4340-04 The Reign of Edward II
The primary objective of this class is to examine and analyze the political life of Edward II’s reign and, in particular, the aims and policies of the king himself. We will pursue this objective through a close critical reading of the primary sources, especially the chronicles, for the reign. We will also examine some of the main currents in the social, religious, and cultural life of Edward II’s reign. During the course students will develop the ability to analyze and reflect critically and contextually on primary source material, particularly chronicles. Students will also develop the ability to articulate a historical argument orally as well as in writing.

4340-05 Sports in American History
This course will examine sports, both amateur and professional athletics, from the colonial era to the present, in order to reveal trends and controversies in American life regarding race relations, economics and labor, gender and masculinity, childhood and youth, popular culture and media, medical practices and drugs, vice and crime, politics, and globalization. The course will also examine sports as both a metaphor for and surrogate for religious faith and practice.

4305 Modern China (Cross-listed as AST 4305)
A history of China from 1700 to the present that considers cultural, economic, literary, political, social, and religious developments. Emphasis will be given to the late imperial state, the Chinese heritage, decline, conflict with the West, revolution, and modernization.

4346 Britain in the 20th Century
This course surveys British history during the twentieth century, beginning with the opening of the Edwardian period and ending with the rise of New Labour and Tony Blair in the 1990s—with a brief look ahead to the Scottish referendum and Brexit. Though we will examine many topics, we will often return to the theme of national identity with the deceptively simple question of “Who were the British?” Were they a quaint, rural people? An empire? Four divided nations? A melting pot for emigrants from former colonies? A world power in decline? A model welfare state? A global center of technology, fashion, and cosmopolitanism?

4357 Inter-American Relations
A history of the evolution of Inter-American relations from colonization to the contemporary development of regional economic blocs. Topics will include relations among the American colonies, efforts at unification after independence, the expanding role of the United States in hemispheric relations and the Latin-American reaction, and the evolution of regionalism in the hemisphere.

4371 United States 1877-1920
In this course, we will explore the development of American economics, politics, and culture from the election of Rutherford B. Hayes in 1876 (signaling the end of the national Reconstruction process after the Civil War) to the election of Warren Harding in 1920 (representing a rejection of international engagement after World War I). An extraordinary amount of our present culture dates from this era in American history: the economic dominance of large corporations, the cultural split between religious liberals and religious conservatives, the strong presence of the federal government in the lives of citizens, the entrance of women into the workforce in large numbers, environmental conservation, the status of the United States as a world power, the beginnings of serious attempts to spread democratic participation beyond white males, the sizable gap between the rich and the poor, substantial ethnic and religious pluralism, even the present structure of American colleges and universities. We will seek to uncover the reasons for these sizable shifts in American life and will debate the responses of Americans at the time.

4374 United States since 1920
Continuation of HIS 4371 with emphasis on the post-Progressive decade, the Great Depression, the New Deal, and domestic developments since the New Deal. Of secondary emphasis is the coming of World War II and the consequent rise and development of the Cold War.

4393 American Military History to 1865
Major military conflicts in North America from European exploration through the American Civil War.

4395 History of American Thought, 1630-1859
“One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.” From the beginning of European settlement, Americans have disagreed with each other about every single one of these ideas. What kind of nation do we want to be? What does it mean to live “under God”? If we don’t want division, can we still have diversity? What are liberty and justice, and does everyone enjoy equal access to them? All of these questions remain relevant today. We will start at the beginning of American history and see where the discussion takes us.

4V89 Advanced Model Organization of American States (Cross-listed as PSC 4V89)
Course prepares advanced students for leadership roles in a Model Organization of American States simulation. May be repeated for a total of six credit hours under different topics.
HISTORY (HIS)

1305 World History to 1500
Principal civilizations of Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Americas from prehistory to about 1500 A.D., focusing on religious ideas, patterns of economic and cultural development, and artistic and literary achievements of these civilizations, as well as their influences on one another.

1307 World History since 1500
History of major world civilizations and the growth of the modern global community as well as the spread of ideologies and cultures.

2365 History of the United States to 1877
A chronological, thematic, and analytical study of the political, economic, social, cultural, and Diplomatic history of the United States from colonial origins and early nationhood through the era of Reconstruction.

