Courses

HIST 1001. FYE: History. 1 Hour.
First Year Experience seminar course is designed to help freshman students interested in History to adapt to university life and become integrated into Dixie State University and the Humanities department. Students will refine academic skills, create and foster social networks, learn about university resources, explore the different options available within the History program, and learn about career opportunities in History. Multiple listed with all other sections of First Year Experience (all 1001 courses and ENGR 1000). Students may only take one FYE course for credit. FA.

HIST 1100. Western Civilization: From Pre-History to 1715 (SS, GC). 3 Hours.
Fulfills a General Education Social & Behavioral Sciences requirement, and is an approved Global and Cultural Perspectives course. Explores the intellectual, social, ethical, religious, and aesthetic processes, institutions and ideas of Western Civilization from pre-history to 1715. Emphasizes reading, discussing, and writing about important texts and art forms of various periods. Successful completers will have developed an understanding of the general intellectual trends and historical contexts of western civilization through the Age of Reason. FA.

HIST 1110. Western Civilization: From 1715 to Present (SS, GC). 3 Hours.
Fulfills a General Education Social & Behavioral Sciences requirement and is an approved Global and Cultural Perspectives course. Explores the intellectual, social, ethical, religious, and aesthetic processes, institutions and ideas of Western Civilization from 1715 to the present. Emphasizes reading, discussing, and writing about important texts and art forms of various periods. Successful completers will have developed an understanding of the general intellectual trends and historical contexts of western civilization after the Age of Reason. SP.

HIST 1500. World History to 1500 (SS, GC). 3 Hours.
Fulfills General Education Social & Behavioral Sciences requirement and is an approved Global and Cultural Perspectives course. Spans human origins and early civilizations to the emergence of European Empires and the early explorations of the Americas up to 1500 C.E. FA.

HIST 1510. World History Since 1500 (SS, GC). 3 Hours.
Fulfills General Education Social & Behavioral Sciences requirement and is an approved Global and Cultural Perspectives course. Themes in the historical development of the world's peoples and cultures since 1500, tracing the decline of Asiatic Empires and the rise of European Empires. Students will study the diversity of global experiences and the emergence of the modern globalized economy. SP.

HIST 1700. American Civilization (AI). 3 Hours.
Fulfills the General Education American Institutions (Utah State Code R470) requirement. Surveys the historical, constitutional, and economic growth of the United States from colonial times to the present. Employs lectures, discussion, audio-visual materials, and various other instructional methods. Successful students will demonstrate a reasonable understanding of the history, principles, form of government, economic system of the United States, and the responsibilities of American citizens. Prerequisite: Reading placement score of 17 or higher; or ENGL 1010, ENGL 1010D. FA, SP, SU.

HIST 2500. Latin American Civilization. 3 Hours.
This course introduces the major themes of Latin American history covering the social, cultural, political, and economic developments from the pre-Columbian civilizations through the 20th Century. Focusing on the interactions and adaptations of the people that have shaped the history of Latin America and coalesced to distinguish this region as important part of the Non-Western World. FA.

HIST 2600. Survey of Eastern Civilization. 3 Hours.
This course surveys the social, cultural, political, and economic developments in Eastern Civilization from ancient times through the nineteenth century. Focusing on historical significance, this course examines what distinguishes Eastern Civilization from Western Civilization. SP.

HIST 2700. U.S. History to 1877. 3 Hours.
If both HIST 2700 and HIST 2710 are successfully completed, fulfills the General Education American Institutions (Utah State Code R470) requirement. If course is not used for American Institutions requirement, it can be used to fulfill the General Education Social & Behavioral Sciences requirement. Chronological survey of the first half of the American experience, beginning with the Paleo-Indian cultures and emphasizing American Independence, development of the Constitution, the emergence of Jacksonian democracy, and the causes of the Civil War, through post-Civil War Reconstruction. Includes social, political, economic, cultural, and diplomatic developments throughout this period. Prerequisite: Reading placement score 17 or higher; or ENGL 1010 or ENGL 1010D. FA.

HIST 2710. U.S. History Since 1877. 3 Hours.
If both HIST 2700 and HIST 2710 are successfully completed, fulfills the General Education American Institutions (Utah State Code R470) requirement. If course is not used for American Institutions requirement, it can be used to fulfill the General Education Social & Behavioral Sciences requirement. Chronological survey of the second half of the American experience, beginning with the collapse of post-Civil War Reconstruction and emphasizing the growth of the U.S., emergence as a world power, and domestic reform of the twentieth century, through contemporary issues. Includes the social, political, economic, cultural, and diplomatic developments throughout this period. Prerequisite: Reading placement score 17 or higher; or ENGL 1010, ENGL 1010D. SP.

