

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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The study of History provides an essential component of liberal arts education and offers valuable preparation for careers in law, journalism, teaching, government, the ministry, library and museum work, and in those areas of the business world where a knowledge of foreign affairs and culture is desirable. History also serves as an indispensable adjunct to careers in the humanities and social sciences. More broadly, by exposure to a variety of cultures and human experiences, the discipline of History seeks to prepare students for the responsibilities of citizenship and for dealing with the ambiguities of human existence. The Department of History at Marshall also makes every effort to help students think critically, to view events with perspective and objectivity, and to appreciate the complexity of human experience and the difficulty of interpreting it.

Students can also obtain a B.A. in History online. For more information please see www.marshall.edu/history/ (<https://www.marshall.edu/history/>)

Minors

Students may also choose one of the interdisciplinary minors in African and African American Studies, Asian Studies, Latin American Studies, Sexuality Studies, or Women's and Gender Studies.

Students can also obtain a minor in History online. For information please see www.marshall.edu/history/students/history-minor (<http://www.marshall.edu/history/students/history-minor/>).

Teacher Certification in Social Studies

Students interested in pursuing teaching certification, Social Studies 5-9 Endorsement, or Social Studies 5-Adult, should consult with the dean's office, College of Education and Professional Development, Education Building 220.

Programs

- European History, Minor (<http://catalog.marshall.edu/undergraduate/programs-az/liberal-arts/history/european-history-minor/>)
- History, B.A. (<http://catalog.marshall.edu/undergraduate/programs-az/liberal-arts/history/history-ba/>)
- History, Minor (<http://catalog.marshall.edu/undergraduate/programs-az/liberal-arts/history/history-minor/>)
- Teaching, M.A.T. (<http://catalog.marshall.edu/undergraduate/programs-az/liberal-arts/history/teaching-mat/>)
- United States History, Minor (<http://catalog.marshall.edu/undergraduate/programs-az/liberal-arts/history/united-states-history-minor/>)

- World History, Minor (<http://catalog.marshall.edu/undergraduate/programs-az/liberal-arts/history/world-history-minor/>)

Courses

 - General Education Course

HST 100 History Methods Lab **1 Credit hour**

An introduction to the fundamental methods of the discipline.


Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

HST 101  Great Civs to 1300 (CT) **3 Credit hours**

Comparative study of the origin and course of major civilizations focusing on the Middle East, India, China, and the West. This class emphasizes critical thinking skills.

Attributes: Critical Thinking, Multicultural, Core II Social Sciences

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

HST 101H  Great Civs to 1300 (CT) **3 Credit hours**

Comparative study of the origin and course of major civilizations focusing on the Middle East, India, China, and the West. This honors section emphasizes critical thinking skills.

Pre-req: Admitted Honors College with a score of 1.

Attributes: Critical Thinking, Honors, Multicultural, Core II Social Sciences


Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

HST 102  World & West 1300-1850 (CT) **3 Credit hours**

An interdisciplinary analysis of the foundations of Western development. This class emphasizes critical thinking skills.

Attributes: Critical Thinking, Multicultural, Core II Social Sciences

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

HST 102H  World & West 1300-1850 (CT) **3 Credit hours**

An interdisciplinary analysis of the foundations of Western development. This class emphasizes critical thinking skills.

Pre-req: Admitted Honors College with a score of 1.

Attributes: Critical Thinking, Honors, Multicultural, Core II Social Sciences

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

HST 103  The World Since 1850 (CT) **3 Credit hours**

Major world developments and trends from the middle of the 19th century to the present and their implications for the future. This class emphasizes critical thinking skills.

Attributes: Critical Thinking, International, Core II Social Sciences

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

HST 103H  World Since 1850 Honors (CT) **3 Credit hours**

Survey for superior students of world developments and trends from the 19th century to the present and their implications for the future.

Pre-req: ACT Composite with a score of 26 or SAT Verbal Before March 16 with a score of 600.

Attributes: Critical Thinking, Honors, International, Core II Social Sciences

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

HST 208  The Developing World (CT) **3 Credit hours**

A survey of selected countries within the Developing World (Asia, Latin America, Africa), focusing on imperialism, colonialism and development theory. This class emphasizes critical thinking skills.

