HISTORY-ANCIENT & MED EUROPE (HISA)

HISA 1020 Barbarian West (3 Credit Hours)
A survey of the period from the fall of Rome to the establishment of feudal kingdoms.

HISA 1030 Medieval Europe 1100-1450 (3 Credit Hours)
A survey of the period in which Western Europe became the center of medieval civilization.

HISA 1500 Special Topics (3 Credit Hours)
Courses offered by visiting professors or permanent faculty. For description, consult the department. Notes: For special offering, see the Schedule of Classes.

HISA 1910 Special Topics (3 Credit Hours)
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HISA 2000 Cities Empires and Gods (3 Credit Hours)
This survey course introduces the early civilizations and religious traditions of the Near East and India that are the institutional and cultural basis of the Middle East today. The course begins with the first, literate, urban civilizations of the Tigris-Euphrates, Nile, and Indus. Stress is on the institutions of ancient kingships and the religious traditions of Mesopotamia, Egypt, the Hebrews, Persia (Zoroastrianism and Manichaeism), and Early India (Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism).

HISA 2001 Warring States of Greece (3 Credit Hours)
This lecture course introduces the achievements of Greek civilization from its origins on Crete in the Bronze Age (2800-1400 B.C.) down to the conquest of the Greek world by the Romans. Greek civilization is the foundation of Western civilization. The intense inter-city rivalries shaped political thought with its stress on the consent of citizens and rule of law artistic and literary achievements stressing the human condition, and inquiry based on scientific reasoning and analysis of cause and effect. Stress is on the Archaic (750-480 B.C.), Classical (480-323 B.C.), and Early Hellenistic Ages (323-200 B.C.)

HISA 2002 Rome the Imperial Republic (3 Credit Hours)
This lecture course introduces the political and cultural achievements of the Roman Republic, and Rome's enduring legacy to Western political thought. Emphasis is on the evolution of the Roman Republic's political institutions, the Roman conquest of the Mediterranean world, the Hellenization of Roman society, the emergence of a Mediterranean economy, the demise of the Republic in the Roman Revolution, and the legacy of the Republic to the Western tradition.

HISA 2020 The High Roman Empire (3 Credit Hours)
This lecture course explains the political, institutional, and cultural achievements of the Roman Empire that are the foundations of Western civilization. Emphasis is on transformation of he Roman Republic into the monarchy of the Principate by Augustus (27 B.C.-14 A.D.), the imperial army and frontier policies, economic growth and social mobility under the Roman peace, the crisis of the third century (235-305), the rise of Christianity, and the creation of the Christian monarchy by Constantine (306-337)

HISA 2030 Byz & Early Med Civilization (3 Credit Hours)
This course covers the transformation of the late Roman world into the Christian civilization of the Byzantine Empire and early Medieval West. Emphasis is on changes in late Roman state and society, the barbarian invasions and fall of the Western Roman Empire, the failure to restore the Roman order by Justinian (527-565), the emergence of the Middle Byzantine state and Orthodox tradition, the inversion of Eastern Europe, the impact of the Crusades, and the Byzantine transmission of the Classical heritage to Western Europe.

HISA 2310 Medieval England (3 Credit Hours)
A survey of the political, social, and intellectual development of England from the Anglo-Saxon period to 1485.

HISA 2350 Medieval Italy (3 Credit Hours)
A survey of the political, social, and cultural developments in Italy from the eleventh century to the early fifteenth century, with special attention to the development of institution and culture in the city-states of central and northern Italy.

HISA 2910 Special Topics (1-3 Credit Hours)
Courses offered by visiting faculty or permanent faculty. For description, consult the department.

HISA 3000 Historical Methods: (1 Credit Hour)
Historical Methods Lab. For description, consult the department.
HISA 3020 Anatolian Civilization (3 Credit Hours)
Interdisciplinary seminar on the study of the history, historical geology, and cultural achievements of Anatolia (modern Turkey). Anatolia has acted as the cultural bridge between Europe and the Near East. Stress is on the achievements of Hittite civilization, the Iron Age civilizations, the impact of Hellenic civilization, the Roman and Byzantine empires, Turkish Muslim civilization under the Seljuks and Ottomans, and the Turkish Republic.

