4340-02 Business in American History
“The chief business of the American people is business,” President Calvin Coolidge famously declared in 1925. “They are profoundly concerned with producing, buying, selling, investing and prospering in the world. I am strongly of the opinion that the great majority of people will always find these the moving impulses of our life.” What did he mean? Was he right? How has business shaped, and been shaped by, American culture over the years? This class will include analysis of a wide range of sources, from early American newspapers to podcasts, and multiple research methods, including hands-on history of local businesses.

4341 Tudor-Stuart Britain
Provides an introduction to the development of British society between the late 15th and the early 18th centuries. Particular issues addressed include: the Tudor and Stuart monarchies; religious change from the Reformation to the Act of Toleration; rebellion, popular protest and civil war; witchcraft; literacy and print culture; crime and the law; changing social structure; gender roles; the dynamics of political participation and the emergence of parliamentary government.

4362 American Colonial History
The settlement, growth, and development of Anglo-American colonies in North America. Topics include models of colonization, the development of American individualism, the creating of Atlantic trading systems, the establishment of colonial, political elites and hierarchies, and the social circumstances of women, blacks, and Indians.

4366 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.

4368 Civil War and Reconstruction
This course will focus on the social, economic, religious, constitutional, and political origins of the Civil War, along with the war’s major military leaders and events, Civil War soldiers, Union victory and Confederate defeat, and the crucial roles of women and their families on the home fronts. It will also address Reconstruction and its bitter legacies, which resonate to the present day. The course will emphasize the central importance of slavery, emancipation, the African American struggle for equality, and the controversial applications and limitations of government power throughout the Civil War era.

4378 History of the American Woman Since 1865
From the emancipation of slave women in 1865 to the lives of various groups of women living in the United States today, this course will explore the status, roles, and ideas of women in American society. We will consider women from different racial, ethnic, economic, regional, and religious backgrounds and ask how social conditions, legal regulations, and prevalent beliefs influenced the opportunities and limitations American women encountered. We will also examine how different groups of women—and they often disagreed—understood their own roles in American society and how they affected changes in those roles. Our examination will extend to how changes in women’s status and roles affected men. Finally, we will consider how focusing on women and gender roles changes the way we understand the development of American history.

4383 History of the South
Set apart from the rest of the nation by a history that is by turns tragic and triumphant, the American South is many things: a geographical region, an overplayed stereotype, a magnolia-scented myth that hides a heavy historical burden. It is America’s “will-o’-the-wisp Eden,” the setting for the original sin of slavery and the redeeming saga of the Civil Rights movement in the nation’s collective creation narrative. Southern identity, yesterday and today, springs from a set of common historical experiences that are unique in an American context. These experiences will be our focus for the semester.

4392 American Foreign Relations since 1919
Beginning with the ideals, experiences, and events that shaped the nation’s diplomatic traditions and emergence as a major power, the course covers the ways in which the two world wars transformed US foreign relations and propelled the nation into a role of global leadership. The Cold War dominates the latter half of the class—the confrontation with the USSR and globalism in an age of de-colonization and new nationalism. Finally, it will study the more recent encounter with Islamic radicalism and terrorism. The course will consider the domestic forces – political, economic, and cultural – pushing foreign policy and the shifting international context that shapes American security and pulls its influence abroad, always assessing the role of ideology and national interest in the nation’s actions on the world stage.

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.
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.

2370 History of Warfare
Military conflicts and practices around the world from the classical age to the present with emphasis on military policy, strategy, and operations.

2380 Introduction to Slavic and East European Studies I (Cross-listed as SEES 2380)
An introduction to the peoples, history, and cultures of the Slavic nations and select neighbors in Eurasia. Covering multiple centuries from the early modern period to the late imperial era, the course links historic ideologies, conflicts, and artistic forms to current events in the region.

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.

2395 Historiography
Introduces the student to historiographical practice and theory from the ancient world to the present. The course acquaints students with the tools and methods used by modern historians and guides them through the process of composing historical research and writing.

3305 Traditional China (Cross-listed as AST 3305)
A survey of Chinese history from its origins to 1700. This course will introduce students to the broad political and economic history of the region as well as the eclectic mix of artistic, literary, and religious developments that shaped Chinese civilization. Through both secondary scholarly literature and primary sources (in translation) we will explore not only the rich variety of traditions in the region, but also China’s engagement with the wider world throughout the period.

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.

3340 Russia to 1861
A survey of Russia’s culture, society, and empire-building from Slavs’ arrival in Europe to the dawn of the reform era. The course will emphasize the golden ages of Kiev and Novgorod, the era of female monarchs, the historical annexation of Crimea, and the 19th century production of literary masterworks.

3353 Pre-Columbian and Colonial Latin America
A survey of pre-Columbian civilizations in the Americas and an examination of Spanish and Portuguese colonies. Emphasis will be given to Meso-American and Andean civilizations, the creation of colonial society, and the forces leading to the end of political colonialism in Latin America.

3371 History of Black Americans
A survey of the history of black Americans from their African origins to the present. Emphasis will be given to the economic, social, and political impact of the presence of black people in the American colonies and the United States; attention will be given to the institution of slavery, the emancipation movement, the rise of segregation, Black Nationalism, and the ideologies and personalities of the civil rights movement.

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.

4329 The Renaissance and Reformation
European modernization from the fourteenth through the sixteenth century, with emphasis on the Italian and transalpine Renaissance, emerging nation-states, proto-capitalism, novel concepts of the natural world, and the religious, political and military upheavals associated with the Protestant and Catholic Reformations.

4333 French Revolution and Napoleon
This course will focus on the history of the French Revolution (c. 1789-1815). Our study of the Revolution will revolve around three questions fundamental to scholarship on the topic: (1) What were the origins of the French Revolution? (2) What brought about the Terror? and (3) How did Napoleon Bonaparte impact the Revolution? By following these questions, we will come to an understanding of the Revolution’s main actors, events, and institutions as well as the most important trends in scholarship on the subject.

4336 Europe since World War I
The crisis of liberal society: World War I and the Russian Revolution, the Age of Fascism, World War II, and the Cold War.

4340-01 Festivals, Spectacles, and Celebrations in Renaissance Europe
This course will examine various forms of Festivals, Spectacles, Celebrations, Rituals and Ceremonies present in Renaissance Europe, from weddings, funerals, seasonal celebrations, and other rituals of everyday life, to coronations and royal entries. Students will learn about the various types of evidence available to study these complex phenomena, including artistic sources (painting, illumination, sculpture, etc.) and textual sources (contracts, letters, and printed pamphlets).