

HIST 4501: Ancient Greece

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: Must have earned 45 credit hours.

This is an upper-level history course on the history of the Greek world in the Bronze, Archaic, Classical, and Hellenistic ages (c. 3000 – 200 BC). In addition to core political and military developments, lectures cover Greek literature and extended forays into a range of important social and cultural topics including art, religion, and the family.

HIST 4502: Ancient Rome

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: Must have earned 45 credit hours.

This is an upper-level history of the Roman people and their empire from the foundation of the city of Rome to the end of the so-called Pax Romana (753 BC –180 AD). In addition to core political and military developments, this course covers literature, religion, imperial ideology, Romanization, and Roman daily life.

HIST 4503: Twilight of Antiquity

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: Must have earned 45 credit hours.

This is an upper-level history course on the final phase of the ancient Roman empire and the transition from antiquity to the early Middle Ages (c. 200 – 600 AD). Major topics include the fall of the western half of the empire, the survival of the East, the rise of new barbarian kingdoms, and the Christianization of the Roman world.

HIST 4544: Renaissance Europe

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: Completion of at least 45 credit hours

This course is an overview of European history ca. 1400 to ca. 1530, focusing on the Renaissance, a revival, originating in Italy, of ancient models for education, art, literature and politics. Among the topics the course covers are humanism, the transformation of art and architecture, Renaissance political models, the military and print revolutions, and the European voyages of reconnaissance and conquest. This course emphasizes the close reading of period texts and frequent critical writing.