Historical Studies Course Descriptions

**HST 1301 Themes and Ideas in American History** (3 semester hours) An introduction to the methods of historical inquiry through the study of selected main themes in American history. A course designed to offer students an understanding of the historical and cultural context of America in the contemporary world. Fulfills one-half of the Texas legislative requirement for six hours in American history. (3-0) S

**HST 2301 Issues in American History** (3 semester hours) Readings, commentary, and discussion aimed at varying aspects of history and culture. Fulfills one-half of the Texas legislative requirement for six hours in American history. (3-0) Y

**HST 2390 Topics in Historical Studies** (3 semester hours) Subject matter will vary from semester to semester. May be repeated for credit as topics vary (6 hours maximum). (3-0) R

Core Courses

**A&H 3300 Reading and Writing Texts** (3 semester hours) Focuses on a significant topic or issue through which students are offered an opportunity to gain experience in various analytic and interpretive approaches. Explores connections among artistic and intellectual endeavors appropriate to a range of courses in the Arts and Humanities. This course should be taken within the first 12 hours of enrollment in the program. This course is normally offered only during the fall and spring semesters.(3-0) S

**HST 3301 Historical Inquiry** (3 semester hours) Readings, commentary, and discussion aimed at introducing a variety of texts and sources with an emphasis on the major methods appropriate to their use. This course should be taken within the first 12 hours of enrollment in the program. It is normally offered only during the fall and spring semesters.(3-0) S

European Historical Studies

**HST 3317 The Crusades** (3 semester hours) A study of the roots of conflict between Christendom and Islam from the 11th century to the early modern period. (3-0) T

**HST 3318 Medieval Europe** (3 semester hours) The history of Europe from the fall of the Roman Empire to the late medieval period, including feudalism, the investiture controversy, the conflicts of papacy and empire, and the rise of national monarchies. (3-0) T

**HST 3319 Early Modern Europe** (3 semester hours) An analysis of the general themes and issues in late medieval and early modern European history from about 1400 to the French Revolution; emphasis on new methods and approaches, especially recent attempts to refine social analysis and to study both popular and elite culture. (3-0) T

**HST 3320 Modern Europe** (3 semester hours) A study of selected aspects of political, diplomatic, economic, and social history of Europe from the French Revolution to the Second World War. Geographical emphasis on England, France, and Germany. Topical focus on industrialization, modernization, and democratization in the 19th century, and on the emergence of mass society, war, and totalitarianism in the 20th century. (3-0) T

**HST 3324 Women in European Society** (3 semester hours) An historical examination of the varied experiences of European women, focusing on work, family life, political action, sexuality, and cultural expression. May emphasize early modern or modern period. May be repeated for credit as topics vary (6 hours maximum). (3-0) T

**HST 3331 European Social History** (3 semester hours) A review of the major problems studied, methods used, and findings reached by the new social historians of Europe. The principal focus of their work and of this course is on the pre-industrial era. (3-0) T

**HST 3333 European Social and Political Thought** (3 semester hours) A study of such concepts in social and political theory as authority, justice, equality, law, revolution, natural rights, state, and nation. May include texts by Locke, Burke, Bentham, Mill, Marx, and Nietzsche. (3-0) T

**HST 3334 Nineteenth-Century European Culture and Society** (3 semester hours) An exploration of the interplay between social change and cultural developments in various European societies during the 19th century. (3-0) T

**HST 3336 Twentieth-Century European Culture and Society** (3 semester hours) An exploration of the interplay between social change and cultural developments in various European societies during the 20th century. (3-0) T
HST 3337 Technology and Western Civilization (3 semester hours) A survey of the role played by technology in shaping Western culture from antiquity through the industrial revolution. (3-0) T

HST 3338 Anglo-Saxon Origins (3 semester hours) The formation of England from the end of the Roman occupation to the Norman conquest. (3-0) T

HST 3339 Medieval England 1066 to 1485 (3 semester hours) English history from the Norman conquest to the Tudors. Topics will include the medieval institutional framework of monarchy, nobility, parliament, church, the law, and the universities. (3-0) T

HST 3344 History of Science in Europe (3 semester hours) Surveys the development of the mathematical and natural sciences in European culture. Subject matter will vary from semester to semester, but topics may include astronomy, physics, chemistry, biology, medicine, natural history, geology, evolution, and genetics. Time periods may range from human pre-history to the Scientific Revolution and from the Scientific Revolution to the present. Course content will not overlap with HST 3337. No technical background required. May be repeated for credit as topics vary (9 hours maximum). (3-0) T

