Populism and Protest	HIST 399	Conspiracy in American History
HIST 199	Food Power & the Environment	HIST 399	Riots, Revolts & Famine: Colonial Violence in the British Empire
HIST 199	Gender and Power in African History	HIST 399	20 th Century U.S. Lives
HIST 201	Colonial America	HIST 399	Indigenous Latin America
HIST 203	Slavery, Industry, Empire 1815-60	HIST 399	Gilded Age-US in the World
HIST 204	US Civil War and Reconstruction	HIST 399	Global Modernities: Politics of Difference
HIST 205	US in the 20 th Century I: 1890-1945		
HIST 206	US in the 20 th Century II: 1945-Present	HIST 401	Science and Empire Mod Mid East
HIST 209	Hamilton's America	HIST 401	Disaster History in East Asia
HIST 212	History of Capitalism: U.S. in the World	HIST 401	Manhood in the British Empire
HIST 221	American Urban History		
HIST 225	The Civil Rights Movement		
HIST 226	Irish American Experience		
HIST 227	Muslim Africa		
HIST 229	The Asian American Experience		
HIST 234	Medieval Spain		
HIST 244	Medicine, Health, & Empire		
HIST 260	Wicked Wmn & Proud Patriarchs: Gender & Sexuality in Colonial Latin America		
HIST 261	Germany in Age of Nationalism		
HIST 267	History of Modern Italy		
HIST 271	Native American History 1		
HIST 272	Native American History 2		
HIST 275	US Mexican Border		
HIST 277	Afro-Latin America		

Knowledge and Belief

HIST 101	Commies, Yanks and Nukes
HIST 101	Sex&Power: A Global History
HIST 111	Rise of Christian West
HIST 112	Emerging Europe, 1000-1500
HIST 113	Renaissance to Napoleon
HIST 124	Religion & Society in US
HIST 134	Spirit Worlds: Early America
HIST 197	Early Africa to 1800
HIST 224	Catholicism in US
HIST 226	Irish American Experience
HIST 227	Muslim Africa
HIST 232	Medieval Lives: Biographies of Faith & Action
HIST 236	Renaissance Europe
HIST 237	The Reformation
HIST 244	Medicine, Health, & Empire
HIST 247	Gender & Sexuality in the Mid-East
HIST 253	Soviet Experiment
HIST 254	Soviet Union after Stalin
HIST 291	Making Mod Mid East I
HIST 292	Making of the Mod Mid East II
HIST 293	Ottoman Empire 1: 1300-1600
HIST 297	History, Disease and Healing
HIST 299	Global History 1 to 1600
HIST 299	Women's Lives in Medieval Europe
HIST 299	Big History of Humanity
HIST 299	Mao & Memory
HIST 299	Knowing Nature in the Early Modern World
HIST 299	East Asian Technologies from Samurai Swords to Samsung
HIST 305	America's First Global Age
HIST 317	Pain & Suffering in American Thought
HIST 327	Cultures of Cold War
HIST 329	Collapse of Communism
HIST 352	Rebels and Radical Thinkers
HIST 361	Germans, Jews and Memory
HIST 399	Germany & Making of the Global Economy
HIST 399	The 70's in America
HIST 399	Law and Power in South Asia
HIST 399	Science&Empire in the ModMidEast
HIST 399	Gilded Age-US in the World
HIST 401	Europe of the Dictators
HIST 401	Islam and Modernity
HIST 401	Europe of the Dictators
HIST 401	Religion and Politics: Mod US
HIST 401	Gender in 20C US

Resistance, Revolution and Reaction

HIST 101	Travel Narratives & African Hist	HIST 282	Modern China
HIST 101	Post 1945 Social Movements	HIST 285	Warrior Tradition in Japan
HIST 101	Family and Gender in China	HIST 286	Modern Japan
HIST 101	African American Lives	HIST 291	Making Mod Mid East I
HIST 101	War and Revolution in the 20 th	HIST 292	Making Mod Mid East II
HIST 101	Struggles for Justice US	HIST 293	Ottoman Empire 1: 1300-1600
HIST 111	Rise of Christian West to A.D. 1000	HIST 294	Ottoman Empire 2, 1500-1922
HIST 112	Emerging Europe, 1000-1500	HIST 296	South Africa & Apartheid
HIST 113	Renaissance to Napoleon	HIST 298	Asian Revolutions
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HIST 196	African Colonial Lives	HIST 299	Mao & Memory
HIST 198	Modern Africa Since 1800	HIST 305	America's First Global Age
HIST 199	The West in the World-post 1989	HIST 320	Crafted by War: Late Medieval England
HIST 199	Making in History		
HIST 199	History of Capitalism in U.S. in the World	HIST 322	War & Cinema
HIST 202	Age of American Revolution	HIST 324	Italy and France: War and Resistance
HIST 203	Slavery, Industry, Empire 1815-60	HIST 327	Cultures of the Cold War
HIST 207	19 th Century U.S. Diplomacy	HIST 329	Collapse of Communism
HIST 208	The US & the World since 1890	HIST 340	Gilded Age America
HIST 209	Hamilton's America	HIST 345	Reform and Change in Ottoman Empire
HIST 210	Early American Lives	HIST 352	Rebels & Radical Thinkers
HIST 211	Labor and Capital in America	HIST 365	Resistance&Rev in Mod Africa
HIST 212	US Capitalism and Politics	HIST 392	Arab-Israeli Conflict
HIST 222	Great Leaders	HIST 399	Germany & the Global Economy
HIST 223	Radicalism in America	HIST 399	The 70's in America
HIST 225	The Civil Rights Movement	HIST 399	Riots, Revolts & Famine: Colonial Violence in the British Empire
HIST 229	The Asian American Experience		
HIST 231	Medieval England to 1216	HIST 399	20 th Century U.S. Lives
HIST 233	War and Chivalry in Medieval France	HIST 401	Manhood in the British Empire
HIST 237	The Reformation	HIST 401	Putin's World
HIST 241	French Rebels and Revolutionaries	HIST 401	Europe of the Dictators
HIST 242	British Soc&Empire 1763-1901	HIST 401	Religion&Politics: Modern US
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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 267	History of Modern Italy		
HIST 272	Native American History 2		
HIST 280	Modern India		

War and Memory

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HIST 255	Europe: Mass Politics to Total War		
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HIST 261	Germany in Age of Nationalism		
HIST 262	Germany: Dictatorship to Democracy		
HIST 271	Native American History I		
HIST 278	Raza e Identidad		
HIST 282	Modern China		
HIST 284	Vietnam, Nationalism & War		
HIST 285	Warrior Tradition in Japan		
HIST 287	Pacific War		
HIST 288	Japan Since the Pacific War		
HIST 299	Asian Revolutions		
HIST 299	Chinese Migrations		
HIST 299	Modern Revolutions		
HIST 299	Mao & Memory		
HIST 319	Joan of Arc & Medieval Warfare		
HIST 320	Craft by War:Medieval England to 1485		
HIST 322	War & Cinema		
HIST 324	Italy and France: War & Resistance		
HIST 325	Women and Gender in War, Holocaust, Resistance		
HIST 327	Cultures of Cold War		
HIST 329	Collapse of Communism		
HIST 340	Gilded Age America		
HIST 342	Americans in Paris		