

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

