About the Department of History

Students and faculty in the Department of History explore the forces that drove past events and shaped the present. Our faculty members have a wide range of teaching and research interests, from the ancient world to the recent past. We encourage students to design degree programs that enable them to both pursue their own historical interests and obtain a broader understanding of history across time and place.

The department offers nearly a dozen degree programs and certificates. Take a look around our website to learn more about our programs, scholarships, and career opportunities for students of history!

- History Asian Studies, Certificate (https://bulletin.uakron.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/arts-sciences/history/history-asian-studies-certificate/)
- History Middle Eastern Studies, Certificate (https://bulletin.uakron.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/arts-sciences/history/history-middle-eastern-studies-certificate/)
- History, BA (https://bulletin.uakron.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/arts-sciences/history/history-ba/)
- History, Minor (https://bulletin.uakron.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/arts-sciences/history/history-minor/)

History (3400)

3400:200 Empires of the Ancient World (3 Credits)
Comparative study of the formation of ancient empires of the Afro-Eurasian world up to the rise of Islam.
Ohio Transfer 36: Yes
Gen Ed: - Humanities; - Global Diversity

3400:210 Humanities in the Western Tradition from Ancient Times to 1500 (3 Credits)
Prerequisites: [3300:112 or 3300:114 or 3300:222] and sophomore or greater standing. Introduction to the human condition as manifested in ideas, religions, visual arts and music of Western civilization from ancient Mesopotamia and Egypt through the Italian Renaissance. Can be used to meet major requirements in History.
Ohio Transfer 36: Yes
Gen Ed: - Humanities

3400:211 Humanities in the Western Tradition II (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3400:210. Introduction to the human condition in the past as manifested in the ideas, religions, visual arts and music of Western civilization from the Protestant Reformation to the Present. Cannot be used to meet major requirements in History.

3400:221 Humanities in the World since 1300 (3 Credits)
Prerequisites: 3300:112 or 3300:114 or 3300:222 and sophomore standing. Introduction to the human condition as expressed in the ideas, religions, visual arts, and music of the world since 1300. Cannot be used to meet major requirements in History.
Ohio Transfer 36: Yes
Gen Ed: - Humanities; - Global Diversity

3400:250 U.S. History to 1877 (3 Credits)
Historical survey from the Age of Discovery and North American colonization through the creation of the United States to the Civil War and Reconstruction.
Ohio Transfer 36: Yes
Gen Ed: - Social Science; - Domestic Diversity

3400:251 U.S. History since 1877 (3 Credits)
Survey of United States history from the end of Federal Reconstruction to the present.
Ohio Transfer 36: Yes
Gen Ed: - Social Science; - Domestic Diversity

3400:285 World Civilizations: China (2 Credits)
Prerequisite: Completion of [3300:112 or 3300:114 or 3300:222] or equivalent and a minimum of sophomore or greater standing. Courses 285 through 291 are designed to provide a basic knowledge of past human experiences and an understanding of current events in key areas of the non-Western world. These courses cannot be used to meet major requirements in History.

3400:286 World Civilizations: Japan (2 Credits)
Prerequisite: Completion of [3300:112 or 3300:114 or 3300:222] or equivalent and a minimum of sophomore or greater standing. Courses 285 through 291 are designed to provide a basic knowledge of past human experiences and an understanding of current events in key areas of the non-Western world. These courses cannot be used to meet major requirements in History.

3400:287 World Civilizations: Southeast Asia (2 Credits)
Prerequisite: Completion of [3300:112 or 3300:114 or 3300:222] or equivalent and a minimum of sophomore or greater standing. Courses 285 through 291 are designed to provide a basic knowledge of past human experiences and an understanding of current events in key areas of the non-Western world. These courses cannot be used to meet major requirements in History.

3400:288 World Civilizations: India (2 Credits)
Prerequisite: Completion of [3300:112 or 3300:114 or 3300:222] or equivalent and a minimum of sophomore or greater standing. Courses 285 through 291 are designed to provide a basic knowledge of past human experiences and an understanding of current events in key areas of the non-Western world. These courses cannot be used to meet major requirements in History.

3400:289 World Civilizations: Middle East (2 Credits)
Prerequisite: Completion of [3300:112 or 3300:114 or 3300:222] or equivalent and a minimum of sophomore or greater standing. Courses 285 through 291 are designed to provide a basic knowledge of past human experiences and an understanding of current events in key areas of the non-Western world. These courses cannot be used to meet major requirements in History.

