

HISTORICAL STUDIES

Historical Studies (FD-HS) is one of the six Foundational Disciplines that are part of the WCAS bachelor's degree.

Historical studies examine change over time in a wide variety of spheres, including beliefs, cultures, economics, intellectual thought, politics, and society. The scale and scope of offerings in this area range from the local or regional to the global, and from the origins of human society to the present day. Students learn to assess, analyze, and interpret primary and secondary sources (for example, documents, testimonies, texts, artifacts, images) and use them to develop arguments in oral and written form. Courses in historical studies teach critical methods including: evaluation of evidence, understanding conditions under which historical actors operated, comprehension of cause and consequence, tracing patterns (continuities and ruptures), comparative analysis of sources, and modes of historical argumentation.

Learning Objectives for FD-HS

Courses in Historical Studies are designed to achieve a combination of the following learning outcomes:

- Acquire knowledge of historical phenomena (cultural, economic, intellectual, political, and social practices and their interdependent development over time in their local, regional, and/or global contexts) and become familiar with relevant primary and secondary sources
- Develop skills of historical analysis, including the means to evaluate sources; become acquainted with scholarly historical demonstration, discussion and debate
- Appreciate the impact of historical developments; acquire historical perspective on the present; consider agency and subjectivity in the context of the times; reflect on the varieties of memory and experience
- Express the results of historical investigation effectively and persuasively in written, oral and visual forms, and engage in debate with other narrators and interpreters of history, both past and present

FD-HS Courses

Courses approved for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Course	Title
ANTHRO 318-0	Material Worlds of the Middle Ages
ANTHRO 319-0	Material Life & Culture in Europe, 1500-1800
ANTHRO 327-0	Historical Archaeology
ANTHRO 329-0	Archaeology and Nationalism
ANTHRO 370-0	Anthropology in Historical Perspective
ART 270-0	Contemporary Art Survey
ART_HIST 220-0	Introduction to African Art
ART_HIST 222-0	Black Art in the TransAtlantic World
ART_HIST 224-0	Introduction to Ancient Art
ART_HIST 225-0	Introduction to Medieval Art
ART_HIST 226-0	Art and Visual Culture of the Islamic World
ART_HIST 232-0	Introduction to the History of Architecture: 1400 to Present
ART_HIST 235-0	Introduction to Latin American Art
ART_HIST 240-0	Introduction to Asian Art
ART_HIST 250-0	Introduction to Early Modern European Art
ART_HIST 255-0	Introduction to Modernism
ART_HIST 260-0	Introduction to Contemporary Art
ART_HIST 301-0	Topics in Art, Revolution and Empire
ART_HIST 320-1	Medieval Art: Byzantine
ART_HIST 320-3	Medieval Art: Late Medieval
ART_HIST 328-0	Medievalism in Video Games: Art, Culture and Theory
ART_HIST 329-0	Special Topics in Medieval Art
ART_HIST 330-1	Early Modern European Art 1400-1500
ART_HIST 340-1	Baroque Art: Italy & Spain 1600-1800
ART_HIST 342-0	Eighteenth-Century European Art
ART_HIST 349-0	Special Topics in 17th & 18th-Century Art
ART_HIST 350-1	19th-Century Art 1: 1789-1848
ART_HIST 350-2	19th-Century Art 2: 1848-1914
ART_HIST 359-0	Special Topics in 19th-Century Art
ART_HIST 360-0	20th Century Art
ART_HIST 368-0	Special Topics in Modern Art
ART_HIST 370-1	Architecture & Landscapes, 1750-1890
ART_HIST 378-0	The Global City
ART_HIST 386-0	Special Topics in the Arts of Africa
ASIAN_AM 214-0	Asian American History
ASIAN_AM 216-0	Global Asians
ASIAN_AM 370-0	Advanced Topics in Diaspora
BLK_ST 212-1	Introduction to African-American History: Key concepts from 1700-1861
BLK_ST 212-2	Introduction to African American History: Emancipation to Civil Rights Movement
BLK_ST 213-0	History of the Black World
BLK_ST 220-0	Civil Rights and Black Liberation
BLK_ST 262-0	Introduction to Black Religions: The North American Experience
BLK_ST 315-0	Religion in the Black Atlantic
CLASSICS 210-0	The World of Homer
CLASSICS 211-0	Greek History and Culture: From Homer to Alexander the Great
CLASSICS 212-0	Rome: Culture and Empire
CLASSICS 260-0	Classical Mythology
CLASSICS 310-0	Archaeology of the Ancient Mediterranean
CLASSICS 311-SA	On-Site Archaeology of the Ancient Mediterranean
CLASSICS 314-0	Topics in Ancient Science and Technology
CLASSICS 320-0	Greek and Roman History
CLASSICS 321-SA	On-Site Greek and Roman History
CLASSICS 330-0	Ancient Economy
CLASSICS 380-0	Classical Reception Studies
ENGLISH 302-0	History of the English Language
ENVR_POL 251-0	The Politics of Disaster: A Global Environmental History
ENVR_POL 309-0	American Environmental History
ENVR_POL 340-0	Global Environments and World History
GBL_HLTH 309-0	Biomedicine and World History
GBL_HLTH 322-0	Global Epidemics
GBL_HLTH 325-0	History of Reproductive Health
GBL_HLTH 327-0	Infectious Disease Eradication
GERMAN 230-0	Berlin and the Culture of Democracy
GERMAN 337-0	Science and Culture in Germany
GERMAN 344-2	German History: Germany Since 1945
GERMAN 349-0	The Holocaust
GNDR_ST 230-0	Traditions in Feminist Thought
GNDR_ST 321-0	Gender, Sexuality, and History
GNDR_ST 324-0	US Gay and Lesbian History