HIST 3000. Historical Research Methodologies. 3 Hours.
A research intensive survey of the tools and techniques that historians use to study the past. Emphasis will be placed on historical theory, the process of historical inquiry, research methodologies, and the variety of physical and electronic resources available for historical research. Prerequisites: HIST 2700 or HIST 2710, and ENGL 2010 (Grade C or higher). FA.
HIST 3010R. Special Topics in History. 3 Hours.
Specialty subjects in which topics/themes will be developed based upon the research specialties of department faculty. Repeatable for 15 credits as long as the topic varies and subject to graduation restrictions. Offered upon sufficient student demand. Prerequisite: ENGL 2010 (Grade C or higher).

HIST 3040. Early Modern Britain (1485-1716). 3 Hours.
A study of England, Scotland, and Ireland with the emphasis on the social, cultural, political, religious and economic development from 1485 to 1715. This course will cover the Reformation, the civil war, and a parliamentary revolution among other subjects. Prerequisite: ENGL 2010 (Grade C or higher). FA (odd).

HIST 3150. Russian History from 1860-1924. 3 Hours.
Surveys Russian history for the second half of the nineteenth century from the abolition of serfdom through Lenin. Discusses the fall of the Russian Empire, post-1917 Russia, the role of revolutionary ideology, industrialization of agrarian society, the emergence of Soviet institutions and culture. Emphasizes new definitions of gender, national and class identity, and the interaction between the intellectual elite and the working people. Also discusses major imperial expansion, internal diversity, and various 19th century challenges to empire, including parallels to and clashes with other expanding societies such as the United States. Prerequisite: ENGL 2010 (Grade C or higher). FA (odd).

HIST 3160. Russian History 1924-Present. 3 Hours.
Highlights the formation, development and collapse of the Soviet Union, Russia's participation in the industrial revolution, two world wars and other critical moments in modern history. Starts with Joseph Stalin's rise to power and finishes with the analysis of the Cold War and the role of the new Russia in the 21st century. Prerequisite: ENGL 2010 (Grade C or higher). SP (odd).

HIST 3180. Nineteenth Century Europe. 3 Hours.
Analyzes transformations in political, economic, and social ideologies of Europe from 1815 to 1914, using primary documents on a variety of ideologies. Includes active class participation and discussion, and much writing in areas agreed upon between instructor and student. Prerequisite: ENGL 2010 (Grade C or higher). FA (odd).

HIST 3190. Twentieth Century Europe. 3 Hours.
Surveys major forces, events and experiences that shaped Europe from 1914 to 2000 and defined its place in the contemporary world. Examines industrialization, nationalism, colonial empires, world wars, Cold War polarization, and the European Union. Prerequisite: ENGL 2010 (Grade C or higher). SP (even).

HIST 3240. British History (1714-Present). 3 Hours.
Survey of British history from 1714 to the present, with special emphasis given to Britain's cultural, political, economic, and social development during the Industrial Revolution, the Victorian era, and the twentieth century. Also explores the relationship between the bodies of different types of citizens and the British state, the decline of Victorian values and the rise of New Labour, and Britain's relationship with and its place within the European Union. In addition, tracks the rise and fall of the British Empire and Britain's overall foreign and colonial policies, plus her role in the Napoleonic Wars, WWI and WWII. Prerequisite: ENGL 2010 (Grade C or higher). SP (even).

HIST 3250. World War II. 3 Hours.
Upper-level elective intended for history majors, social science composite majors, history minors, and interested DSU students. Examines the causes, history, and impact of the Second World War in both a European and a global context; special attention will be paid both to military events and to how the war influenced the cultural, social, political, and economic destinies of the many people who experienced it. Prerequisite: ENGL 2010 (Grade C or higher). FA (odd).

HIST 3460. Comparative Asian History. 3 Hours.
Surveys history of Asian continent, analyzing common patterns in the cultures of South, Southeast, and East Asia. Will be taught every three years in Spring beginning 2017 based upon student demand. Prerequisite: ENGL 2010 (Grade C or higher).

HIST 3480. East Asia to 1800. 3 Hours.
Explores the intellectual, social, political, cultural, and religious traditions of China, Japan, and Korea from antiquity to 1800. Each "country" will be addressed in a chronological framework. Analyzes the values and institutions underlying the East Asian world order, compares and contrasts the distinctive characteristics of each country, and explores the impact of East Asia's interdependence and early interaction with the West. Will be taught in two year consecutive cycles in the Fall beginning 2017 based upon student demand. Prerequisite: ENGL 2010 (Grade C or higher).

