Student Learning Outcomes for History Graduate Seminars

COURSE	6010 Seminar: Historiography	
Student	Students will:	
Learning	1. Understand the past and present of the disciplines of	
Outcomes	history and public history by exploring their purpose,	
	practice, and philosophy.	
	2. Reflect on the purposes, goals, motives, and assumptions	
	historians bring with them to the study of history.	
	3. Understand the privileges and obligations associated with	
	a career as a professional historian.	
	4. Understand historical trends in theory and method and be	
	able to identify and explain major trends and issues in	
	historiography.	
	5. Learn to write a scholarly book review.	
Assessment	Students will:	
	1. Demonstrate, in seminar discussions, short written	
	assignments, and book reviews the ability to understand,	
	synthesize and, analyze the history of the discipline and the	
	obligations of historians to their profession and to their	
	audience.	
	2. Demonstrate, in longer written assignments, the ability to	
	analyze the major issues and trends in historiography.	
COURSE	6020 Historical Research Methods	
Student	Students will:	
Learning	1. Learn the theory and practice of historical research as	
Outcomes	practiced by professionals in the field, including traditional	
	and current research methodologies;	
	2. Learn to develop a thesis/argument, evaluate its historical	
	probability, place that argument in a historiographic	
	context;	
	3. Gain a knowledge of the diverse sources available to	
	historians;	
	4. Develop a mastery of standard scholarly writing and	
	citation style in accord with the Chicago Manual of Style.	

Assessment	 Demonstrate their understanding the research methods employed by historical professionals by active participation in and leadership of class discussions. Demonstrate, verbally and through written assignments, a critical use of primary sources, understanding of historical content, and the ability to synthesize and analyze historiography; Produce the draft of a work original research that meets the standards of the historical profession (which might be, in part, a thesis proposal) based on the extensive use of primary sources. 	
COURSE	6101 Seminar: Readings in Early American History	7101 Seminar: Readings in Early American History
Student	Students will:	Students will:
Learning	1. Improve their content knowledge of the history of North	1. Improve their content knowledge of the history of North
Outcomes	America through 1800.	America through 1800.
	2. Understand, synthesize, and analyze the major themes	2. Understand, synthesize, and analyze the major themes and
	and debates in the historiography of North America through 1800.	debates in the historiography of North America through 1800. 3. Be able to place both their content and historiographical
	3. Be able to place both their content and historiographical	knowledge about pre-1800 North America into regional and
	knowledge about pre-1800 North America into regional and	global contexts.
	global contexts.	4. Gain an understanding of advanced research methodologies
	4. Gain an understanding of advanced research	in the field, including theory, interdisciplinary approaches, and
	methodologies in the field, including theory,	the analysis of available primary sources
	interdisciplinary approaches, and the analysis of available	
	primary sources.	
Assessment	Students will:	Students will:
	1. Demonstrate their understanding of the history and	1. Demonstrate their understanding of the history and
	historiography of North America through 1800 by active	historiography of North America through 1800 by active
	participation in and leadership of class discussions.	participation in and leadership of class discussions at the level
	2. Demonstrate through short written assignments and	of professionals in the field.
	critical reviews the ability to synthesize and assess the	2. Demonstrate through short written assignments and critical
	arguments of scholarly articles and monographs. 3. Demonstrate in a longer essay the ability to research,	reviews the ability to synthesize and assess the arguments of scholarly articles and monographs at the level of professionals
	synthesize, and evaluate the historiography of a selected	in the field.
	topic in pre-1800 North American history.	3. Demonstrate in a longer essay the ability to research,
	topic in pre-root form finetioni motory.	synthesize, and evaluate the historiography of a selected topic
		in pre-1800 North American history at the level of

