

## **LIBERAL STUDIES COURSES IN THE HISTORY DEP'T FALL SEMESTER, 2017**

### **HIST350A -- Making History: Great Events and Turning Points that Influenced the World -- "A World at War, 1914-1945" (3 cr.) -- Dr. Mike Russell**

"Making History -- Great Events and Turning Points that Influenced the World" is a rotating topics course that investigates important events, ideas, and decisions in history that have influenced, even changed, the world. The course focuses on cause and effect, achievement and failure, and lessons learned throughout history. This specific section of HIST350 -- "A World at War, 1914-1945" -- provides an overview of the history of World War I and World War II with an emphasis on the military, ideological, and socio-cultural history of both world wars and the periods just before, in between, and just after these wars. Additionally, we will seek answers to why these wars occurred and what influences they've had on the 20th century overall. Prerequisite: ENGL120 (or equivalent). **This course satisfies one of the Liberal Studies Requirements for Community and World Exploration.**

### **HIST350B (Online -- 2nd 8 week session) -- Making History: Great Events and Turning Points that Influenced the World -- "Genocide in World History" (3 cr.) -- Dr. Mike Russell**

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### **HIST380 -- Reacting to the Past -- "Human Rights Issues in the Late 20th Century" (3 cr.) -- Dr. Mike Russell**

"Reacting to the Past" is a rotating topics course that uses role playing to immerse students into particular moments of social, political, and intellectual debate and change. Students run these games and assume various roles in debates. In addition, students engage primary sources from the events and use them to defend their arguments, with the purpose of succeeding over others in difficult and complicated scenarios. In "Human Rights Issues in the Late 20th Century," students will participate in historical discussions held in a 1985 Argentine school setting contemplating the "Dirty War," in South Africa in 1993 facing the dismantling of Apartheid, and in the UN of 1994 facing the Rwandan genocide. Prerequisite: ENGL120 (or equivalent). **This course satisfies one of the Liberal Studies Requirements for Human Expression.**

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