3400:290 World Civilizations: Africa (2 Credits)
Prerequisite: Completion of [3300:112 or 3300:114 or 3300:222] or equivalent and a minimum of sophomore or greater standing. Courses 285 through 291 are designed to provide a basic knowledge of past human experiences and an understanding of current events in key areas of the non-Western world. These courses cannot be used to meet major requirements in History.

3400:291 World Civilizations: Latin America (2 Credits)
Prerequisite: Completion of [3300:112 or 3300:114 or 3300:222] or equivalent and a minimum of sophomore or greater standing. Courses 285 through 291 are designed to provide a basic knowledge of past human experiences and an understanding of current events in key areas of the non-Western world. These courses cannot be used to meet major requirements in History.
3400:292 Global Societies: Africa (3 Credits)
Prerequisites: Sophomore or greater standing and no credit in both World Civilizations: Africa and Global Societies: Africa. This course surveys the major social, economic, political, and cultural transformations in Africa, and explores interconnected global histories in a regional context.
Gen Ed: - Global Diversity

3400:294 Global Societies: India (3 Credits)
Prerequisites: Sophomore or greater standing and no credit in World Civilization and Global Societies. This course surveys the major social, economic, political, and cultural transformations in India, and explores interconnected global histories in one regional context.
Gen Ed: - Global Diversity

3400:295 Global Societies: Japan (3 Credits)
Prerequisites: Sophomore or greater standing and no credit in World Civilization: Japan and Global Societies: Japan. This course surveys the major social, economic, political and cultural transformations in Japan, and explores interconnected global histories in its regional context.
Gen Ed: - Social Science; - Global Diversity

3400:296 Global Societies: Latin America (3 Credits)
Prerequisites: Sophomore or greater standing and no credit in both World Civilizations: Latin America and Global Societies: Latin America. This course surveys the major social, economic, political, and cultural transformations in Latin America since 1492, and explores interconnected global histories in a regional context.
Gen Ed: - Social Science; - Global Diversity

3400:297 Global Societies: Middle East (3 Credits)
Prerequisites: Sophomore or greater standing and no credit in both World Civilizations: Middle East and Global Societies: Middle East. This course surveys the major social, economic, political, and cultural transformations in the Middle East, and explores interconnected global histories in a regional context.
Gen Ed: - Social Science; - Global Diversity

3400:300 Imperial China (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: A minimum of Sophomore standing or higher, or permission of the instructor. Selective study of institutional, intellectual, political and artistic developments in Chinese civilization from antiquity to 18th century. Emphasis on general features of traditional Chinese culture.

3400:301 Modern China (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Sophomore or greater standing or permission of the instructor. This course examines the domestic and global roots of China’s 20th century modernization and their relationship to the challenges China now faces.

3400:303 Modern East Asia (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Sophomore or greater standing or permission of the instructor. Exploration of domestic and global factors that shaped modern East Asia (Japan, China, Korea and Vietnam).

3400:307 The Ancient Near East (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: A minimum of Sophomore standing or higher, or permission of the instructor. Mesopotamia, Egypt; Israel, and neighbors to Persian Empire.

3400:308 Greece (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Minimum of 32 credits or permission of the instructor. Minoans and Mycenaenans; classical Greece to triumph of Macedon.

3400:310 Historical Methods (3 Credits)
Introduction to historical research and writing. Required for history major.

3400:313 Eastern Roman Empire (324-1453) (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: A minimum of 32 credits or permission of the instructor. Byzantine culture and history from 324 to the fall of 1453.

3400:317 Roman Republic (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Sophomore or greater standing. An intensive survey of the Roman Republic. Attention will be given to the nature of the source material, ancient historiography, text criticism and the like.

3400:318 Roman Empire (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Minimum of 32 credits or permission of the instructor. An intensive survey of the Roman Empire. Attention will be given to the nature of the source material, ancient historiography, text criticism and the like.

3400:319 Medieval Europe, 500-1200 (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: A minimum of 32 credits or permission of the instructor. Migration of peoples, Carolingian revival, renewed invasions; social, economic and intellectual stirrings lead to birth of Europe.

3400:320 Medieval Europe, 1200-1500 (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Sophomore or greater standing. Middle Ages and the middle class; economic and political change, international wars, social unrest and religious crosscurrents.

3400:321 Europe: Renaissance to Religious Wars, 1350-1610 (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: A minimum academic standing of Sophomore or higher. Survey of the social, political, economic, religious, and intellectual history of Early Modern Europe from the Italian Renaissance to the early 17th century.