HIST 3490. East Asia Since 1800. 3 Hours.
Examines the interrelated histories of China, Japan, and Korea, focusing especially on the forces that brought to the formation of modern East Asian nations in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries: wars, colonialism, imperialism, Cold War geopolitics, nationalism, and socialism. Aims at understanding the historical origins of problems that continue to impact East Asia today and at placing the national history of China, Japan, and Korea within a wider East Asian regional framework. Will be taught in a two year consecutive cycle beginning Spring 2015 based upon student demand. Prerequisite: ENGL 2010 (Grade C or higher).

HIST 3550. Culture of East Asia. 3 Hours.
Explores the culture of three East Asian countries: China, Japan and Korea. Students gain sincere view and understanding of these East Asian cultures through readings, hands-on cultural activities, writing, and discussions on major historical and social events. Will be taught every three years in Fall beginning 2016 based upon student demand. Prerequisite: ENGL 2010 (Grade C or higher).
HIST 3620. History of Colonial Latin America. 3 Hours.
A topical study of Latin American history from the conquests of the Aztec and Inca in the sixteenth century until the wars of independence in the nineteenth century. This course assesses the impact of Spanish colonialism (as well as that of the Portuguese) on Native Americans and outlines the evolving institutional bases of life in colonial Latin America, including: colonial politics, society, economies, and culture as well as patterns of resistance and accommodation. Will be taught in a two year consecutive cycle beginning Fall 2016 based upon student demand. Prerequisite: ENGL 2010 (Grade C or higher).

HIST 3630. History of Modern Latin America. 3 Hours.
A topical study of Latin American history since the wars of independence in the nineteenth century up to the present. This course assesses the major political, social, and economic changes that took place throughout Latin America during this momentous period of nation-state formation and engagement with the rest of the world. Will be taught in a two year consecutive cycle beginning Spring 2017 based upon student demand. Prerequisite: ENGL 2010 (Grade C or higher).

HIST 3640. History of Latin American Revolutions. 3 Hours.
Examines the major revolutionary movements in modern Latin America, particularly during the twentieth century. Including, but not limited to, those movements that developed in Mexico, Cuba, Chile, and Nicaragua. Students will analyze the political, economic, social, and cultural elements at work domestically and internationally that compelled people in these countries to rebel against their government and the status quo. Will be taught every three years in Spring beginning 2016 based upon student demand. Prerequisite: ENGL 2010 (Grade C or higher).

HIST 3660. History of Mexico. 3 Hours.
Surveys the history of Mexico from the earliest human inhabitation to the present by presenting different interpretations of the major themes and developments in Mexican social, economic, political, and cultural history, including: the reign of the Aztec Empire, Spanish conquest and colonialism, the Porfiriato, and the Mexican Revolution. The goal of this course is to foster a deeper understanding of and appreciation for Mexico’s past. Will be taught every three years in Fall beginning 2015 based upon student demand. Prerequisite: ENGL 2010 (Grade C or higher).

HIST 3670. Slavery & the American Republic. 3 Hours.
Explores the creation of slavery in North America from European settlement until 1865, and emphasizes the trans-Atlantic slave trade, the creation of hereditary chattel slavery in America, the government and legal mechanisms that allowed this, slave life and culture, and the efforts to abolish the institution before the Civil War. Will be taught every three years in Spring beginning 2018 based upon student demand. Prerequisite: ENGL 2010 (Grade C or higher).

HIST 3720. Colonial America (1607-1763). 3 Hours.
An in-depth exploration of the economic, political, social, and military growth and development of British North America from its founding in 1607 until the Revolutionary War experience of the 1770s. Will be taught every three years in Spring beginning 2016 based upon student demand. Prerequisite: ENGL 2010 (Grade C or higher).

HIST 3730. The American Civil War and Reconstruction (1848-1876). 3 Hours.
Examines America’s greatest crisis from the Mexican War (1846-48) through the abandonment of Reconstruction in 1877, exploring the political, social, economic, and military aspects of the nation’s march to war, the conflagration that preserved the Union and ended slavery, and the efforts to reconstruct a shattered South. The course also investigates how Americans remember the Civil War and Reconstruction. Will be taught every three years in Spring beginning 2018 based upon student demand. Prerequisite: ENGL 2010 (Grade C or higher).

HIST 3740. Emergence of Modern America (1876 - 1945). 3 Hours.
A concentrated survey that explores U.S. history from the Gilded Age in the late nineteenth century through the Progressive Era of reform, WWI, the 1920s, the Great Depression and the New Deal, ending with the conclusion of WWII. Prerequisite: ENGL 2010 (Grade C or higher). FA (even).