Attributes: Critical Thinking, International, Core II Social Sciences, World History

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

- HST 210 Huntington WV Community/Ident** **3 Credit hours**
This course will explore the history of Huntington through the methodology of public history.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 218 Ancient Egypt** **3 Credit hours**
A survey of the history of Egypt from the pre-dynastic kings through the reign of Cleopatra with emphasis on religious, cultural, social, political and economic developments.
Attributes: World History
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 219 🌍 Ancient History** **3 Credit hours**
A survey of the ancient Near East, Greece, and Rome with emphasis on Greek and Roman civilization from Mycenaean times through the Roman Empire of the 5th century. Open to all undergraduates.
Attributes: European History, Multicultural, Core II Social Sciences
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 220 🌍 European Hist Medieval** **3 Credit hours**
A survey of the history of Europe from the later Roman Empire to the end of the Middle Ages with emphasis on religious, cultural, social, political and economic developments. Open to all undergraduates.
Attributes: European History, Core II Social Sciences
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 223 🌍 Rise & Fall Nazi Germany** **3 Credit hours**
A study of the origins, course, and collapse of the Third Reich. Some attention will be given to pre-Nazi period.
Attributes: European History, International, Core II Social Sciences
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 230 🌍 American History to 1877 (CT)** **3 Credit hours**
A general survey from the discovery in 1492 through the period of Reconstruction. This class emphasizes critical thinking skills.
Attributes: American Institutions, Critical Thinking, Multicultural, Core II Social Sciences, United States History
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 230H 🌍 Amer Hist to 1877-Honors** **3 Credit hours**
A survey of American History to 1877 for the superior student.
Pre-req: ACT Composite with a score of 26 or SAT Verbal Before March 16 with a score of 600.
Attributes: American Institutions, Core II Social Sciences, United States History
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 231 🌍 American Hist From 1877 (CT)** **3 Credit hours**
A general survey since Reconstruction. This class emphasizes critical thinking skills.
Attributes: American Institutions, Critical Thinking, Multicultural, Core II Social Sciences, United States History
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 231H 🌍 US Hist Since 1877-Honors** **3 Credit hours**
Pre-req: ACT Composite with a score of 26 or SAT Verbal Before March 16 with a score of 600.
Attributes: American Institutions, Honors, Social Sciences, Core II Social Sciences, United States History
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 250 🌍 Women in US History** **3 Credit hours**
A study of the public and private contributions of women in the shaping of the United States from the Colonial period to the present.
Attributes: Core II Social Sciences, United States History
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 260 🌍 Rise of Islam 570-1750** **3 Credit hours**
A study of the Middle Eastern region from pre-Islamic Arabia to the pinnacle of Ottoman imperial control. Emphasis is placed on cultural, social, and political developments.
Attributes: Core II Social Sciences, World History
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 265 🌍 Modern East Asia** **3 Credit hours**
A survey of the history of East Asia from 17th century to present with a focus on China and Japan.
Attributes: Core II Social Sciences, World History
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 280 Special Topics** **1-4 Credit hours**
Selected topics not covered in regular course offerings.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 281 Special Topics** **1-4 Credit hours**
Selected topics not covered in regular course offerings.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 282 Special Topics** **1-4 Credit hours**
Selected topics not covered in regular course offerings.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 283 Special Topics** **1-4 Credit hours**
Selected topics not covered in regular course offerings.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 300 History Research Option** **0 Credit hours**
Guided historical research and writing.
Pre-req: HST 100 with a minimum grade of D.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit Grade Only
- HST 303 American Military History** **3 Credit hours**
Attributes: United States History
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 304 🌍 Spanish History Since 1475** **3 Credit hours**
A survey of Spain's historical development emphasizing her rise and decline as a world power, the impact of persistent internal conflict, the Franco dictatorship and the transition to democracy.
Attributes: European History, International
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 305 Drug Wars** **3 Credit hours**
This course examines the history of the war on drugs throughout U.S. and Latin American history with an emphasis on the past century.
Attributes: World History
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 306 The Holocaust** **3 Credit hours**
An exploration of the why and how of the Holocaust with an emphasis on Nazi Jewish policy from 1933 to 1942.
Attributes: European History
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 307 🌍 The Global Cold War** **3 Credit hours**
An international survey of World War II and the Cold War. Topics include military, political, diplomatic, social and cultural history from a global perspective.
Attributes: International, World History
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

