

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY – SPRING 2025
GRADUATE COURSE OFFERINGS

H. 707 (001) 43717 WAR IN EUROPEAN HISTORY - THE FIRST WORLD WAR
Prof. J. Sneeringer Monday 4:30- 7:20pm - KY 281

Explores World War One from its origins to its impacts on Europe, the US, and the world. This is a combined BA/MA course, co-taught by a German social/political historian and a US military historian. The course will explore the war's military, social, cultural, and political dimensions using a variety of primary and secondary sources.

H. 710 (001) 43644 THE AGE OF AUGUSTUS
Prof. J. Allen Wednesday 4:30-6:10pm - PH 351

The Age of Augustus. This course explores a time of momentous change in Roman history as the centuries-old Republic, governed by elected officials from the aristocracy, was replaced, at times violently, by a dictatorship largely rooted in populism. We will consider concomitant changes in domestic politics, foreign policy, popular culture, the urban fabric, religion, and in social categories such as gender and class.

H. 739 ((001) 43694 CHINA SINCE 1900
Prof. M. Rossabi Monday 6:40-8:20pm - PH 108

The course starts with a consideration of traditional China's geography and languages, political organization, religious and philosophical beliefs, economic institutions, social and familial patterns, and concepts of foreign relations on the eve of large-scale interactions with the outside world. the collapse of the Qing dynasty in 1911 and the chaotic aftermath are described. The following will then be studied: The May Fourth Movement, the rise of the Communist Party, the apparent victory of the Guomindang, the war with Japan, and the victory of the Communist Party in 1949. Finally, the changing political, economic, cultural, ethnic, and social policies of the People's Republic of China since 1949 and the responses to these transformations will be addressed. The PRC's relations with the U.S., the Soviet Union and Russia, Central Asia, and the Middle East will also be emphasized.

T U R N O V E R

H. 745 (001) 43568 MAJOR PROBLEMS IN LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY
Prof. F. Tavarez Tuesdays 64:30-6:10pm – PH 302

This course examines some of the major historical events and processes in Latin American history from 1492 to the present. The course will emphasize historical problems that have generated significant and dynamic historiographical debates. Topics covered in the course include Columbus's early exploits in the Caribbean, the conquest of the Mexica and Inca empires, the conversion of Indigenous peoples, slavery and abolition, race and class in colonial Latin America, Indigenous insurgencies in the eighteenth century, the independence of Latin American territories from Spain and Portugal, the emergence of caudillos after independence, nation-building over the course of the nineteenth century, US interventions in Latin America, social revolutions and the Cold War, Latin American dictatorships, and the process of democratization. By examining contending explanations for the aforementioned historical phenomena, students will gain a deep understanding of how historians have dealt with the problem of explaining the Latin American past as well as the region's current predicament.

H. 756 (001) 44249 EARLY MODERN JEWISH HISTORY
Prof. F. Bregoli Monday 4:30-6:10pm (Online – Syn)

This MA-level course draws from primary sources and the interpretation of modern historians to consider the specificities of Jewish life in early modern times (15th-18th centuries), focusing in particular on the Mediterranean world and Europe. The period surveyed is characterized by momentous changes in Jewish life: ever increasing exchanges between Jews and non-Jews, the emergence of thriving new Jewish centers in Europe and the Ottoman Empire, a gradual erosion of the hold of rabbinic authority over individual Jews and communities, and outbursts of messianic ferment. The course will pay special attention to varieties of Jewish culture as well as to Jewish interactions with surrounding societies.

H. 773 (001) 43689 HISTORY OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY
Prof. B. Wintermute Wednesdays 6:40-8:20pm – PH 157

This reading and discussion semester will cover the history of American foreign policy since 1895, the emergence of the United States as a world power, and selected problems in American diplomacy arising from war and peace in the twentieth century

**HIST. 792 (001) 42708 - MLS -MA CAPSTONE RESEARCH PROJECT/
HIST. 796 (001) 42708 - MA THESIS PROSPECTUS COURSE
Prof. B. Wintermute Wednesdays 4:30-6:10pm - PH 156**

Completing the MLS/MA History Capstone and the MA Thesis Prospectus are the objectives of this workshop-style dual seminar. Prior to registering for the relevant seminar, students must obtain permission from the DGS (professor Wintermute). After identifying a History Faculty Advisor willing to supervise their history research, students will be engaged in developing their thesis, identifying key research questions, developing a bibliography, analyzing primary sources, and engaging the historiography of secondary sources. The final objective of the course is to write a viable draft of their MLS/MA History Capstone or MA Thesis Prospectus. Note these papers must still be approved by the History Faculty Advisor to be eligible for graduation. At the end of the semester, students will deliver oral presentations on their work to classmates in preparation for the Annual MLS/MA Symposium. Also, all MLS/MA students who have not yet completed GSLIS 709 are advised to enroll for that course as soon as possible.

**HIST 799 (002) 43376 SOUTH AFRICA AND THE
GLOBAL ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT
Prof. G. Davie Thursdays 4:30-6:10pm - PH 108**

This course explores debated and evolving interpretations of apartheid and international anti-apartheid activism in the second half of the twentieth century. Using articles, book chapters, primary sources, film clips, digitized archival documents, and interview materials, we will delve into the 300-plus year history of colonialism and industrialization in Southern Africa; the origins, ideologies, and main turning points of the apartheid era (c.1948-1990); and finally--the main focus of this seminar--overlapping resistance efforts related to post-WWII decolonization, African socialism, Pan-Africanism, the independent Black trade unions, "the armed struggle," women's activism and women's military service, religious networks, consumer boycotts, media campaigns, support for the freedom movement from China and the Soviet Union, as well as the long push for sanctions legislation against Pretoria in the US, Europe, and elsewhere. In this discussion-based global history course, students will be expected to share insights into weekly readings and then to propose, draft, and revise an independent research paper (or a historiographical essay) on an approved topic of their choice that builds on the assigned readings. No previous African history coursework required.

T U R N O V E R

**HIST. 799 (001) 43576 RELATIONS BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE
MIDDLE EAST AT THE AGE OF CAPITALISM**

Prof. E. Frangakis-Syrett Tuesday 6:40-8:20pm PH 157

With the increasing use of money and economic exchange in the 1700s/early 1800s, part of the evolution of global capitalism, there occurred an unprecedented increase in the degree of economic and cultural interactions between Europe and the Ottoman Middle East, a society that was multi-ethnic, multi-linguistic and multi-confessional. The course will examine the origin and nature of these interactions and their long-term impact on the economy and society of the region. Themes will include daily informal interactions in the marketplace; café society; credit and money lending; entertainment at elite homes and in the Street and neighborhoods; and how different or indeed how similar were practices, mindsets and cultural values between the West and the Middle East. Areas in the Middle East that the course will look at will be Turkey, Egypt and Greater Syria and in western Europe (Britain and France especially). At the end, we will assess the benefits or deficits that these interactions brought to the Middle East, as the region surged forth to the age of modernity in the 19th and early 20th centuries.