

Cendara University

Department of History

Course Catalog 2024–2025

Undergraduate Courses (B.A. in History)

HIST 101: Foundations of World History

Credit Hours: 3

Description:

An introductory survey of global historical developments from ancient civilizations to the early modern era. Topics include early societies, major world religions, trade networks, empires, and cross-cultural encounters.

Prerequisites: None

HIST 115: Introduction to Historical Methods

Credit Hours: 3

Description:

A practical course exploring how historians investigate and interpret the past. Students gain experience with primary sources, historical arguments, and bibliography construction. Includes workshops on archival research and oral history interviews.

Prerequisites: None

HIST 201: History of the United States to 1877

Credit Hours: 3

Description:

A comprehensive overview of American history from pre-colonial societies through Reconstruction. Focus on colonial life, the American Revolution, Constitution, Civil War, and post-war transformations.

Prerequisites: None

HIST 213: Modern European History, 1789–Present

Credit Hours: 3

Description:

An analysis of major political, social, and cultural developments in Europe since the French Revolution. Topics include nationalism, industrialization, the world wars, the Cold War, and the European Union.

Prerequisites: HIST 101 or consent of instructor

HIST 225: History of East Asia

Credit Hours: 3

Description:

An introduction to the histories of China, Japan, and Korea from ancient times to the 20th century. Emphasis on changing political structures, cultural exchanges, and regional conflicts.

Prerequisites: None

HIST 320: Public History: Theory and Practice

Credit Hours: 3

Description:

This course explores the theory and practice of public history, including museum curation, historic preservation, and community history projects. Students participate in local public history initiatives and develop professional portfolios.

Prerequisites: HIST 115

HIST 330: Gender in World History

Credit Hours: 3

Description:

A comparative study of gender roles and identities in various global societies from antiquity to the present. Includes examinations of family, labor, law, and cultural representations.

Prerequisites: One 200-level HIST course

HIST 350: The Historian's Craft

Credit Hours: 3

Description:

Advanced instruction in historiographical debates, interpretation of evidence, and historical writing. Culminates in a major research paper using primary and secondary sources.

Prerequisites: HIST 115 and at least one 200-level HIST course

HIST 390: Special Topics in History

Credit Hours: 3

Description:

Seminar on selected themes or regions of historical inquiry, varying by semester (e.g., Migration in the Ancient World, African Kingdoms, Environmental History).

Prerequisites: At least one 300-level HIST course or consent of instructor

HIST 495: Senior Seminar in History

Credit Hours: 4

Description:

Capstone course featuring advanced research, seminar discussion, and the preparation of a substantial thesis. Required for all senior majors.

Prerequisites: HIST 350 and senior standing

Graduate Courses (M.A./Ph.D. in History)

HIST 505: Graduate Historiography

Credit Hours: 3

Description:

Intensive survey of historiographical traditions and theoretical approaches in historical scholarship. Students examine the evolution of historical writing, methodological debates, and contemporary trends in the discipline.

Prerequisites: Admission to graduate program in History

HIST 511: Archival Research Methods

Credit Hours: 3

Description:

Hands-on training in archival theory, paleography, and digital archival tools. Includes fieldwork at the Cendara University Special Collections and local archives.

Prerequisites: HIST 505

HIST 521: Seminar in Early Modern History**Credit Hours:** 3**Description:**

Graduate-level analysis of key issues in early modern global history. Emphasis on comparative empire studies, religious reforms, and scientific revolutions.

Prerequisites: HIST 505 or consent of instructor

HIST 532: Topics in American Historiography**Credit Hours:** 3**Description:**

Explores major topics and methodological innovations in the writing of American history, with critical evaluation of primary and secondary sources.

Prerequisites: HIST 505

HIST 545: Digital History and Public Engagement**Credit Hours:** 3**Description:**

This course introduces digital tools for historical research and public presentation, including GIS mapping, digital exhibition design, and social media outreach. Students develop and present collaborative digital projects.

Prerequisites: HIST 511

HIST 587: History and Memory**Credit Hours:** 3**Description:**

An interdisciplinary seminar on the uses of memory in shaping historical narratives, including studies of commemoration, collective memory, and the politics of remembrance.

Prerequisites: HIST 505

HIST 610: Advanced Research Seminar**Credit Hours:** 4**Description:**

Designed for students preparing thesis or dissertation projects. Students present their research, receive critiques, and engage in in-depth methodological discussions.

Prerequisites: 18 graduate credit hours in History, including HIST 505 and HIST 511

HIST 699: Dissertation Research

Credit Hours: Variable (1–9)

Description:

Independent research under the supervision of a faculty advisor leading to the doctoral dissertation. May be repeated for credit.

Prerequisites: Admission to candidacy for Ph.D. in History

Notes

- Some electives and special topics courses vary by semester and require departmental approval.
 - For full degree requirements, see the Department of History program guidelines.
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