HISTORY 200-0	New Introductory Courses in History	HISTORY 317-1	American Cultural History: 19th C.
HISTORY 201-1	Europe in the Medieval and Early Modern World	HISTORY 318-1	Legal and Constitutional History of the United States: Colonial Period to 1850
HISTORY 201-2	Europe in the Modern World	HISTORY 318-2	Legal and Constitutional History of the United States: 1850 to Present
HISTORY 203-1	Jewish History I: 750-1492	HISTORY 319-0	US Foreign Relations
HISTORY 203-2	Jewish History II: Early Modern, 1492-1789	HISTORY 320-0	The Fourteenth Amendment
HISTORY 203-3	Jewish History III: 1789-1948	HISTORY 321-0	The Vietnam Wars
HISTORY 210-1	North America and the United States to 1865	HISTORY 324-0	US Gay and Lesbian History
HISTORY 210-2	History of the United States, Reconstruction to the Present	HISTORY 325-0	History of American Technology
HISTORY 211-0	American Wars	HISTORY 326-0	U.S. Intellectual History
HISTORY 212-1	Introduction to African-American History: Key concepts from 1700-1861	HISTORY 327-0	Histories of Violence in the United States
HISTORY 212-2	Introduction to African American History: Emancipation to Civil Rights Movement	HISTORY 330-0	Medieval Sex
HISTORY 214-0	Asian American History	HISTORY 333-0	The European Renaissance
HISTORY 215-0	History of the American Family	HISTORY 340-0	Gender, War, and Revolution in the 20th Century
HISTORY 216-0	Global Asians	HISTORY 341-0	Paris: World City, 1700 to the Present
HISTORY 218-0	The History of Latinas and Latinos in the United States	HISTORY 342-1	The French Revolution and Napoleon
HISTORY 219-0	History of the Present	HISTORY 343-0	Modern Italy
HISTORY 220-0	History of the Future	HISTORY 344-2	German History: Germany Since 1945
HISTORY 221-0	Famous American Trials	HISTORY 345-1	History of Russia, 800-1917: From Kievan Rus to the Bolshevik Revolution
HISTORY 248-0	Global Legal History	HISTORY 345-2	History of Russia, 1917-1991: The Soviet Union
HISTORY 249-0	The End of Citizenship	HISTORY 345-3	History of Russia, 1991-Present: After Communism
HISTORY 250-1	Global History: Early Modern to Modern Transition	HISTORY 348-1	Jews in Poland, Ukraine, and Russia
HISTORY 250-2	Global History: The Modern World	HISTORY 348-2	Jews in Poland, Ukraine, and Russia
HISTORY 251-0	The Politics of Disaster: A Global Environmental History	HISTORY 349-0	The Holocaust
HISTORY 252-0	Global History of Refugees	HISTORY 350-0	Soviet History Through Film
HISTORY 253-0	A Global History of Prisons and Camps	HISTORY 351-0	Europe in the Age of Total War
HISTORY 254-0	Entrepreneurship: A Global History	HISTORY 352-0	A Global History of Death and Dying
HISTORY 255-1	African Civilizations	HISTORY 353-0	History of Capitalism, 1500-1850
HISTORY 255-3	Modern Africa	HISTORY 354-0	History of Socialism
HISTORY 260-2	History of Modern Latin America	HISTORY 360-0	Tudor and Stuart Britain
HISTORY 261-0	Sex after Shakespeare	HISTORY 366-0	Latin America in the Independence Era: American Indians and Nations
HISTORY 262-0	Pirates, Guns, and Empires	HISTORY 367-0	History of Mexico
HISTORY 263-0	Witchcraft in the Early Modern Atlantic World	HISTORY 370-0	Music and Nation in Latin America
HISTORY 264-0	The Age of Revolutions, 1775-1848	HISTORY 374-0	The Arabian Peninsula Since the 18th Century
HISTORY 265-0	Women's Sports: A Global History	HISTORY 375-0	Nomads in World History
HISTORY 271-3	History of the Modern Middle East, 1789 - Present	HISTORY 376-0	Global Environments and World History
HISTORY 274-0	Indo-Persian Lit as Global Lit: Love, Longing, & Dissent	HISTORY 378-0	History of Law and Science
HISTORY 275-1	History of Early Modern Science and Medicine	HISTORY 379-0	Biomedicine and World History
HISTORY 275-2	History of Modern Science and Medicine	HISTORY 381-1	Qing China
HISTORY 281-0	Chinese Civilization	HISTORY 381-2	Modern China: The Twentieth Century
HISTORY 282-0	Sino-American Relations in the Modern World	HISTORY 381-3	Modern China: Post-Mao Reforms, 1978-2016
HISTORY 284-1	Ancient and Medieval Japan: From the Realm of the Gods to the Age of the Samurai	HISTORY 381-SA	Beijing: Politics and Power in Modern China
HISTORY 284-2	Early Modern Japan	HISTORY 382-0	The Modern Japanese City
HISTORY 286-0	World War II in Asia	HISTORY 385-1	History of Modern South Asia, 1500-1800
HISTORY 292-0	Introduction to Topics in History	HISTORY 385-2	History of Modern South Asia, ca. 1750-present
HISTORY 300-0	New Lectures in History	HISTORY 386-2	Southeast Asia in the Age of Empire
HISTORY 303-1	American Women's History, to 1865	HISTORY 386-3	Southeast Asia: Decolonization & Independence
HISTORY 303-2	American Women's History, since 1865	HISTORY 388-0	The Mongol Empire
HISTORY 305-0	American Immigration	HISTORY 393-0	Approaches to History
HISTORY 309-0	American Environmental History	HISTORY 395-0	Research Seminar
HISTORY 310-1	Early American History: Contact and Colonization	HUM 205-0	The World of Homer
HISTORY 314-0	The Civil War and Reconstruction	HUM 211-0	Humanities in the World II
HISTORY 315-3	The United States Since 1900: Late 20th C. to Present	HUM 325-4	Humanities in the Digital Age
		HUM 329-0	Archaeology and Nationalism

