

**Department of History
Western Michigan University
Graduate Class Descriptions**

NOTE: Most 500-level and 600-level courses are topical courses which may be repeated under different topics and with different faculty. The following list includes topics offered in the past; new ones are added continually. See the schedule of classes for current class descriptions.

The following classes are open to graduates and advanced undergraduates:

HIST 500 Studies in History: 1-3 hours

Studies in Midwestern medical history; Prehistoric Art in Europe; Prehistory of Europe; history of science; United States-Canada relations.

HIST 510 Colloquium: 1 hour

Research presentations by department faculty, advanced graduate students and invited scholars. Specific topics may be listed in Schedule of Course Offerings. May be repeated to a maximum of 3 hours. Credit/no credit.

HIST 515 Topics in Public History: 1-3 hours

Selected topics in aspects of public history including museology, historic preservation and cultural resource management, historical administration, information science, and applied research.

HIST 517 Topics in Economic and Social History: 1-3 hours

History of international organization; Comparative urban studies; American Indian leadership.

HIST 519 Topics in Intellectual and Cultural History: 1-3 hours

African-American journalism history; Harlem Renaissance; 19th-century British intellectual movements; American popular culture.

HIST 530 Studies in Early American History: 3 hours

19th-century American Indian studies; 19th-century rural American women and agriculture; Early American medical history.

HIST 535 Studies in Recent American History: 3 hours

America and World War II; Studies in American women's history; Vietnam era.

HIST 550 Studies in Medieval History: 3 hours

Medieval social history; Monasticism; Medieval Church; Medieval Eastern Europe.

HIST 565 Studies in Modern European History: 3 hours

19th-century French social history; Victorian London; Life in Nazi Germany; German unification movements; Ethnic separatism in Europe; Religion in the Modern European Era.

HIST 585 Studies in Asian and African History: 3 hours

Survey of Chinese arts; Historiography of the Afrocentric movement.

HIST 590 Proseminar: 3 hours

American Studies; Studies in women's history and theory.

HIST 591 Topics in Theory and Practice: 1-3 hours

Selected theoretical, technical, and interpretive issues in the field of history. Recent topics: Developments in radiocarbon dating, Editing Historical Documents.

HIST 592 Computers in Historical Research: 3 hours

Computer applications to historical and related research projects including manuscript analysis techniques, text-oriented databases, simulations, etc. Survey of applications in closely related disciplines. Prerequisite: CS 105 or equivalent.

HIST 595 History Writing Workshop: 1-3 hours

Writing, editing and publishing; preparation of written materials for lay readers and audiences outside the discipline. May be repeated to a maximum of six semester hours.

HIST 596 Local History Workshop: 1-3 hours

Research techniques for problems in local and small community history, including oral tradition, genealogy, and interdisciplinary method. May be repeated to a maximum of six semester hours.

The following classes are open to graduate students only:

HIST 600 Historical Method: 3 hours

Introduction to the field of history and its recent development. Practice in the use of oral and written communication skills for conveying historical knowledge to various audiences. Survey of major journals and bibliographical tools for general research. Examination of interaction between historical techniques and those of related disciplines.

HIST 601 Historiography: 3 hours

Study of the major figures, ideas, techniques, and developments in historical interpretation. Students may conduct research in their fields of concentration. Required course for all graduate students.

HIST 602 Historical Theory: 3 hours

Study of the literature, research, and explanatory strategies of contemporary historical theory with emphasis on cultural history.

HIST 605 Readings in Early United States History: 3 hours

Intensive topical study of interpretations, major works, serials, and databases in United States history from colonial times until the late nineteenth century. May be repeated.

HIST 608 Readings in Recent United States History: 3 hours

Intensive topical study of interpretations, major works, serials, and databases in United States history from the late nineteenth century to the present. May be repeated.

HIST 612 Readings in Medieval History: 3 hours

Intensive topical study of interpretations, major works, serials, and databases in medieval history. May be repeated.

HIST 616 Readings in Modern European History: 3 hours

Intensive topical study of interpretations, major works, serials, and databases in European history from approximately 1750 to the present. May be repeated.

HIST 618 Readings in Global and Contemporary History: 3 hours

World history and historiography studies; Modern Middle East workshop; World-systems studies.

HIST 620 Bibliographical Research: 1-3 hours

Individualized study; requires prior approval from supervising faculty and DGS. Recent topics: Readings in American Indian history; Readings in early modern European history; Readings in African-American history; Readings in American women's history; Readings in European women's history-, Readings in Russian history; Readings in Chinese history; African-American Diaspora studies; European technology.