HIST 3750. Contemporary America (1945-Present). 3 Hours.
Covers recent United States history, including domestic and foreign policy since World War II. Emphasizes Cold War, Civil Rights, and the political and social developments of contemporary America. Prerequisite: ENGL 2010 (Grade C or higher). SP (odd).

HIST 3870. History of Utah. 3 Hours.
Examines the history of Utah from the earliest human inhabitants, through the settlement by European/Americans in the so-called pioneer period, and on to Statehood. The relationship of Utah’s Dixie to Utah’s history is a subtopic throughout the course. Prerequisite: ENGL 2010 (Grade C or higher). SP.

HIST 4310. History of Nationalism. 3 Hours.
Examines development of nationalism. Addresses different theories of nationalism, and then tests these theories with various case studies. Emphasizes research and writing. Offered in rotation; consult class schedule. Prerequisite: ENGL 2010 (Grade C or higher).

HIST 4370. History of Social Movements in Modern America. 3 Hours.
Examines the causes, the organizational methods, the goals, the results, and the historical significance of movements that served to expand social, economic, and political rights in twentieth century America. Offered in rotation; consult class schedule. Prerequisite: ENGL 2010 (Grade C or higher).

HIST 4400. Introduction to Islam. 3 Hours.
Introduces students to the history, politics, and culture of Islam in order to increase the understanding of the contemporary dimension of this world religion. Dual listed with POLS 4400 (students may take only one course for credit). Prerequisite: ENGL 2010 (Grade C or higher). SP (odd).
HIST 4490. Nazi Germany and the Holocaust. 3 Hours.
Examines the events and ideas in Germany and elsewhere that produced the Nazi state, the Second World War, and the Holocaust. Special attention will be given to the political, cultural and economic events that led to the rise of Hitler and to the reasons for racism, bigotry and intolerance, including the controversial issues of Nazi terror, the ‘blame’ for these years of murder and war, and the link between the WWII and the Holocaust. Offered in rotation; consult class schedule. Prerequisite: ENGL 2010 (Grade C or higher).

HIST 4700. African-American History 1619-Present. 3 Hours.
Surveys major aspects of African Americans' experience and includes their West African background, enslavement, emancipation during the Civil War and Reconstruction, segregation and marginalization, civil rights struggles for equality and inclusion, and the achievements and challenges posed in the late twentieth century and the modern era. Will be taught every three years in Fall beginning 2017 based upon student demand. Prerequisite: ENGL 2010 (Grade C or higher).

HIST 4710. The American Revolution. 3 Hours.
Examines the social, political, economic, and military contours of the American experience from the French and Indian War through George Washington's first presidential administration, with the major focus placed on the origins, process, and effects of the Revolutionary War. Will be taught every three years in Fall beginning 2016 based upon student demand. Prerequisite: ENGL 2010 (Grade C or higher).

HIST 4720. The New Nation (1789-1848). 3 Hours.
Explores the major social, political, economic, and military contours of the United States from the establishment of the republic's new government under the Constitution through the Mexican-American War, 1846-1848. Will be taught every three years in Spring beginning 2017 based upon student demand. Prerequisite: ENGL 2010 (Grade C or higher).

HIST 4730. Society and Culture in the United States (1780-1860). 3 Hours.
A topical examination of American cultural and social history between the Revolution and the Civil War, focusing on the growth and development of the nation's market economy, slavery and abolition, changes in family life, evolving understandings of democracy and republicanism, and the rise of popular literature, amusements, and religion. Will be taught every three years in Fall beginning 2015 based upon student demand. Prerequisite: ENGL 2010 (Grade C or higher).

HIST 4800R. Independent Study. 1-3 Hours.
Designed to meet the individual needs of advanced students in the History Department who wish to pursue a specific focus of special interest not available in the existing course offerings. Students work under close supervision by appropriate faculty in the design and successful completion of the course. Structured by a formal contractual arrangement with the faculty member that is submitted at the beginning of the semester in which that course work is undertaken. Students are expected to meet with the faculty mentor each week and to provide the faculty member with progress reports and assignment development for feedback and grading purposes on an ongoing basis. Repeatable up to 6 credits subject to graduation restrictions. Prerequisite: Instructor permission. Offered by arrangement.

HIST 4890. Senior Capstone. 3 Hours.
Senior history seminar emphasizing historiographical literacy, research, and writing skills in relation to a specific historical topic. Prerequisite: HIST 3000 (Grade C or higher). SP.