HST 4344 Topics in European History (3 semester hours) Subject matter will vary from semester to semester. May be repeated for credit (9 hours maximum). (3-0) R

Asian, African, and Latin American Historical Studies

HST 3348 The Ancient, Near and Middle East, from Abraham to Muhammad (3 semester hours) A survey from the Bronze Age, through the ancient empires of Biblical times and the Hellenistic, Parthian, and Sasanid kingdoms, to the lifetime of the Prophet Muhammad. (3-0) T

HST 3349 Ancient Egypt (3 semester hours) Aspects of the history and culture of ancient Egypt, with emphasis upon the New Kingdom period. (3-0) T

HST 3350 Islam and the Middle East, 622 TO 1500 (3 semester hours) A survey of Islamic civilization in the Middle East and its expansion into North Africa, Spain, India, and Central Asia, with emphasis on intellectual, cultural, and artistic movements. (3-0) T

HST 3351 The Middle East from 1453 (3 semester hours) A survey of Middle Eastern history from 1453, with emphasis upon the Ottoman Empire and Iran, the European impact and subsequent reformist, revivalist and nationalist movements. (3-0) T

HST 3353 Ancient and Medieval India (3 semester hours) A survey of the Hindu, Buddhist, and Islamic civilizations of the Indian subcontinent, with emphasis on the period of Muslim hegemony (11th to 17th centuries). (3-0) T

HST 3354 India from 1658 (3 semester hours) The history of the Indian subcontinent from 1658 under Mughal, Maratha and British hegemony. (3-0) T

HST 3357 African History to 1880 (3 semester hours) A survey of African history to 1880, with emphasis on sub-Saharan Africa. Topics may include Africa before Europe, slave trade, new world blacks in Africa, and colonialism. (3-0) T

HST 3358 Latin American History (3 semester hours) A survey of Latin America from its pre-Columbian past to the present, with emphasis on the process of change from a traditional to a modern society. (3-0) T

HST 3359 The African Diaspora: Blacks in the Atlantic World (3 semester hours) This course will explore themes linking people of Africa and of African heritage. Topics may include pre-colonial Africa, slave trade and slavery, blacks in Europe and the New World, matrilineage, slave resistance, and Pan-Africanism. (3-0) T

HST 3360 Modern Africa (3 semester hours) This course will introduce students to the history of Africa after 1880. Some of the issues and themes to be explored will be the diversity of African culture, the role of women in Africa, colonialism, independence movements, post-colonialism, and Africa today. (3-0) T

HST 4357 Topics in African and African-American History (3 semester hours) Subject matter will vary from semester to semester. May be repeated for credit as topics vary (9 hours maximum). (3-0) R

HST 4359 Topics in Asian and Latin American History (3 semester hours) Subject matter will vary from semester to semester. May be repeated for credit (9 hours maximum). (3-0) R

American Historical Studies
HST 3363 History of Texas (3 semester hours) The political, social, economic, and cultural development of Texas. Fulfills one-half of the Texas legislative requirement for six hours in American history. (3-0) S

HST 3364 History of American Religion (3 semester hours) An examination of the development of American religious institutions and their relation to the nation's social, political, and cultural history. Fulfills one-half of the Texas legislative requirement for six hours in American history. (3-0) T

HST 3366 Themes in the Social History of the United States (3 semester hours) A survey of social history, focusing upon the American experience. The course explores changes in the family, work, sex roles, mobility, migration, urbanization, and industrialization. Fulfills one-half of the Texas legislative requirement for six hours in American history. (3-0) T

HST 3368 Slavery and Race Relations in the United States (3 semester hours) An analysis of the evolution of slavery and race relations in the U.S. from the colonial period to the present. Fulfills one-half of the Texas legislative requirement for six hours in American history. (3-0) T

HST 3369 United States Foreign Relations (3 semester hours) A survey of American diplomatic history since the 1890s. The course analyzes the United States' relations with Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, and Soviet Russia. Fulfills one-half of the Texas legislative requirement for six hours in American history. (3-0) T