3400:322 Europe: Absolutism to Revolution, 1610-1789 (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher. Survey of the social, political, economic, religious, and intellectual history of Early Modern Europe from the Thirty Years War to the French Revolution.

3400:323 Europe from Revolution to World War, 1789-1914 (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 32 credits or permission of the instructor. Surveys the political, economic, social, and cultural history of modern Europe from the French Revolution to the First World War.

3400:324 Europe from World War I to the Present (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: A minimum of 32 credits or permission of the instructor. A survey of European political and social history from World War I to the present.
Gen Ed: - Global Diversity

3400:325 Women in Modern Europe (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: A minimum of 32 credits or permission of the instructor. A survey of the history of women in Europe since 1500, with emphasis on their roles and the changes attendant on modernization.

3400:330 Modern Africa (3 Credits)
This course will introduce major themes in modern African history, from the trans-Atlantic, slave trade, through the colonial and post-independence periods.

3400:335 Russia to 1801 (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: A minimum of 32 credits or permission of the instructor. Survey of Russian history from Kievan period to death of Paul I, emphasizing development of autocratic government, Russian culture, reigns of Peter and Catherine.

3400:336 Russia Since 1801 (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: A minimum of 32 credits or permission of the instructor. Survey of 19th and 20th centuries. Special emphasis on problems of modernization, the revolution and development of communism.
3400:337 France from Napoleon to DeGaulle (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Sophomore or greater standing or permission of the instructor. Combines a study of Napoleon and DeGaulle with a survey of the political, economic, social, and cultural/artistic trends of modern French history.

Gen Ed: - Global Diversity

3400:338 England to 1688 (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: A minimum of 32 credits or permission of the instructor. Survey of English history from the Anglo-Saxon conquest to the Revolution of 1688. Medieval and early modern institutions, social and cultural life.

3400:339 England Since 1688 (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: A minimum of 32 credits or permission of the instructor. Survey of English history from 1688 to the present. The reform of English institutions and life, modernization of the economy, the welfare state, society and war.

3400:340 Selected Topics in History (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: A minimum academic standing of Sophomore or higher. Includes experimental offerings such as those crossing subject of chronological lines, and subjects not listed in this General Bulletin. See departmental office for current subject.

3400:341 Islamic Fundamentalism & Revolution (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Sophomore or greater standing. The political and socio-economic roots of Islamic reformism and militancy in the Middle East and North Africa since the 1960s.

3400:342 The Crusades through Arab Eyes (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Sophomore or greater standing. Political and military struggles, diplomatic practices and intellectual traditions of the Medieval Islamic/Arab world and the Western crusaders.

3400:345 Native North American History (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Minimum of 32 credits. The histories of Native Americans from Columbus to the present, emphasizing a half-millennium of adaptive responses to the presence of Europeans in North America.

3400:350 U.S. Women's History (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 32 credits History of American women's experiences and exploration of gender as a changing structure shaping American life from the colonial period through the 20th century.

Gen Ed: - Domestic Diversity

3400:351 Global History: Encounters and Conflicts (4 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 32 credits or permission of the instructor. This course explores historical encounters between societies to explain the development of the integrated economic, political, and cultural systems presently characterizing the modern world.

3400:352 The American West (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: A minimum of 32 credits. Examination of westward movement from revolution to closing of frontier; types of frontiers; impact of west on nation's development.

3400:354 American Immigration (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: A minimum of 32 credits. Examination of European migrants to American colonies and United States, their reasons for leaving Europe and coming to America, and their experience after arrival.

3400:355 American Religious History (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: A minimum of 32 credits. Addresses critical issues and figures in American religious history from the colonial era to present, including ways ideas have influenced political and judicial discourse.

3400:356 Sports in American History Since 1865 (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: A minimum of 32 credits. An examination of the reciprocal relationship between sports and various institutions of society: culture, religion, politics, education, economics, race, ethnicity, diplomacy and gender.

3400:358 Urban America (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: A minimum of 32 credits. This course looks at the significance of cities and urban development in shaping American society.

3400:360 United States Military History (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 32 credits or permission of the instructor. Survey of United States military history from the colonial era to the present.

3400:361 African American History, 1492-1877 (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Sophomore or greater standing. This course focuses on African American history, culture and heritage from 1492 to 1877.

