

HIST 3361: Themes in Slavic and Eastern European Studies

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: Must have earned at least 30 credit hours.

This course is an introduction to the history, politics, arts, and culture of Slavic and Eastern Europe with a concentration on the last two centuries and contemporary events. After a brief historical survey, students examine prominent themes such as nationalism, ethnicity, state-building, and imperialism. Many themes are analyzed using examples from the arts, popular culture, music, and literature.

HIST 3366: History of Mexico and Central America

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: Must have earned at least 30 credit hours.

Examines the Mesoamerican pre-classic civilizations, the Aztec Empire and the Maya kingdoms, the Spanish conquest and establishment of New Spain, and the independent nation-states of Mexico and Central America. Themes include Spanish colonialism, the Indian struggle for justice, modern nation-state building, and relations with the United States.

HIST 3367: History of Brazil

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: Must have earned at least 30 credit hours.

A study of Brazil, to include the Native American period, Portuguese colonialism, the Empire of Brazil, and Brazil in the 20th century. Major themes are sugar and slavery, boom and bust economic cycles, the formation of the Brazilian social identity, Brazil and the Amazon, and Brazil's place in the contemporary global world.

HIST 3371: Modern Europe

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: Must have earned at least 30 credit hours.

This course surveys European history from 1789 to the present. The course focuses on forces that have shaped modern Europe such as liberal ideologies, industrialization, and the development of mass society. It examines the causes and consequences of the French Revolution, the era of national unification, imperialism, the two World Wars, the impact of the post-WWII era, the collapse of Euro-communism, the evolution and impact of NATO and the European Union, and current challenges.