
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

BIOL/CHEM/PHYS/ESCI 480 **Senior Capstone: General Science Seminar** (1, OD)
Written thesis and oral presentation on a topic selected for interdisciplinary breadth describing current scientific research in the area of the student's concentration, based on a thorough review of scientific literature.

See Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Mathematics, and Physics sections.

History (majors and minor)

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History Major: 36 hours

This major consists of 36 hours in any history course numbered 200 or above. All majors must take the Senior History Seminar (HIST 481). The remaining 32 hours are elective, except that no more than two of the courses marked by an asterisk (*) count toward the major. Transfer students have to take at least half of their major at Houghton - at least 16 hours of non-asterisk courses and no more than 8 hours of asterisk courses.

Teaching History – Inclusive Childhood (Elementary) or Adolescence (Secondary) Education: See Education section in this catalog.

General Information

The history major involves a strong liberal arts concentration. The major provides excellent background for careers in law, the ministry, public administration, government service, college and secondary teaching, business, foreign service, and preparation for archivists, museum curators, historic site specialists, librarians, editors, and writers.

Augmented History Major: 38 hours

No more than two of the courses marked by an asterisk (*) count toward the major.

An augmented history major for certification at the secondary level consists of 38 hours as follows:

ECON 201	Intro to Economics.....	2
HIST xxx	American History.....	4, 4
HIST xxx	European History.....	4, 4
HIST xxx	Non-European, non-American History.....	4, 4
POLS 220	American Political System.....	4
	Total.....	30

PLUS 8 hours in either

HIST xxx	History Elective.....	4
HIST 481	Senior Capstone: Senior History Seminar.....	4

or

POLS xxx	Political Science Elective.....	4
	(Must be 300 or 400 level.)	
POLS 480	Senior Capstone: Senior Politics Seminar.....	4
	Total.....	8

Minor: The history minor consists of any 16 hours of history courses numbered 200 or above except that no more than one course marked by an asterisk (*) counts toward the minor.

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HIST 101 **Western Civilization I: Ancient Civilization to 1650** (2, F&S)
Survey of western civilization from its cultural roots in ancient Near Eastern, Greek and Roman civilizations

through its development during the Middle Ages, Renaissance, Reformation, and age of discovery and expansion. Attention to analyzing primary source materials. Culture: History.

HIST 102 Western Civilization II: 1650 to the Present (2, F&S)

Survey of western civilization from the rise of science, the Enlightenment, Industrial Revolution, nationalism and other ideologies, two World Wars, the Cold War and beyond. Attention to analyzing primary source materials. Culture: History.

HIST 103 Western Civilization: Science Honors I (2, F)

Survey of western civilization from its cultural roots in ancient Near Eastern, Greek, and Roman civilizations, including the rise of early science, the Middle Ages, Renaissance, Reformation, and the age of discovery and expansion. Attention to analyzing primary source materials. Reserved for first-year Science Honors students. Culture: History.

HIST 104 Western Civilization: Science Honors II (2, S)

Survey of western civilization from the rise of modern science, the Enlightenment, Industrial Revolution, nationalism and other ideologies, two World Wars, the Cold War and beyond. Attention to analyzing primary source materials. Reserved for first-year Science Honors students. Culture: History.

HIST 105 Western Civilization: Ancient Civilization to the Present (4, F&S)

Survey of Western civilization from its cultural roots in ancient Near eastern, Greek and Roman civilizations through its development during the Middle Ages, Renaissance, reformation, the age of discovery and expansion, the rise of science, the Enlightenment, Industrial Revolution, nationalism and other ideologies, two World Wars, the Cold War, and post-Cold War culture. Attention to analyzing primary source materials. Culture: History.

American History

HIST 126 New York State History (4, OD)

This course surveys the Empire State's history from the Colonial period through the present. The state's history is explored in its own right, but attention is also given to showing how New York state in many respects has been a notable microcosm for broader Colonial and national developments.

HIST 220 American History Survey (4, F)

Overview of American history to the present. Culture: History.

