HISTORY (HIDI)

HIDI 1201 War in US History (4)
Surveys American military history, using select wars to investigate the relationship of the past to the present. Studies the causes and effects of select wars, examining particular battles and extant home front issues. Connects past strategies, events and debates to later times, along themes of politics, society and culture. Addresses the question: Has the US become a warrior nation? Not open to students who have earned credit in HIDI 1208. (PPDI)

HIDI 1212 The American West (4)
Considers the American West as a shifting location, a social process and a potent idea. Topics include Native American groups and colonizing encounters; the Lewis and Clark expedition; Manifest Destiny; the Texas Revolution and the Mexican-American War; the Gold Rush; the Oregon Trail; diversity; the West’s natural resources and economic development. Explores the West as an ongoing subject of film, literature, art and television and as a presumed key to the American character. Not open to students who have earned credit for HIDI 1207. Springs. (PPDI)

HIDI 1213 Creating a Nation: America 1600-1877 (4)
Prepares students to be informed citizens. Provides insight into the foundations of modern US culture through an analysis of social, racial, economic, and political history to provide a background for our evolving US society. Students study the difficulties and rewards in investigating and understanding the past and how the past has an impact on the present. Not open to students who have earned credit for HIDI 1209. Springs. (PPDI)

HIDI 1214 Developing the Modern Nation: US History Since 1865 (4)
Examines several broad themes and problems in modern US history from Reconstruction through the present, such as industrialization and its social, economic, and political ramifications; westward expansion; immigration; the emergence of the US as a world power; cultural and intellectual developments; movements for social change. Not open to students who have earned credit for HIDI 1211. Springs. (PPDI)

HIDI 1215 US Society in the Vietnam Era (4)
Explores the complex dynamics and diverse aspects of the US in the Vietnam Era (ca. 1960-75) and the emergence of rights consciousness. Events in this era transformed US perceptions of freedom, foreign policy, race, equality, politics, and legal identity. Examines President Johnson’s Great Society, the civil rights movement, the Women’s Liberation Movement, the Vietnam War, and political activism. Not open to students who have earned credits for HIDI 1210. Unscheduled. (PPDI)

HIDI 1306 Childhood in American History (4)
Explores the history of American childhood as an analytical tool for assessing the relationship between self and society. Students reconsider their own childhood, as shaped by historical and social factors. Not open to students who have earned credit for HIDI 1305. Falls. (SSDI)

HIDI 1320 Cultural Contact in World History (4)
Explores the history of world-wide interactions and exchanges since the 15th century, including the transference of culture (locally and globally) across time and space. Discusses definitions of key periods of cross-cultural contact. Investigates and applies theories such as diffusion, synthesis, and syncretism to explain how sharing information, technology, and innovations across regional boundaries have shaped our human past. Not open to students who have earned credit for HIDI 1315. Fall of odd years and Spring of odd years. (SSDI)

HIDI 1340 Facing Beasts: Animals in the Middle Ages and Beyond (4)
Human encounters with animals have both shaped our society and impacted the environment. This course studies how medieval Europeans dealt with other species in comparison to today. We will look at "real life" treatment of animals, from house cats to forest wolves, from farming to hunting, as well as imagined creatures in legends, bestiaries, and more. Falls Even. (PPDI)

HIDI 1350 Medieval Legacies in Our Modern Era (3)
Modern notions trace their roots to the exciting Middle Ages. Explores themes spanning the last millennium that continue to influence our lives. Topics include the development of romantic love, the conceptualization of holy war, the rise of urban culture, and the expansion of freedoms that would have shocked the political and legal thinkers of Ancient times. Falls and Springs. (PPDI)

HIDI 1355 Medieval Legacies and Our Modern Era (4)
Many modern notions trace their roots to the Middle Ages. Explores themes spanning the last millennium that continue to influence our lives. Topics may include the development of romantic love, the conceptualization of holy war and persecution, the rise of mercantile culture, and the expansion of politico-legal freedoms. Not open to students who have earned credit for HIDI 1350. Falls and Springs. (PPDI)

HIDI 1360 A Mockingbird’s Song: Race, Class, and Identity in the United States (3)
Uses To Kill a Mockingbird, other literature, and history to explore the Deep South of the 1930’s and address key issues related to understanding one’s identity and place in a society containing notions of race, class, and gender. How does the individual understand civic responsibility and justice in such a society? Students form a deeper understanding of their own personal relationship to Self-Society issues still present in American society. Summers and Early Springs. (SSDI)

HIDI 1410 The Deep Roots of Black Lives Matter: Exploring African American History (4)
African American history is rich, uplifting, and at times even triumphant, while its struggles and set-backs can shed light upon contemporary issues, such as the Black Lives Matter movement. Approximately 4/5 of the course moves chronologically from Medieval Africa to the present; 1/5 allows students (working in small groups) to research a subtopic chosen in consultation with the instructor. Springs. (PPDI)

HIDI 1455 Roots of Current Global Conflicts (4)
In order to comprehend the present and envision the future, we must understand the past. Examines the historic origins of several global conflicts, both regionally and thematically, so that we may better comprehend the past and envision the future. Historic themes such as famine, ethnic cleansing, terrorism and dictatorship are examined from a political, economic and cultural perspective. Discusses conflicts in the Middle East, nuclear tensions between India and Pakistan and the ethnic nationalist strife that continues to haunt Serbia and Croatia, among other regions. Discusses how these issues impact our own lives and why we should care. Not open to students who have earned credit for HIDI 1450. Falls. (PPDI)

HIDI 1610 (Re)Considering the Holocaust in a Polarized Society (4)
The Holocaust remains a watershed event in 20th century history. Through a study of the Holocaust, students begin to develop an understanding of how it was not an inevitable event, but rather a culmination of human choice, social situations, hatred, and consequences of post-WWI Europe. Students then apply this learning to their own lives today. (PPDI)