HISA 3070 Topics Medieval & Renais Hist (3 Credit Hours)
A reading seminar designed to explore in depth some aspect of late medieval history that is of interest to students and instructor.

HISA 3100 Spec Topics Greek Hist (3 Credit Hours)
Readings and discussion of select topics in classical Greek history: Homer and the Trojan War, The Birth of City-States in Greece and the Near East (1000-500 B.C.E.); Athenian Empire (480-404 B.C.E.); Sparta and Macedon in the Age of Hegemonies (404-323 B.C.E.); or Greek Cities Leagues, and Macedonian Kings (323-133 B.C.E).

HISA 3110 Spec Topics Roman Hist (3 Credit Hours)
Readings and discussion of select topics in Roman history: The Making of Roman Italy (509-264 B.C.E.); The Punic Wars (264-146 B.C.E.); Roman Revolution (133-27 B.C.E.); Rome and the Jews (167 B.C.E.-135 C.E.), or Money, Market, and Trade from Antiquities to the middle ages.

HISA 3170 Medieval Spain (3 Credit Hours)
Readings, discussion, and essays examine the sweep of Iberian history from the late Roman empire until the early 16th century, with particular attention to the Visigothic monarchy, the society and culture of Islamic al-Andalus, the reconquest and development of the Christian kingdoms of Castile-León, Portugal, and Aragon, the interaction of Christians, Jews, and Muslims in peninsular society. The development of a distinctive Castilian culture, later transplanted in large part to Spanish America, will be studied through close attention to legal codes, domestic arrangements, military organization, the Inquisition, and the classics of medieval Castilian literature.

HISA 3230 Great Capts Alexander-Patton (3 Credit Hours)
Interdisciplinary colloquium on how the careers of great commanders have altered warfare and society. Stress is on changes in political, economic, and social institutions that stood behind these careers as well as the impact of innovations in technology, tactics, and strategy. Commanders include Alexander the Great, Hannibal, Scipio Africanus, Belisarius, Gustavus Adolphus, Frederick the Great, and Napoleon.

HISA 3250 Jews, Christians, Muslims (3 Credit Hours)
This seminar explores the relationships between the three Abrahamic religions during the Middle Ages. It examines the experience of Jews as minorities in both Christian and Muslim territories, encounters between Christians and Muslims both violent and peaceful in the Mediterranean and in Europe, and the ways in which each community was shaped by its encounters with the others.

HISA 3880 Writing Intensive: HISA 3230 (1 Credit Hour)
Writing Intensive. For description, consult department.

HISA 3881 Writing Intensive: HISA 3110 (1 Credit Hour)
Writing Intensive. For description, consult department.

HISA 3910 Special Topics (1-3 Credit Hours)
Courses offered by visiting faculty or permanent faculty. For description, consult the department.

HISA 3970 Spec offr: Ancient Med (3 Credit Hours)
For specific offering, see the Schedule of Classes. For description, consult department.

HISA 4140 The Crusades 1095-1291 (3 Credit Hours)
This course deals with the evolution of a distinct civilization in Scandinavia on the eve of the Viking Age (790-1100) and its impact on early Medieval civilization. Through archaeology, coins, the sagas and verse of Iceland, the course examines how Viking raids transformed states and societies across Europe and how the Scandinavians were assimilated into Latin Christendom from the eleventh through thirteenth centuries.

HISA 4150 The Age of the Vikings (3,4 Credit Hours)
This course deals with the evolution of a distinct civilization in Scandinavia on the eve of the Viking Age (790-1100) and its impact on early Medieval civilization. Through archaeology, coins, and the sagas and verse of Iceland, the course examines how Viking raids transformed states and societies across Europe and how the Scandinavians were assimilated into Latin Christendom from the eleventh through thirteenth centuries.

