HIST 3372: Ancient to Pre-Modern China

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: Must have earned at least 30 credit hours.

This course introduces the main themes in Chinese history from the Neolithic to 1600; discusses how traditional cultures and outside influences have interacted to produce traditional China; explores the great diversity and impressive continuities of traditional Chinese civilization; and assesses the significance of the institutions of state, family, and women in Chinese history.

HIST 3373: Modern India and South Asia

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: Must have earned at least 30 credit hours.

This course emphasizes how Hindu, Buddhist, Islamic, and other traditional cultures combined with British colonial rule and other modernizing influences to produce the India of today. Some attention is also given to peripheral areas, particularly Pakistan and Bangladesh.

HIST 3374: Modern China

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: Must have earned at least 30 credit hours.

This course provides a basic survey of the major political, economic, social, cultural and intellectual developments of China since 1600. The course emphasizes how traditional cultures, outside influences, and modernizing forces have interacted to produce the China of today.

HIST 3375: Silk Road

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: Must have earned at least 30 credit hours.

The Silk Road was the world's first great superhighway, linking China and Japan to the Mediterranean World across Central Asia from ancient times. The peoples along the way traded luxury goods as well as ideas, religions, art, culinary and musical traditions. Through lectures, reading, and films, we explore the cultural interactions between East and West. Primary sources help us understand the great ideas in Buddhism, Islam, the Indian royal epics, Christian crusading and Mongol expansion.