

HIST 3376: Historiographical Debates

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: Must have earned at least 30 credit hours.

Investigates the major limits and problems inherent in historical understanding and introduces the student to philosophies of history that have sought to address those problems. Case studies of major historical controversies help students recognize the important ways those limits and problems influence even the greatest scholar's efforts at historical analysis.

HIST 3377: History of Science

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: Must have earned at least 30 credit hours.

History of scientific ideas and methods from ancient times to the present, with special emphasis on intellectual trends that contributed to the modern world's scientific outlook.

HIST 3378: History of Technology

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: Must have earned at least 30 credit hours.

This course examines technology as a factor in historical change, emphasizing the role of tools, machines, and systems in revolutions, culture, politics, and economics. Students engage historiographical debates and readings on the role of technology in the recent and distant past. More broadly, students develop a critical understanding of the role of humanistic inquiry in technological knowledge through biographies, case studies, and primary source documents.

HIST 3379: Central Asia in World History

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: Must have earned at least 30 credit hours.

This course provides an advanced introduction to the history of Central Asia from a global perspective. It covers a large territory including Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Kirgizstan, and Tajikistan. This course focuses on the changes and continuities in the cultures and societies that flourished in this region during the times of major transformations with global significance, such as the expansion of the Mongolian Empire, spread of Islam, encounters with modernity, and emergence of the nation states.