2366 History of the United States since 1877
A chronological, thematic, and analytical study of the political, economic, social, cultural, and diplomatic history of the United States from the end of Reconstruction to the present.

2380 Introduction to Slavic and East European Studies I (Cross-listed as SEES 2380)
Basic introduction to the peoples, history, and cultures of the countries covered by Slavic and East European Studies, including the post-Communist states of Central and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Republics, and the former Federated Yugoslavia up to the mid-1700’s.

2395 Historiography
Historical thought and historiographical practice in the West from their emergence in the classical world to the present.

2V89 Introduction to Model Organization of American States
Course prepares students for first-time participation in a Model Organization of American States simulation. Stresses historical and contemporary hemispheric issues. May be repeated for a total of six credit hours under different topics.

3311 Middle East History 600 - 1798
This course surveys Middle East history from the rise of Islam in the 7th century to Napoleon’s invasion of Egypt in 1798. Topics include state formation and political theory; development of religious divisions, sects and spirituality in Islam; the evolution of science and learning; the position of non-Muslims; and the interaction with other civilizations. Required readings include primary source material in translation.

3319 Women and Gender in Modern Africa
There’s always a seat for Queen Nzinga! Learn about this Central African warrior queen who called herself a king, staged a coup, harbored runaway slaves, and kept a harem of men during the 1600s in this comprehensive advanced seminar focusing on women and gender in African history. We will consider women’s interactions with other women, men and children from the pre-colonial era to the twentieth century. Topics covered include the powerful queens of pre-colonial Madagascar, women guerilla fighters in independence movements, and the seven women who have been president of African countries in the post-colonial period. Here is your chance to expand your global awareness and find out why African women really matter to the world.

3380 History of Texas
The political, economic, and social history of Texas in its regional setting in the American South and Southwest, from Spanish colonization and Anglo Manifest Destiny to the present.

4312 Modern Middle East History
The course begins with Napoleon’s invasion of Egypt in 1798 and addresses the political, institutional, religious, intellectual, and social transformations that have taken place in the Middle East since. The first third of the course covers the Ottoman Empire and Qajar Iran and then subsequent sessions focus on the countries of Turkey, Iran, Egypt, and Israel, although comparisons are made to developments in the larger neighborhood. HIS 4312 complements HIS 4313: War and Peace in the Middle East, which studies the main regional conflicts of the 20th century (post World War I), with a concentration on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

4333 French Revolution and Napoleon
Background and history of the French Revolution; relatively brief consideration of the effects of the Revolution and Napoleon upon Europe.

4335 A History of Women in Europe since 1200
A study of the status and roles of women in European society from the Crusades through World War I.

4336 Europe since World War II
Problems of peace making and international organization; rise of Fascism and Communism; background and history of World War II.

4340-01 The Russian Revolution, Or Why Lenin & the Bolsheviks Would Make an Awesome Band Name
2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the October 1917 Revolution in Russia, called by many “one of, if not the single most, important events in the 20th century”! This class will join in the commemoration by thinking and reading about the revolutionary era in Russia (1891-1924), focusing especially on the popular overthrow of Tsar Nicholas II in February 1917 and the unlikely rise to power of Vladimir Lenin & the Bolshevik Party in the latter half of 1917, and concluding with an assessment of the revolution’s legacies over the past hundred years. In October-November, students can expect to participate in a campus-wide symposium on the revolution, including special film screenings and cultural events.

4340-02 American Legal History to 1877
A survey of legal and constitutional documents, ideas, cases, and debates, in American history from the colonial era to 1877.

4340-03 The United States and the War in Vietnam
This class provides an overview of the origins, course, and legacy of the US experience in the Vietnam War. Though obviously an event of great significance for the country, its place in modern American (and world) history remains important, but somewhat misunderstood. However, on the conflict’s fiftieth anniversary, and at over two decades since the end of the Cold War, it is a good point to ask some crucial questions about the war and the tumultuous years in which it occurred. To better grasp this “experience,” the course will break down into four sections: background, growing involvement, intense American engagement in the conflict, and the legacy of the Vietnam War. Students will also conduct an oral history interview in partnership with the Veterans History Project of the Library of Congress.