

### **HIST 4441: The Holy Roman Empire**

#### **3 Credit Hours**

*Prerequisite: Must have earned 45 credit hours.*

This course provides a survey that examines the social, political and cultural history of the Holy Roman Empire from its medieval origins to its dissolution in 1806. This course emphasizes the impact that the Holy Roman Empire had on the development of European politics, ethnicity, and religion from the medieval era to the early modern period, with a particular emphasis on Central Europe.

### **HIST 4442: History of Religious Tolerance**

#### **3 Credit Hours**

*Prerequisite: Must have earned at least 45 credit hours.*

This course traces the origins of the concept of tolerance of the religious "other," with a focus of content on medieval and Early Modern Europe. Besides the historical exploration of the topic and an examination of the emergence and development of the idea of religious toleration against a background of persecution and wars of religion, students also examine and discuss philosophical and practical aspects of religious tolerance today.

### **HIST 4445: Age of Enlightenment**

#### **3 Credit Hours**

*Prerequisite: Must have earned at least 45 credit hours.*

A contextualized discussion of major developments in European thought during the eighteenth century. Topics include rationalism and the notion of the social applicability of science, the idea of progress, the critique of established religion, economic theories such as those of the Physiocrats, and epistemological interests as expressed in the *Encyclopedie* of Diderot and d'Alembert, as well as the increased cosmopolitanism and the importance of extra-European models (especially the Chinese Confucian model).

### **HIST 4451: Civil War and Reconstruction**

#### **3 Credit Hours**

*Prerequisite: Must have earned at least 45 credit hours.*

Causes and development of the U.S. Civil War from 1830. Includes an analysis of the political, social, and economic aspects of the Reconstruction Era.