- HST 308 Baseball in the Americas** **3 Credit hours**
It seeks to understand the importance of baseball from a social, cultural and political standpoint. It also explores the use of baseball as a diplomatic tool.
Attributes: United States History
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 309 History of the Cherokee** **3 Credit hours**
The course explores the history and culture of the Cherokee people from pre-contact through the 21st century.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 310 History of Global Pandemics** **3 Credit hours**
A study of pandemics in world history, from the Plague of Athens to COVID-19.
Attributes: American Institutions, Social Sciences
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 311 World War I** **3 Credit hours**
This course explores the First World War. It examines the roots of the conflict, the outbreak, the course of the war, and its chaotic aftermath.
Attributes: World History
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 312 🌍 African-American History** **3 Credit hours**
A survey of African-American History from African and West Indian origins to the present.
Attributes: American Institutions, Multicultural, United States History
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 313 History of the British Empire** **3 Credit hours**
A historical survey of the global nature of the British Empire that lasted for more than 300 years and impacted every part of the world.
Attributes: COLA Humanities, Social Sciences, World History
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 314 LGBTQ+ History of the US** **3 Credit hours**
A survey of LGBTQIA+ history in the United States from the colonial period to the present.
Attributes: United States History
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 321 European Hist 1492-1815** **3 Credit hours**
A survey of European history emphasizing the Renaissance, the Reformation and the rise of the national states.
Attributes: European History, Social Sciences
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 330 Football and American Culture** **3 Credit hours**
This class examines the role of football in American culture, politics, the economy and particularly its role in the elevation of college sports.
Attributes: United States History
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 331 America in the Gilded Age** **3 Credit hours**
Attributes: American Institutions, United States History
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 333 American Colonial History** **3 Credit hours**
A study of the historical development of the English colonies in America.
Attributes: American Institutions, United States History
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 342 American Legal History** **3 Credit hours**
Historical development of American law in areas ranging from slavery and racial discrimination to civil liberties and crime and punishment.
Attributes: American Institutions, United States History
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 343 The US in the 1970s** **3 Credit hours**
The economic, political, social and cultural history of the United States as it shifted from the modern 1960s to the post-modern world of the late 20th century.
Attributes: American Institutions, United States History
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 344 The United States in the 1980s** **3 Credit hours**
Focusing on the United States in the 1980s global context, this course examines the social, cultural, political, and economic history of the late 20th century.
Attributes: United States History
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 360 🏆 Sports and Civil Rights** **3 Credit hours**
An examination of the way that sports history reflects important themes in US history such as equality, race, ethnicity, and gender.
Attributes: Multicultural
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 361 🌍 The Modern Middle East** **3 Credit hours**
A survey of the modern Middle East with emphasis on the historical background of current controversial issues confronting the region.
Attributes: International, World History
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 365 🏆 The Civil Rights Movement** **3 Credit hours**
An exploration of 20th century movements for civil rights in American history examining race, ethnicity, social class, and gender.
Attributes: Multicultural
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 366 Conspiracies in US History** **3 Credit hours**
This course focuses on the ways people have constructed and used conspiracy theories to explain events in U.S. political, cultural, social, and scientific arenas.
Attributes: United States History
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 380 Asia to 1600** **3 Credit hours**
This course will introduce students to the political, cultural, social, and intellectual environment of premodern Asia. Students will also learn to think critically about their own and other societies.
Attributes: World History
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 390 Food in World History** **3 Credit hours**
This course examines the key changes and continuities in human food consumption patterns and practices since the Neolithic period while comparing and contrasting the foodways of major civilizations and cultures.
Attributes: World History
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- HST 392 Food and the City Since 1800** **3 Credit hours**
This course examines the social and cultural history of various types of urban food markets in Western Europe and the United States from the late eighteenth century to the present.
Attributes: European History
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

HST 400 🌿 Senior Seminar**3 Credit hours**

A capstone course for History majors. Survey of literature and practical experience in methods and sources of history through bibliographical study and research papers. Senior standing or by permission.