HST 3370 The American Experience in Vietnam (3 semester hours) An analysis of the political, diplomatic, economic, and cultural impact the Vietnam War had on American society. Students will analyze monographs, memoirs, novels, documentaries, and feature films. Fulfills one-half of the Texas legislative requirement for six hours in American history. (3-0) T

HST 3371 Twentieth-Century American Culture and Society (3 semester hours) An exploration of the interplay between social change and cultural developments during the 20th century. Topics include urban life, mass marketing and media, gender roles, ethnic identity, and the relation between "high" and "low" culture. Fulfills one-half of the Texas legislative requirement for six hours in American history. (3-0) T

HST 3372 Development of American Urban Society (3 semester hours) This course investigates the impact of urbanization on American society, economy, and culture. Topics may vary, but consideration will be given to urban social and spatial organizations, migration, urban systems, technology, and communications. Fulfills one-half of the Texas legislative requirement for six hours in American history. (3-0) T

HST 3374 American Technological Development (3 semester hours) A survey of the role played by technology in shaping American culture from colonial times to the present. Fulfills one-half of the Texas legislative requirement for six hours in American history. (3-0) T

HST 3361 History of American Education (3 semester hours) An inquiry into the history of schooling in America from colonial times to the present. The course will examine how educational institutions have shaped and been shaped by major shifts in the relations of production, knowledge, and the definitions of citizenship. (3-0) T

HST 3362 Rise of the Helping Professions in America (3 semester hours) A course on the history of medicine, psychiatry, social work, and education in the United States since the late nineteenth century. Examines the social dynamics and consequences of professional politics, public policies, specialized knowledge, and therapeutic relationships. (3-0) T

HST 3379 United States Relations with Latin America (3 semester hours) An analysis of the United States' political, economic, military, and cultural relations with Latin America, with emphasis on the period since the 1890s. Fulfills one-half of the Texas legislative requirement for six hours in American history. (3-0) T

HST 3380 The Nuclear Age in America (3 semester hours) An examination of the historical roots of the modern nuclear age. Topics will include the development of the atomic bomb and the role of nuclear weapons in postwar diplomacy. Fulfills one-half of the Texas legislative requirement for six hours in American history. (3-0) T

HST 3382 The United States Since 1945 (3 semester hours) An analysis of the key political, diplomatic, socioeconomic, technological, and cultural changes that have shaped contemporary U.S. society. Fulfills one-half of the Texas legislative requirement for six hours in American history. (3-0) T

HST 3384 U.S. Women from Settlement to Present (3 semester hours) A survey of the changing social, political, and economic roles of American women. Particular attention will be paid to the diversity of women's roles, focusing on how women of different races, classes, and sexualities interpreted their "American experience." Fulfills one-half of the Texas legislative requirement for six hours in American history. (3-0) T

HST 3385 Early African-American History (3 semester hours) A study of themes and issues in the history of African-
Americans in the United States. These may include slavery, Blacks in the ante-bellum United States, free Blacks in the ante-bellum era, and Reconstruction. Emphasis will be on African-American perspectives. Fulfills one-half of the Texas legislative requirement for six hours in American history. (3-0) T

HST 3389 History of Science in the U.S. (3 semester hours) Surveys the development of the mathematical and natural sciences in American culture. Subject matter will vary from semester to semester, but topics may include astronomy, physics, chemistry, biology, medicine, natural history, geology, evolution, and genetics. Course content will not overlap with HST 3337. No technical background required. May be repeated for credit as topics vary (9 hours maximum). (3-0) T

HST 3390 Twentieth-Century African-American History (3 semester hours) A study of themes in the history of African-Americans in the twentieth century. The course will focus on the civil rights movement, though other themes will also be explored. Emphasis will be on African-American perspectives and the ongoing struggle for self-determination by African-Americans. Fulfills one-half of the Texas legislative requirement for six hours in American history. (3-0) T

HST 3394 Native American History from the Pre-Columbian Period through 1795 (3 semester hours) Examines the arrival of Native Americans in the New World and the cultures that emerged and declined there in the pre-Columbian period. Will also discuss the intellectual framework within which Europeans envisioned Native Americans. (3-0) T

HST 3395 Native American History in the Nineteenth Century (3 semester hours) Examines the interaction of Native Americans and "whites" during the nineteenth century, primarily in the region west of the Appalachians to the Pacific. Will focus on the cultures of the desert Southwest in the Spanish colonial period. (3-0) T