3400:362 African American History, 1877 to Present (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Sophomore or greater standing. This course focuses on African American history, culture and heritage from 1877 to present.

3400:363 African American Men's History and Studies (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Sophomore or greater standing or permission of the instructor. This course will examine the experiences of African American Men from historical, socio-economic, philosophical, religious/spiritual, and psychological standpoints.

3400:371 Selected Topics: North American History (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Sophomore or greater standing. Selected topics addressing the history of North America (from the Rio Grande to the Arctic). Contact the department office concerning specific topics.

3400:372 Selected Topics: European History (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 32 credits or permission of the instructor. Selected topics addressing European history from the collapse of the Roman Empire to the present. Contact the department office concerning specific topics.

3400:373 Selected Topics: Other (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: A minimum of Sophomore standing or higher, or permission of the instructor. Selected historical topics on Africa, Asia, Latin America, the ancient world and world history. Contact the department office concerning specific topics.

3400:377 History of Women in Latin America (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: A minimum of Sophomore or greater standing or permission of the instructor. Survey of changes and continuities in the lives of Latin American women since the colonial period; emphasis on gender, race, class in shaping women's experiences.

Gen Ed: - Global Diversity

3400:378 Spanish Conquest and Colonization of the Americas (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Sophomore or greater standing or permission of the instructor. Course examines the conquest, colonization, and three-centuries-long Spanish rule in Latin America since 1492. Emphasis on culture, power inequalities, issues of identity, and memory.

Gen Ed: - Global Diversity

3400:379 Modern Latin America (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Sophomore or greater standing or permission of the instructor. This course examines the history of Latin America during the national period, ca. 1820s to the present. Focus on politics, economic systems, and nation-state formation.
3400:409 Imperial Spain, 1469-1700 (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 48 credits or permission of the instructor. This course examines the rise and fall of Spain as the first world power. It will cover Spanish political, cultural, and social history, 1469-1700.

3400:410 History and Film (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 48 credits or permission of the instructor. Repeatable once with permission. Examines films as historical experiences, historical events, and artifacts of history. Themes and foci will vary.

3400:416 Modern India (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 48 credits or permission of the instructor. History of the Indian subcontinent from c. 1500 with emphasis on India society and culture, British imperialism, and the emergence of Indian nationalism.

3400:417 Latin America and the United States (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 48 credits or permission of the instructor. Inter-American relations viewed from Latin American and U.S. perspectives; U.S. policy, imperialism, economic and cultural influences.

3400:424 The Renaissance (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 48 credits or permission of the instructor. The age of transition from the Middle Ages to modern times (1350-1600). Special emphasis on intellectual trends, the development of humanism, and the fine arts.

3400:425 The Reformation (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Completion of a minimum of 48 credits or higher. Europe in 16th century; its religious, cultural, political and diplomatic development, with special emphasis on Protestant, Anglican and Catholic reformations.

3400:429 Europe in the French Revolutionary Era-1789-1815 (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of Junior standing or permission of the instructor. Development of Revolution; Napoleon's regime and satellites.

3400:438 Nazi Germany (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 48 credits or permission of the instructor. This course covers the social, economic, and political history of Germany from World War I to 1945 with emphasis on the Third Reich.

3400:440 Tudor & Stuart Britain, 1485-1714 (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 48 credits or permission of the instructor. An examination of the development of, and increasing links between the British kingdoms in the early modern period, with emphasis on culture, politics, and religion.

3400:443 Churchill's England (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 48 credits or higher. The struggle for the rights of colonists and independence; the impact of war on American society and the creation of republican institutions.
3400:453 The Early American Republic (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Completion of a minimum of 48 credits or higher. The evolution of the American republic from its early beginnings after the American Revolution to the antebellum era. Emphasis upon political, social, and cultural developments.

3400:454 Civil War & Reconstruction, 1850-1877 (4 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 48 credits or permission of the instructor. Sectionalism, slavery and the causes of the Civil War; wartime activities of the Union and Confederacy; leading personalities; problems of reconstruction and the new Union.

3400:455 Origins of Modern America, 1877-1917 (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 48 credits or permission of the instructor. United States from Reconstruction Era to World War I (1877-1920); emphasis on political responses to rise of an industrialized-urbanized society, the populist and progressive movements.

3400:456 America in World Wars & Depression, 1917-1945 (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 48 credits or permission of the instructor. World War I and Versailles; the 1920s, the Great Depression and the New Deal; World War II.