HUM 370-4	Special Topics in the Humanities
JWSH_ST 203-1	Jewish History I: 750-1492
JWSH_ST 203-2	Jewish History II: Early Modern, 1492-1789
JWSH_ST 203-3	Jewish History III: 1789-1948
JWSH_ST 280-4	Topics in Israel Studies
JWSH_ST 348-1	Jews in Poland, Ukraine, and Russia
JWSH_ST 348-2	Jews in Poland, Ukraine, and Russia
JWSH_ST 349-0	The Holocaust
LATINO 218-0	Latino History
LEGAL_ST 221-0	Famous American Trials
LEGAL_ST 248-0	Global Legal History
LEGAL_ST 305-0	American Immigration
LEGAL_ST 318-1	Legal and Constitutional History of the United States: Colonial Period to 1850
LEGAL_ST 318-2	Legal and Constitutional History of the United States: Since 1850
LEGAL_ST 320-0	The Fourteenth Amendment
LEGAL_ST 347-0	Comparative Race & Ethnicity
MENA 290-4	Introductory Topics in Middle East and North African Studies
MENA 390-4	Advanced Topics in Middle East & North African Studies
RELIGION 262-0	Introduction to Black Religions: The North American Experience
RELIGION 264-0	American Religious History from 1865 to the Great Depression
RELIGION 265-0	American Religious History from World War II to the Present
RELIGION 351-0	Islamic Law
RELIGION 360-0	Black Religions
RTVF 310-0	Television History
SLAVIC 250-SA	Balkan Civilizations
SLAVIC 390-0	History and Culture in Central and Eastern Europe