HISA 4910 Special Topics (1-3 Credit Hours)
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HISA 6000 Select Topics Greek History (3 Credit Hours)
Research seminar on select topics of Greek History: Archaic Greece (750-480 B.C.E); Athenian Constitutional History; Alexander the Great; Greeks, Macedonians, and Persians: Birth of the Hellenistic World (600-250 B.C.E.); or Greeks in Iran and India (500 B.C.E.-200 C.E.)
HISA 6010  Sem Sel Topic Roman Hist (3,4 Credit Hours)
Research seminar on select topics in Roman History: Roman Imperialism and Tranmarine Expansion (264-30 B.C.E.); Roman Principate; Later Roman Empire; Peloponnesian and Punic Wars; Rome and the Raj: Imperial Armies, Frontiers, and Societies; Imperial Rome and Imperial China (200 B.C.E.-200 C.E.); Rome and Iran (100 B.C.E.-650 C.E.); The Conflict of Pagans and Christians in the Roman Empire (30-565), Rome's Mediterranean Economy or Rome and the Northern Barbarians.

HISA 6050  The Italian Renaissance (3 Credit Hours)
An examination of cultural, religious, and political developments in Renaissance Italy and their impact on the rest of Europe.

HISA 6060  Later Medieval Spain (3,4 Credit Hours)
Examines the political, religious, social, and cultural history of the Iberian Peninsula from the rise of the Caliphate of Cordoba in the tenth century through the reign of the Catholic Monarchs Isabel of Castile (1479-1504) and Ferdinand of Aragon (1479-1516). Among other topics, readings and discussion will address: the evolution of Islamic and Christian politics, and their centuries-long military confrontation (the 'Reconquest'); convivencia, or the interaction of Christians, Muslims, and Jews within medieval Peninsula societies, and the reflections of this coexistence in culture, commerce and law; the partial political unification of Spain under the Catholic Monarchs; mounting religious and ethnic tensions within the Christian states, the rise of the Spanish Inquisition, expulsions of Jews and Muslims, and the imposition of Christian orthodoxy.

HISA 6090  Sem Sel Topics Byzant Hist (3,4 Credit Hours)
Research seminar on select topics in Byzantine history: The Age of Justinian (518-565); The Byzantine Dark Age (610-1025); or Byzantium and the Crusades (1025-1204).

HISA 6190  Special Topics: Mediev+Ancient (3 Credit Hours)
Courses offered by visiting faculty or permanent faculty. For description, consult the department.

HISA 6230  Medieval Cities (3 Credit Hours)
This seminar explores the cities of medieval Europe, particularly in the high and late medieval period (roughly 1100-1500), and the ways in which urban space shaped the social, political, and cultural experience of medieval city-dwellers. Themes for readings and discussions include the idea of the city; sacred space and civic religious culture; governments, their institutions and physical sites; commerce and guilds; the gendering of urban space; and poverty and disease.

HISA 6250  Medieval Religious Culture (3 Credit Hours)
This seminar explores a variety of aspects of medieval religious beliefs and practices, raising questions about the specific character of medieval religious culture and about how historians study it. Themes addressed include the cult of the saints; monastic life and intellectual culture; gender and models of sanctity; art and religious meaning; relations between majorities and minorities; and popular religion.

HISA 6270  Women&Gender Middle Ages (3 Credit Hours)
This seminar addresses the construction of gendered identities in the Middle Ages, and on the experience of medieval women and men in relation to those identities. Seminar readings and discussions explore topics such as changes in attitudes towards women's authority during the Middle Ages; the experience of religious women and the meaning of female imagery in religious writings; women's opportunities and experiences in politics and the economy; the lives and writings of illustrious medieval women; and the relationship between medieval conceptions of femininity and masculinity, and their articulation of gender differences in medieval literature and science.

HISA 6910  Special Topics (1-3 Credit Hours)
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