HIST 625 Problems in Cultural Resource Management: 1-3 hours

History and practice of various facets of administration, conservation, development and interpretation of cultural and historical sites, agencies and institutions. Recent topics: Monuments preservations; European arts patronage, Great Lakes maritime history.

HIST 635 Research Techniques in Medieval History: 3 hours

Introduction to the sources and methods used in the study of medieval Europe. Interpretation of written sources including narratives, chronicles, charters, early government records, etc., with emphasis on authentication, dating and localizing these materials. Survey of techniques for interpreting artifacts and material culture such as archaeology, numismatics, and epigraphy. Required course for all medieval students.

HIST 636 Documentary Latin Paleography, 1100-1500: 3 hours

Introduction to medieval Latin paleography and diplomatics, focusing on the Latin, scripts, abbreviations, and form documents from historical archives of the High and late Middle Ages. Course is repeatable and taught as a practicum.

HIST 640 Museums Practicum: 3-6 hours

Supervised internship or a field assignment with focus on a research project dealing with a specific aspect of museum or site administration such as registration, collections development, conservation, interpretation, etc. Requires prior approval of the DGS.

HIST 642 Oral History: 3 hours

Techniques and methodology of orally transmitted historical data. Considers oral history in various cultural settings under both literate and nonliterate conditions.

HIST 644 Material Culture and the Built Environment: 3 hours

Social and cultural studies of artifacts, the design and furnishing of domestic space and the social construction of the built environment in selected historical periods. May be repeated under different topics.

HIST 646 Historical Archeology: 3 hours

Development of approaches and perspectives that link documentary sources and material culture. Considers archeology's artifactual focus and its application in areas such as ethnohistory, art history, the history of technology and submerged cultural resources. May be repeated under different topics.

HIST 650 Special Projects: 1-3 hours

Individualized experience in research and writing under direction of a faculty member. Requires prior approval of supervising faculty and the DGS.

HIST 670 Seminar in History: 3 hours

Recent topics: Seminar in Early Modern European history; Columbian Quincentennial Seminar; Biblical history and archaeology; Seminar in medieval archaeology, History and Anthropology.

HIST 671 Seminar in Theory and Philosophy of History: 3 hours

Prerequisites: MST 601. Recent topics: Progressive historiography; Epistemology of historical knowledge; Gender and history; Annales school.

HIST 672 Seminar in Local History Methodology: 3 hours

Research design and execution organized around interdisciplinary methodology. Presentations and research supervision by faculty with interest in exhaustive, small-scale historical reconstruction in a variety of time periods and geographical settings such as American, medieval, African and non-Western traditional, etc. May be repeated under different topics.

HIST 675 Seminar in Early United States History: 3 hours

Advanced research. Topics may be listed in *Schedule of Course Offerings*. May be repeated. Prerequisites: HIST 605 or consent of instructor

HIST 678 Seminar in Recent United States History: 3 hours

Advanced research. Topics may be listed in *Schedule of Course Offerings*. May be repeated.
Prerequisites: HIST 608 or consent of instructor.

HIST 682 Seminar in Medieval History: 3 hours

Advanced research. Topics may be listed in *Schedule of Course Offerings*. May be repeated.
Prerequisites: HIST 612 or HIST 635 or consent of instructor.

HIST 686 Seminar in Modern European History: 3 hours

Advanced research. Topics may be listed in *Schedule of Course Offerings*. May be repeated.
Prerequisites: HIST 616 or consent of instructor.

HIST 688 Seminar in Global and Contemporary History: 3 hours

Advanced research. Topics may be listed in *Schedule of Course Offerings*. May be repeated under different topics.

HIST 689 Seminar in Public History: 3 hours

Advanced research. Topics may be listed in *Schedule of Course Offerings*. May be repeated under different topics.

HIST 698 College Teaching and Profession Activity: 3 hours

Introduces students to full range of teaching and other professional activities of historians.
Required course for all doctoral students.

HIST 700 Master's Thesis: 1-6 hours Requires prior approval of the DGS and continuous enrollment once begun.

HIST 710 Independent Research: 2-6 hours Individualized coursework. Requires prior approval of supervising faculty and the DGS.

HIST 712 Professional Field Experience: 2-12 hours

Individualized coursework. Requires prior approval of supervising faculty and the DGS.

HIST 730 Doctoral Dissertation: 1-18 hours

Requires prior approval of the DGS and continuous enrollment once begun.

HIST 735 Graduate Research: 2-10 hours

Individualized coursework. Requires prior approval of supervising faculty and the DGS.