

ELECTIVE COURSES IN THE HISTORY DEP'T FALL SEMESTER, 2017

HIST 105 -- World Civilization I -- 3 credits (Russell)

This course covers the history of the Mesopotamian, Egyptian, East Asian, Indian, Greco-Roman, Islamic, Early African, Ancient American, and European civilizations to the year 1500. Its goal is to give students an understanding of the history and diversity of world cultures as well as the common experiences of all human beings.

HIST220 -- American History I -- 3 credits (Specht)

This course covers American history beginning with the experience of native Americans and continuing to 1865 with the end of the Civil War. It focuses on the economic, social, and intellectual forces that shaped nationhood in the region we know as the United States.

HIST 280 -- Research Methods in History -- 3 credits (Specht)

Research Methods in History enables students to learn the techniques of historical research. Students also learn the basic principles of historiography to understand how historians have understood history and how they develop arguments that fit into a scholarly conversation. This class is suitable for anyone who wants to learn how to find information in all its hiding places and learn how historians draw meaning from it. The course could be especially relevant to students in English, Religion, Philosophy, or the social sciences.

HIST 300 -- Eras in American History -- 3 credits (Specht)

This course provides students the opportunity to study a definite chronological period in American history. Students will be able to gain more insight into the complexities of historical change by assessing the political, social, and economic factors that affected specific decades or eras. This class is intended to provide more detail and analysis regarding those topics than can be gained during a survey course. Under different subtitles the course may be repeated for credit. The FA17 course sub-topic will be "The 1960s."

POLI 310 -- U.S. Constitution and Government -- 3 credits (Specht)

This course describes the workings of federal, state, and local governments. Students also learn about the media's role in the political process, how the electoral system works, the function of political parties in the American governmental system, and how foreign policy is created.

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