3400:457 The United States since 1945 (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 48 credits or permission of the instructor. Nuclear age, cold war, foreign policy and domestic affairs to present. Social, political, constitutional, diplomatic, cultural and economic changes since 1945.

3400:461 The United States as a World Power (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 48 credits or permission of the instructor. The course analyzes the emergence and functioning of the United States as a world power, with particular emphasis on the 20th century.

3400:463 United States Constitutional History (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: A minimum of 48 credits or permission of the instructor. This course examines the evolution of constitutional government from the drafting of the U.S. Constitution (1787) to the present.

3400:465 American Economy Since 1900 (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 48 credits or permission of the instructor. Survey of economic developments since 1900; topics include agriculture, business and labor. Special emphasis on role of big business and evolution of monetary and fiscal policy.

3400:467 History of American Pop Culture (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 48 credits or permission of the instructor. Historical analysis of mass cultural phenomena and the social experiences associated with mass technologies that transformed modern America life in the 19th and 20th centuries.

3400:468 African-American Social & Intellectual History (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 48 credits or permission of the instructor. Examination of black thought and activities reflective of African-American culture, conditions facing black people within America and efforts toward coordinated black activity.

3400:469 African-American Women's History (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 48 credits or permission of the instructor. Study of black American women's lives from colonial times to the present featuring autobiographical. Fictional and secondary works authored by black women.

3400:470 Ohio History (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 48 credits or permission of the instructor. Political, social, economic and intellectual history of Ohio, with special emphasis on Ohio's relationship to Old Northwest and to the nation.

3400:471 American Environmental History (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 48 credits completed or permission of the instructor. Utilization, conservation of natural resources from beginnings of American society to present; combination of economic, technological history of extensive treatment of public policy, environmental issues.

3400:475 Mexico (3 Credits)
History of Mexico from Indian civilizations to present with emphasis on relations with United States; social and political ramifications of the 20th Century Mexican revolution.

3400:476 Central America & the Caribbean (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 48 credits or permission of the instructor. Selected aspects of the histories of Central American and Caribbean countries with emphasis on populist and peasant movements, political reform, social revolution, economic and under development, and relations with the United States.

3400:483 History in Video Games (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Sophomore standing. Examines the presentation of history in video games analyzing them for accuracy, bias, structural limitations, and utility as teaching tools.

3400:484 Museums and Archives (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 48 credits or permission of the instructor. This course will focus on the work of history museums, historical societies and historic house museums and archives.

3400:485 History, Communities, and Memory (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 48 credits or permission of the instructor. Course examines the interactions between the work of academic historians and the public in areas such as local history, monuments, oral history, film and the Internet.

3400:487 Science and Technology in World History (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Completion of a minimum of 48 credits or higher. This course examines the development and diffusion of science and technology in human history, its impact on society, culture, and daily life.

3400:489 Ottoman State and Society (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 48 credits or permission of the instructor. Explores political, economic, and social dynamics of one of the world's most enduring and expansive multiethnic empires.

3400:491 Honors Seminar in History (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Permission of department head or instructor. Selected readings; writing of research paper. For student seeking to graduate with honors in history and for student in Honors Program.

3400:492 Honors Project in History (1-3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 64 credits. An individual research project relevant to history, supervised by a member of the Department of History, culminating in an undergraduate thesis.

3400:493 Special Studies: North American History (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 48 credits or permission of the instructor. Special studies in the history of North America (Rio Grande to Arctic). See department office for information on particular offerings.

3400:494 Workshop in History (1-3 Credits)
(May be repeated) Group studies of special subjects pertaining to history. May be used for elective credit only. May not be used to meet undergraduate or graduate major requirements in history.

3400:495 Special Studies: European History (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 48 credits or permission of the instructor. Special studies in European history from the fall of the Roman Empire to the present. See department office for information on particular offerings.
3400:496 Special Studies in History: Other (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 48 credits or permission of the instructor.
Special studies in the history of Latin America, Asia, Africa or the Pacific. See department office for information on particular offerings.

3400:498 Race, Nation, and Class in the Middle East (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 48 credits or permission of the instructor.
This course analyzes identity politics and the development of the ideas of race, nation, and class in the Middle East from a historical perspective.

3400:499 Women and Gender in Middle Eastern Societies (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: a minimum of 48 credits or permission of the instructor. This course explores the multi-layered processes and dimensions, including texts, cultural values and practices, institutions, and events, which have shaped women’s experiences in the Middle East.
Gen Ed: - Global Diversity