

FALL 2014 – SPRING 2015

INTRODUCTORY LEVEL

HISTORY

Survey Courses – National and Regional

The History survey courses listed below still have space available for 2014-15.

- History courses make great electives for all programs and generally, they do not have pre-requisites.
- course code is now HSTR instead of HIST.
- courses numbered 100 and 200 are taught at the same level and both are appropriate for first and second year students.
- 100-level courses are now global and thematic.
- 200-level courses are national and regional surveys.
- 300-level courses are all of our upper level lecture courses – BUT – we do have a few 300-level electives which are appropriate for first and second year students. These exciting courses are “Hitler in History”, “Hockey Nation” and “Backpacker’s Guide to European History”.

HSTR 210B (Formerly: part of HIST 110)

The United States from Post-War Reconstruction – present

How did white supremacy take hold after the Civil War? Why did the United States become the major industrial and international power of the twentieth century? How did the labor, Civil Rights, and women’s rights movements transform American understandings of freedom? If you want to consider these and other questions, you should take this course. In particular, you will examine the role of race, class, immigration, and gender in modern American history. Readings will include primary documents by historical actors as well as texts, and you will have the opportunity to develop your analytical skills through written assignments and discussion.

HSTR 210A (Formerly: part of HIST 110)

The United States to the Civil War

How did the American vision of freedom emerge from conquest and colonization? Why did the Revolution occur? How did westward expansion and slavery cause the Civil War? If you want to explore these and other questions, you should take this course. In it, you will examine the political and economic development of the United States as well as the role of race, gender, and sexuality in shaping American society and culture. Readings will include primary documents by historical actors as well as texts, and you will have the opportunity to develop your analytical skills through written assignments and small-group discussion.

HSTR 230A (Formerly: HIST 131 – first half of HIST 130)

Canada to Confederation

This course is an introduction to the history of Canada from the distant past to 1867. You do not need any previous knowledge of Canadian history. You will learn about Aboriginal peoples, the people of New France, the challenges faced by immigrants, the wars that affected the colonies, the English conquest of New France, the development of systems of government, changes in the lives of working people, and the union of the colonies in 1867. The course also helps you to learn how to do research, how to write good essays, and how to think historically.

HSTR 230B (Formerly: HIST 132 - second half of HIST 130)

Canada from Confederation – present

This course is an introduction to the history of Canada since 1867. You do not need any previous knowledge of Canadian history. You will learn about the expansion of Canada across the continent, the social changes that came with industrialization, the experience of immigrants, the two world wars, and the changes in society, culture and politics that have made Canada what it is today. The course also helps you to learn how to do research, how to write good essays, and how to think historically. HSTR 230A is recommended before taking this course, but 230A is not a prerequisite.

HSTR 220A (Formerly: 120A)

History of England to the Glorious Revolution

This introductory survey of the political, social and cultural history of England from earliest times to the Glorious Revolution of 1688/9 is open to all students and requires no previous background. This narrative overview will emphasize such themes as medieval and early modern kingship and war, religion, the development of Parliament, the relationship of England with the “Celtic Fringe” and the beginnings of English maritime and imperial power. This course will appeal to students interested in all aspects of European and Anglo-American History and is strongly recommended for those interested in pursuing upper-level courses in pre-1800 British History.

HSTR 220B (Formerly: HIST 120B)

History of England from the Glorious Revolution – present

This introductory survey of the political, social and cultural history of England from the Glorious Revolution of 1688/9 to the present to all students and requires no previous background. This narrative overview will emphasize such themes as gender and society, the emergence of Parliamentary democracy, the Industrial Revolution, the First and Second World Wars and the rise and fall of Britain as an imperial power. This course will appeal to students interested in all aspects of European and Anglo-American History and is strongly recommended for those interested in pursuing upper-level courses in post-1800 British History.

HSTR 240A (Formerly: HIST 140A)

Europe, Renaissance to the French Revolution

Events such as the Renaissance, Reformation and the French Revolution all contribute to the world we live in today. This European History course offers you the opportunity to understand why. The course picks up at the end of the Medieval period and explores developments including the conquest of the New World, the early development of capitalism, and the emergence of the modern secular state. You will learn why Absolutism did not work very well and how the Enlightenment marked the birth of modern humanitarian values. Writing assignments will develop your ability to analyze primary sources and evaluate secondary sources.

HSTR 240B (Formerly: HIST 140B)

Europe, Napoleon to the European Union

This course explores the dramatic developments of the last two hundred years of European history. You will study political and industrial revolutions, world wars and wars of national unification, new ideologies and social movements, and major changes in gender roles and culture. You will encounter famous names, from Napoleon, Marx and Bismarck to Hitler, Stalin and Gorbachev, as well as labourers, peasants, and soldiers. The course is open to anyone interested in the European foundations of the modern world.