

Fall 2012 - HISTORY 481 SEMINARS

All seminars are university-approved “W” courses.
Writing practice and instruction will receive special emphasis.

901-Italy and the United States in the 20th century

TR 11:10-12:25

This seminar examines the unique relationship between Italy and the United States and compares their pasts as a means of understanding the modern history of both nations.

Dr. Blackwelder

902 - The Vietnam War/The American War

MWF 10:20-11:10

This seminar will examine how the US got involved in Vietnam, how it left Vietnam, and what happened in between. We will consider different views on the Vietnam War, of both its proponents and opponents. We will remember that after all it was the “Vietnam” war and, thus, a considerable portion of the course will focus on the country where the war took place, its history, its people, and its tragedy. Primary documents, accounts of the leading political and military figures as well as of ordinary participants, literary works, will serve as a basis for seeing the Vietnam War from different perspectives.

Dr. Dror

903 – American Ways of War

MW 4:10-5:25

This seminar will be a mixture of instruction in practical research/writing skills and a research project on US military history between World War II and the current military environment. The course will be built around the research, writing, and revision of a research paper that examines military operations, military transformations, lessons learned, or the development of doctrine and/or policy.

Dr. Linn

904- London in History

TR 9:35-10:50

This senior seminar explores the role of London, (City and metropolis) in the history of England, Great Britain, the United Kingdom, the Atlantic, the British Empire and the world. We will examine London’s role in the creation of a centralized monarchy in the 15th-16th centuries; its part in the emergence of national cultural life in the 17th-18th centuries; and its centrality to the creation, maintenance and dissolution of the British empire from the 16th-20th centuries.

Dr. Rosenheim

905 – Twentieth Century China

T 5:30-8:20 pm

This seminar covers major events that had profound impact on Chinese politics, economy, society, and culture in 20th century China. This course will specially emphasize post-Mao reform and the rise of China as an economic world power in the last twenty years of the century.

Dr. Wang

906 - Civil Rights, Cold War Politics, and Decolonization, 1940-1975

MWF 12:40-1:30

This course explores the relationships between the mid-twentieth century civil rights struggles in the United States, the Cold War, and Asian and African decolonization and liberation movements. While the civil rights movement has typically been historicized as a southern and/or national phenomenon, it can be more fully understood within a transnational context.

Dr. Wood

907 – Race in Brazos County

TR 12:45-2:00

In this course, students will study the origins and development of Brazos County race relations from the early 19th century to the late 20th century. The goal is to understand how economic, political, social and cultural factors have shaped racial thinking and practices in this particular region.

Dr. Ramos

908 – Atlantic Slave Trade

MWF 9:10-10:00

This seminar will examine the history, historiography and popular representations of the Atlantic slave trade, the forced migration of at 12 million enslaved from Africa to Europe and the New World during 1450-1900. Topics to be investigated will include: the origins of the trade, the demand for slave labor in the Americas, the process of enslavement in Africa, the economics of slave trading and the impact of the trade on Africa and the Atlantic economies.

Dr. Yarak