Pre-req: HST 101 with a minimum grade of D and HST 102 with a minimum grade of D and HST 103 with a minimum grade of D and HST 200 with a minimum grade of D and HST 230 with a minimum grade of D and HST 231 with a minimum grade of D.

Attributes: Capstone Course**Grade Mode:** Normal Grading Mode**HST 401 History of Appalachia****3 Credit hours**

This course will explore the historical and historiographical development of Appalachia and the economic, political, and cultural forces that have shaped the lives and communities of mountaineers.

Attributes: United States History**Grade Mode:** Normal Grading Mode**HST 405 Amer Diplomacy 1900-Pres****3 Credit hours**

American foreign relations in the 20th century. The gradual retreat from isolation in the period between World War I and World War II and modern American involvement in international commitments are stressed.

Attributes: American Institutions, United States History**Grade Mode:** Normal Grading Mode**HST 406 Tudor & Stuart England****3 Credit hours**

A history of England under the Tudors and Stuarts, focusing primarily on demographic, social, cultural, and political developments.

Attributes: European History**Grade Mode:** Normal Grading Mode**HST 407 Sex and Sexuality in the US****3 Credit hours**

Examines the history of sex and sexuality in North America in the context of cultural, legal, economic, political and social history from the 16th century to present.

Attributes: United States History**Grade Mode:** Normal Grading Mode**HST 409 American Revolution****3 Credit hours**

A varied view of the American Revolution and its impact on the American people.

Attributes: American Institutions, United States History**Grade Mode:** Normal Grading Mode**HST 414 Am Civil War & Reconstruct****3 Credit hours**

A discussion of the economic, political, social, and cultural differences leading to the Civil War, the war itself, and an analysis of the political and economic importance of Reconstruction.

Attributes: United States History**Grade Mode:** Normal Grading Mode**HST 417 U.S. West to 1900****3 Credit hours**

A study of the social, cultural, political, and economic history of the US West to 1900, along with West's place in public memory.

Attributes: United States History**Grade Mode:** Normal Grading Mode**HST 421 Renaissance & Reformation****3 Credit hours**

The impact of the Renaissance upon esthetic, economic, and political developments especially in the 15th and 16th centuries. The decline of Catholicism and the growth of the Protestant movement, and the influence of the two movements upon each other are stressed.

Attributes: European History**Grade Mode:** Normal Grading Mode**HST 425 European Hist 1814-1914****3 Credit hours**

A century of European political, economic and social history and its relationship to and influence upon the history of other world areas is noted. The impact of imperialistic rivalry is emphasized.

Attributes: European History**Grade Mode:** Normal Grading Mode**HST 427 World War II****3 Credit hours**

This course explores the Second World War. It probes the nexus of diplomacy, politics, ideology, military strategy and operations, economics, and technological innovation that generated a truly global "total war."

Attributes: European History, Social Sciences**Grade Mode:** Normal Grading Mode**HST 428 🌿 Intel & Cult Hist Mod Eur****3 Credit hours**

A survey of the main events in European thought and culture in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Attributes: European History, International**Grade Mode:** Normal Grading Mode**HST 429 Russia to 1917****3 Credit hours**

A survey of Russian history to 1917 which examines Russia before the Russians, Kievan Russia, Appanage Russia, Muscovite Russia and Imperial Russia.

Attributes: European History, Social Sciences**Grade Mode:** Normal Grading Mode**HST 430 🌿 Soviet Russia and Beyond****3 Credit hours**

Rise and fall of the Soviet Union, with emphasis on political and economic changes and Soviet foreign policy, and including an examination of the aftermath of the Soviet Union's collapse.

Attributes: European History, International, COLA Humanities**Grade Mode:** Normal Grading Mode**HST 433 In Our Time-Am Since 1945****3 Credit hours**

A study of America since World War II, focusing mainly on domestic politics, foreign affairs, the civil rights movement, the rise of minorities, and the fragmentation of American society.

