HOWARD PAYNE UNIVERSITY

THE SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES

HISTORY

OVERVIEW

The School of Humanities offers programs leading to the Associate in General Studies and the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degrees to students having interests or career objectives involving individual and community relationships. Majors are available in the following disciplines: criminal justice, English, history, social science, psychology, social work, social studies composite, and the Guy D. Newman Honors Academy (multidisciplinary). School of Humanities departments that offer minors include English, English writing, Spanish, History, Social Science, Psychology, and Criminal Justice. Teacher certification is available in English and language arts, history and social studies composite. (See the School of Education and Fine Arts section of the catalog.)

COURSES DESCRIPTIONS

HIS 1101-4609: Special Studies

Topics offered as demand reflects an interest in areas of history not covered by existing catalog courses. Course may be repeated when the topic of study changes.

HIS 1310: United States History to 1877

Survey of the major political and cultural developments in U.S. history from the Colonial Era through the Civil War and Reconstruction.

HIS 1320: United States History Since 1877

Survey of the major political and cultural developments in U.S. history from the post-Reconstruction era through the present.

HIS 2308: Research and Writing in the Social Sciences

A laboratory course in scholarly research and writing methodology for the social sciences. History students must take HIS 2308 prior to or concurrently with any course at or above the 2000-level. Political Science students must take GOV 2308 prior to or concurrently with any course at or above the 3000-level. Cross-credited with GOV 2308. Only three hours credit will be awarded for HIS 2308 or GOV 2308.

HIS 2310: Western Civilization I

A survey of western civilization from the early Greeks and Romans through the Middle Ages, the Renaissance, and the Reformation, emphasizing the political, economic, and cultural evolution of early western society.

HIS 2320: Western Civilization II

A survey of western civilization from the early seventeenth century through the French Revolution, the Industrial Revolution, and the First World War, emphasizing the rise of modern state and the political, economic, and cultural revolution of modern western society.

HIS 2330: Non-Western Civilizations

A survey of the political, economic, and cultural evolution of African, Asian, and Latin American societies from their earliest origins to the present.

HIS 3300: Topics in World History

An in-depth exploration and analysis of a period, place or person of critical importance to a better understanding of world history. Areas of focus may be social, cultural, political, economic, or military in nature, and will vary depending on the rotating topic under examination.

HIS 3301: The Reformation Era

This course explores the causes and consequences of the Protestant Reformation from religious, sociocultural, and political perspectives.

HIS 3303: Perspectives in Social Sciences

Survey of various analytical and methodological tools of the social sciences. Special emphasis on traditionalism/revisionism, realism/liberalism, and interpretive schemas from other social science disciplines including psychology, sociology, and anthropology. Cross-credited with GOV 3303. Only three hours credit will be awarded for HIS 3303 or GOV 3303.

HIS 3310: Colonial America and the American Revolution, 1607-1783

Examination of the cultural, economic, and political foundations of the United States from the founding of the colonies through the winning of the Revolutionary War.

HIS 3332: The Early Republic, 1783-1848

An examination of the cultural, economic, and political development of the young nation. Special emphasis is placed upon the Philadelphia Convention and Federal Constitution, the ages of Jefferson and Jackson, and themes of nationalism and sectionalism.

HIS 3340: Civil War and Reconstruction: (1848-1877)

Surveys the background and causes of secession and war, the military, political, economic and diplomatic aspects of war, reconstruction and post-war adjustments.

HIS 3355: The Gilded Age and Progressive Era: 1877-1919

Domestic U.S. history from the post-Reconstruction era to the end of WWI. Emphasis on a comparison of the cultural, political, and economic characteristics of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era and the United States' emergence as a world power.

HIS 4199-4399: Internships

Supervised professional activities in an approved organization. Designed to provide students with an opportunity to apply academic course work in practical and professional settings. Department will determine assessment criteria on a case-by-case basis. May be taken for up to six hours of credit, though only three hours will count toward the HIS major. Course may be repeated for credit.

HIS 4303: Europe Since 1919

History of Europe from the end of World War I to the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe, emphasizing the struggle between democracy and totalitarianism.

HIS 4311: Texas

A history of Texas from its discovery and exploration to the present with due emphasis on the geography and cultures comprising Texas as well as the social, economic, and political history.

HIS 4320: The World at War

This course covers the causes and consequences of World Wars I and II from both European and US perspectives. Special attention will be paid to the intersection of political, diplomatic, economic, and cultural elements leading to each conflict, as well as the historical significance of the inter-war period.

HIS 4325: The Age of FDR: 1919-1945

Domestic U.S. history from the Roaring Twenties through the Great Depression, the New Deal, and World War II. Emphasis on cultural, political, and economic developments in the nation before and during the presidency of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

HIS 4366: Topics in American History

An in-depth exploration and analysis of a period, place, or person of relevance to the broader study of American history. Areas of focus may include social, cultural, political, economic, and/or military, depending on the nature of the topic under examination.

HIS 4381: Post-War America: Cold War and Civil Rights

This course discusses the significant historical, political, social and cultural developments of the nation in the post-WWII era (1945-1974). Significant topics will include the origins of the Cold War, the Civil Rights and Equal Rights movements, the Counter-Culture, and Watergate.

HIS 4382: Contemporary U.S. History and Politics

This seminar explores the political, economic, social, and cultural elements of recent U.S. history (1974-present) which combine to contextualize our present day. This course serves as the capstone to the department's majors.