HIST/POLS 341 Conceptualizing the City: An Exploration of the City in Western Culture (4-6, F&S)

Explores the history of cities and the ideas that have shaped both their objective development – in terms of their material culture, their economic base, and their political structure – and our subjective experience of them. Also considers social science explanations of urban development (why cities?), 20th century trends (suburbanization, metropolitanization) and reactions to them, and ponders the future of cities in the 21st century. Reading ranges over works of history, philosophy, literary fiction, and social science. Throughout, connections to the Buffalo experience provide concrete (sometimes literally concrete) illustrations of ideas and their effects.

HIST 347 The Balkans and Eastern Europe: Early Middle Ages to Present (4, F)

A survey of Balkan and Eastern European history with special emphasis upon the interactions of Catholic, Orthodox, and Muslim cultures; ethnic and religious diversity; the fraught relationship with western Enlightenment and post-Enlightenment ideas; and mutually exclusive nationalist interpretations.

HIST 359 Colonial America, 1600-1788 (4, F)

Settlement of North America with emphases upon religious and social developments as well as upon the American Revolution. Culture: History.

HIST 360 Early National Period, 1788-1850 (4, S)

Establishment of national political institutions and ideologies. Manifest Destiny, institution of slavery, antebellum revivalism and reforms, nascent industrialization. Culture: History.

HIST 361 Civil War and Industrial America, 1850-1920 (4, F)

Sectionalism and Civil War, Reconstruction, adaptation to accelerating industrialization and urbanization, and World War I. Culture: History.

HIST 362 Recent American History, 1920 to Present (4, S)

Immigration, Depression and New Deal, World War II, Cold War, and resurgence of Evangelicalism. Culture: History.

European History

HIST 230 Medieval Europe (4, F&S)

A survey of European history and culture that begins with the transition from Roman civilization and ends with the cultural changes that resulted in the Reformation. Particular emphasis is given to the themes of western cultural formation, ecclesiastical development, monastic and lay spirituality, and the birth of fundamental western institutions. Primarily a reading course, primary sources are heavily relied upon. Culture: History.

HIST 325 Europe in the 19th Century (CDRP, see Foreign Languages) (4, F)

Growth of liberal democracy, influence of industrial revolution and impact of nationalism. French Revolution to 1890. Culture: History.

HIST 326 Europe, 1890-1945 (4, F)

The changing intellectual climate, World War I, problems of inter-war period, challenges to democracy, background of World War II. Culture: History.

HIST 332 History of Rome (4, F)

Survey of Roman history and cultures from the beginning of the republic until the disintegration of the empire, emphasizing political and religious developments. Culture: History.

HIST 368 The Reformation (4, F)

A survey of the continental, English, and Roman Catholic reformation of the 16th century. Culture: History.

HIST 370 Evangelical Roots (4, F)

Looks at Evangelicalism from the 1730s to the present, especially in Britain and America, where most of the movements originated and developed. However, attention is also paid to developments elsewhere, especially in recent decades, when African, Asian and Latin American churches have begun not merely to grow, but to foster innovations of their own, with wider effects.

HIST 371 Religion, Fascism, and Communism in 20th Century Europe (4, OD)

Looks at the interaction between Christianity and the churches (evangelical, Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox) on one hand, and the totalitarian ideologies and regimes of twentieth-century Europe on the other. In the process, such ideas as nationhood, class, modernization and secularization are considered, along with their implications for Christian belief and practice, and the various possible, and actual, Christian responses to them.

HUM 401 Pagans and Christians: Ancient and Medieval Texts (4, OD)

Close analysis of some primary texts from ancient medieval times: Plato, Aristotle, Thucydides, Cicero, Augustine, Dante, et al. Develop scholarly skills of research, interpretation, writing; foster awareness of influence of such works on modern thought. Major/minor credit in history.

Regional History

HIST 223 Latin American History to 1800 (4, S)

An introductory survey, with attention to cultural interaction during the colonial period. Culture: History.