Attributes: American Institutions, United States History**Grade Mode:** Normal Grading Mode**HST 434 🌿 The Vietnam War****3 Credit hours**

A study of the origin and escalation of American involvement in Vietnam, the domestic impact of the war within the United States and the collapse of the South Vietnamese government.

Attributes: International, World History**Grade Mode:** Normal Grading Mode**HST 435 🌿 Modern Japan****3 Credit hours**

Begins with the samurai revolution of the nineteenth century Japan and explores the rise of Japan to the position of world power.

Attributes: International, World History**Grade Mode:** Normal Grading Mode**HST 436 Modern China****3 Credit hours**

This course will provide an overview of Chinese history in the modern era (1600 to present), including the major political, cultural, social and intellectual events and trends of this period.

Attributes: COLA Humanities, World History**Grade Mode:** Normal Grading Mode

HST 437 Seminar in Public History	3 Credit hours	HST 458 Spies in History	3 Credit hours
Introduction to the basic theories, ideas, and approaches to the application of historical theory or methods to projects presented to non-student publics; local and economic development applications and projects emphasized.		This course explores the role played by spies and espionage in modern history.	
Attributes: United States History		Attributes: World History	
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
HST 438 Stuff and Things in History	3 Credit hours	HST 462 The Viking World	3 Credit hours
This course investigates the rich potential of "things" -- objects, landscapes, buildings, household utensils, furniture, foods, works of art, clothing, etc -- as sources of insight about American history and culture.		By analyzing saga literature, poetry, and artifacts, students will examine the history of medieval Scandinavia.	
Attributes: World History		Attributes: European History	
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
HST 440 West Virginia History	3 Credit hours	HST 464 Celtic Britain	3 Credit hours
An interdisciplinary study of the state, its people and its institutions within the national context.		This course examines the history, literature, and languages of the peoples who lived on the fringes of ancient and medieval Britain.	
Attributes: American Institutions, United States History		Attributes: European History	
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
HST 445 Arab-Israeli Conflict	3 Credit hours	HST 465 Medieval Britain	3 Credit hours
This course will examine the historical developments of the modern Arab-Israeli conflict, with emphasis placed on political, socioeconomic, and cultural change and the prospects for peace.		An examination of mainland Britain from the pre-Roman era through the Hundred Years War.	
Attributes: COLA Humanities, World History		Attributes: European History	
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
HST 447 Film and Empire	3 Credit hours	HST 467 Fashion and Textile History	3 Credit hours
This course explores the nature and importance of empires through the reading of key texts and the study of selected films.		Cross-cultural comparisons of textiles as primary sources for prehistoric cultures through the 1920's.	
Attributes: World History		Attributes: COLA Humanities, World History	
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
HST 448 British History in Film	3 Credit hours	HST 480 Special Topics	1-4 Credit hours
This course explores selected aspects of British history through the study of films and key texts.		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
Attributes: European History, COLA Humanities		HST 481 Special Topics	1-4 Credit hours
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
HST 449 World War I in Film	3 Credit hours	HST 482 Special Topics	1-4 Credit hours
This course explores the origins, course, and meaning of World War I (1914-1918) through the use of selected films and readings.		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
Attributes: World History		HST 483 Special Topics	1-4 Credit hours
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
HST 452 History of Sports in America	3 Credit hours	HST 485 Independent Study	1-4 Credit hours
Examines the effects of sports on American society and culture. It explores the historical development of American sports and examine relationships between sports, nationalism, politics, economics, gender and American expansion.		Attributes: No Textbook Required	
Attributes: United States History		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode		HST 486 Independent Study	1-4 Credit hours
HST 453 The Kennedy Assassination	3 Credit hours	Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
This course explores the events surrounding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.		HST 487 Independent Study	1-4 Credit hours
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
HST 454 History of Ireland	3 Credit hours	HST 488 Independent Study	1-4 Credit hours
This course explores the history of Ireland from the Middle Ages to the Present.		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
Attributes: European History			
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode			

Faculty

Professors

Barksdale, Deal, Diener, Miller, Rensenbrink, Rutherford, White

Associate Professor

Tabyshalieva

Assistant Professors

Guha, Mersmann