HST 3396 Native Americans in the Twentieth Century (3 semester hours) Discusses the allotment or destruction of the reservation system in much of the United States at the turn of the century and will also focus on government attempts to force Native Americans to discard their indigenous identity. (3-0) T

HST 3397 Other Americans (3 semester hours) A course on the cultural politics of difference in America. Will explore how and why Americans have used distinctions based on race, gender, class, region, and religion to define themselves and others and to shape the meanings of their lives and their society. (3-0) T

HST 4360 Topics in American Women's History (3 semester hours) Subject matter will vary from semester to semester and may include Women and the American Frontier, Popular Culture and Mass Media, and American Religious Societies. May be repeated for credit as topics vary. (9 hours maximum) All topics fulfill one-half of the Texas legislative requirement for six hours in American History. (3-0) T

HST 4377 Topics in Early American History (3 semester hours) Focuses on the formative era of the American nation. Social, cultural, political, and economic issues are examined within the context of important transformations over time. Topics will vary and may include British Colonial America (1609-1763), The Era of the American Revolution, and The Early American Republic (1785-1828). May be repeated for credit as topics vary (9 hours maximum). All topics fulfill one-half of the Texas legislative requirement for six hours in American History. (3-0) T

HST 4378 Topics in American History (3 semester hours) Subject matter will vary from semester to semester. May be repeated for credit as topics vary (9 hours maximum). All topics fulfill one-half of the Texas legislative requirement for six hours in American history. (3-0) R

Studies in Philosophy and Intellectual History

HST 3304 Conceptions of Human Nature (3 semester hours) Emphasis on contemporary conceptions of human nature and the human condition, stressing the cultural and historical settings. (3-0) T

HST 3321 History of Philosophy I (3 semester hours) Intensive study of texts significant in the history of philosophy from antiquity through the Renaissance. (3-0) T

HST 3322 History of Philosophy II (3 semester hours) Intensive study of texts significant in the history of philosophy from the early modern period to the present. (3-0) T

HST 3373 Philosophy of Mind (3 semester hours) An examination of the historical roots of the mind/body problem and efforts to resolve it. May also examine the nature of consciousness, the problem of other minds, the nature of sensation and personhood, and the emotions. (3-0) T

HST 3375 Ethics in 20th-Century America (3 semester hours) An examination of various ethical problems which have been a part of 20th-century American consciousness, against the backdrop of social and political events. Issues may include abortion, capital punishment, sexual morality, world hunger, and war. (3-0) T
HST 3376 American Intellectual History, Colonial to the Civil War (3 semester hours) A survey of some of the principal developments in American thought from the colonial era to the civil war. May also fulfill one-half of the Texas legislative requirement for six hours in American history. (3-0) T

HST 3377 American Intellectual History, Civil War to the Present (3 semester hours) An exploration of the origins of contemporary American intellectual life through the study of changing ideas about society, politics, science, religion, and art from the civil war to the present. May also fulfill one-half of the Texas legislative requirement for six hours in American history. (3-0) T

HST 3392 Reason, Reasoning, and Logic (3 semester hours) An examination of the nature of rationality and a discussion of some of the various types of reasoning systems. Techniques designed to improve skills in presenting and evaluating arguments. (3-0) T

HST 4305 Ideas and Their History (3 semester hours) A study of the origin, continuity, and diffusion of major philosophical ideas, viewed primarily in historical context. May be repeated for credit as topics vary (9 hours maximum). (3-0) T

HST 4308 Theories of Knowledge (3 semester hours) A study of central topics in the theory of knowledge, including skepticism and the limits of knowledge, relativism and objectivity, and the role of perception, memory, introspection and reason as sources of knowledge. (3-0) T

HST 4380 Topics in Philosophy and Intellectual History (3 semester hours) Subject matter will vary from semester to semester. May be repeated for credit as topics vary (6 hours maximum). (3-0) R

General Courses

HST 4376 Topics in History (3 semester hours) Subject matter will vary from semester to semester. May be repeated for credit as topics vary. (9 hours maximum) R

HST 4V93 Independent Study in Historical Studies (1-3 semester hours) Independent study under a faculty member's direction. May be repeated for credit (9 hours maximum). Consent of instructor required. ([1-3]-0) R

HST 4399 Senior Honors in Historical Studies (3 semester hours) Intended for students conducting independent research for honors theses or projects. Signature of instructor on proposed project outline required. (3-0) R