HIST 224 Latin American History since 1800 (4, F)

An introductory survey of Latin America from the revolutionary era to the present. Culture: History.

HIST 249 African History (4, F)

Sub-Saharan Africa from earliest times. Medieval empires of western Sudan, colonial rule, emergence of national states. Culture: History.

***HIST 251 East African History** (4, S)

(See Off-Campus Programs section for course description.)

***HIST 355 East Asia: History and Politics** (4, F)

Introduction to history and politics of East Asia from ancient time to present, with focus on China and Japan. Emphasis on historical and political developments in 19th and 20th centuries leading to founding of Communist China and new Japan.

HIST 381 Historiography History of historical writings and methods; theories of history.	(4, OD)
HIST 295, 395, 495 Special Topics (CDRP, see Foreign Languages) Group study of selected topics; open only by permission.	(4, OD)
HIST 481 Senior Capstone: Senior History Seminar Each student will work with a departmental faculty member to develop or revise a research paper into a substantial historical article. Required for the history major.	(4, S)
HIST 191, -2; 291, -2; 391, -2; 491, -2 Independent Study	(1, 2 or 4, OD)
HIST 496 Honors in History	(4, OD)

Honors Programs

HOUGHTON HONORS PROGRAMS

Houghton College offers three distinct honors programs, two in the humanities and one in the sciences. The programs vary in length, though the majority of the coursework for all of them is completed in the first year. Students have the option to write an honors thesis in their senior year. Qualified incoming students will be invited to apply for entrance into the honors program. Final selection of honors students will occur in early spring prior to their matriculation. Students in any one of the honors programs are expected to maintain at least a 2.5 GPA in order to continue in the program, and failure to do so will trigger review by the Academic and Student life deans and the director of the program.

Contemporary Contexts Honors Program– Program Coordinators and teaching faculty: A. Cameron Airhart, Jonathan P. Case, W. Christopher Stewart, James F. Wardwell

The Contemporary Contexts Honors Program offers students the opportunity to explore some of the roots of Western culture coupled with a chance to respond to some of the current realities of the “river of custom” in which we all swim. In 2011-2012 the program will have as its theme: Faith, Reason and Reconciliation. The one hour seminar in the fall will be followed by an eight hour integrated Philosophy and Literature course in the spring. In May the group will study and experience history in London and study together again in a four hour theology course the following fall. Meets IS requirements in Faith Foundation: Theology, Culture: Philosophy, Culture: Literature, Culture: History, as well as the Writing Competency.

East Meets West – Program Director: Meic Pearse

This course of study in the spring semester and Mayterm focuses on the relationship between the “East” (Eastern Europe), the “Middle East,” and the “West”. Students take 12 hours on campus (leaving room in their schedule for one other non-honors course), and three hours during Mayterm in Eastern Europe. The course is co-taught by a church historian (Dr. Pearse), a political scientist, and a member of the English faculty. Meets IS requirements in Faith Foundation: Theology, Culture: History, Culture: Literature, Community: Political Science, as well as the Writing Competency.

Science Honors – Program Director: Mark Yuly

This course of study centers around the integrative, problem-based Science Honors course, which comprises 12 hours of coursework in both the fall and spring semesters, and which is team-taught by faculty from biology, chemistry, physics, communication, and writing. The Science Honors course is supplemented by special sections of Western Civilization (2 hours fall and spring) and calculus (4 hours in the fall), as well as a philosophy course (4 hours) in the fall of the sophomore year. Meets the entire IS Creation requirement (including the Quantitative Literacy Competency) as well as the Writing Competency and IS requirements in Culture: History, Culture: Philosophy, and Community: Communication.

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INTS 153 **East Meets West** (12, S & 3, M)

Combines a traditional humanities and social science curriculum with the opportunity to study the interaction of Eastern and Western culture. Integrating the disciplines of culture, literature, religion and politics, this course surveys the development of Western culture by focusing on the West’s historic interaction with the Orthodox and Islamic cultures of the Mediterranean, Eastern Europe, and the Mideast. The Mayterm trip