		professionals in the field.
COURSE	6102: Readings in 19 th -Century American History	7102 Seminar: Readings in 19 th -Century American History
Student	Students will:	Students will:
Learning	1. Improve their content knowledge of the history of the	1. Improve their content knowledge of the history of the United
Outcomes	United States between 1800 and 1900.	States between 1800 and 1900.
	2. Understand, synthesize, and analyze the major themes	2. Understand, synthesize, and analyze the major themes and
	and debates in the historiography of the United States	debates in the historiography of the United States through
	through between 1800 and 1900.	between 1800 and 1900.
	3. Be able to place both their content and historiographical	3. Be able to place both their content and historiographical
	knowledge about the 19 th Century US into regional and	knowledge about 19th Century US into regional and global
	global contexts.	contexts.
	4. Gain an understanding of advanced research	4. Gain an understanding of advanced research methodologies
	methodologies in the field, including theory,	in the field, including theory, interdisciplinary approaches, and
	interdisciplinary approaches, and the analysis of available primary sources.	the analysis of available primary sources.
Assessment	Students will:	Students will:
Assessment	1. Demonstrate their understanding of the history and	1. Demonstrate their understanding of the history and
	historiography of the 19th Century US by active	historiography of the 19th century US by active participation in
	participation in and leadership of class discussions.	and leadership of class discussions at the level of professionals
	2. Demonstrate through short written assignments and	in the field.
	critical reviews the ability to synthesize and assess the	2. Demonstrate through short written assignments and critical
	arguments of scholarly articles and monographs.	reviews the ability to synthesize and assess the arguments of
	3. Demonstrate in a longer essay the ability to research,	scholarly articles and monographs at the level of professionals
	synthesize, and evaluate the historiography of a selected	in the field.
	topic in 19th Century US history	3. Demonstrate in a longer essay the ability to research,
		synthesize, and evaluate the historiography of a selected topic
		in 19th century US history at the level of professionals in the
		field.
COURSE	6103 Seminar: Readings in Twentieth Century American	7103 Seminar: Readings in Twentieth Century American
	History	History

Student	Students will:	Students will:	
Learning	1. Improve their content knowledge of the history of the US	1. Improve their content knowledge of the history of the US	
Outcomes	between 1900 and 2000.	between 1900 and 2000.	
0 0000	2. Understand, synthesize, and analyze the major themes and debates in the historiography of the United States	2. Understand, synthesize, and analyze the major themes and debates in the historiography of the US through between 1900	
	through between 1900 and 2000.	and 2000.	
	3. Be able to place both their content and historiographical	3. Be able to place both their content and historiographical	
	knowledge about the 20th Century US into regional and global contexts.	knowledge about 20th Century US into regional and global contexts.	
	4. Gain an understanding of advanced research	4. Gain an understanding of advanced research methodologies	
	methodologies in the field, including theory,	in the field, including theory, interdisciplinary approaches, and	
	interdisciplinary approaches, and the analysis of available	the analysis of available primary sources.	
	primary sources.	the unarysis of available primary sources.	
Assessment	Students will:	Students will:	
	1. Demonstrate their understanding of the history and	1. Demonstrate their understanding of the history and	
	historiography of the 20 th Century US by active	historiography of the 20 th Century US by active participation in	
	participation in and leadership of class discussions.	and leadership of class discussions at the level of professionals	
	2. Demonstrate through short written assignments and	in the field.	
	critical reviews the ability to synthesize and assess the	2. Demonstrate through short written assignments and critical	
	arguments of scholarly articles and monographs.	reviews the ability to synthesize and assess the arguments of	
	3. Demonstrate in a longer essay the ability to research, synthesize, and evaluate the historiography of a selected	scholarly articles and monographs at the level of professionals in the field.	
	topic in 20 th century US history.	3. Demonstrate in a longer essay the ability to research,	
	topic in 20 centary est motory.	synthesize, and evaluate the historiography of a selected topic	
		in 20 th century US history at the level of professionals in the	
		field.	
COURSE	6104 Seminar: Topics in American History	7104 Seminar: Topics in American History	
Student	Students will:	Students will:	
Learning	1. Improve their content knowledge of a major thematic	1. Improve their content knowledge of a major thematic topic	
Outcomes	topic in American history.	in American history.	
	2. Understand, synthesize, and analyze the major themes	2. Understand, synthesize, and analyze the major themes and	
	and debates in the historiography of in that topic area.	debates in the historiography of in that topic area.	
	3. Be able to place both their content and historiographical	3. Be able to place both their content and historiographical	
	knowledge of that topic area into regional and global	knowledge of that topic area into regional and global contexts.	
	contexts.	4. Gain an understanding of advanced research methodologies	
	4. Gain an understanding of advanced research	relevant to that topic area, including theory, interdisciplinary	
	methodologies relevant to that topic area, including theory,	approaches, and the analysis of available primary sources.	

	interdisciplinary approaches, and the analysis of available primary sources.	
Assessment	Students will: 1. Demonstrate their understanding of the history and historiography of a topic in US history by active participation in and leadership of class discussions. 2. Demonstrate through short written assignments and critical reviews the ability to synthesize and assess the arguments of scholarly articles and monographs. 3. Demonstrate in a longer essay the ability to research, synthesize, and evaluate the historiography of a selected topic in US history	Students will: 1. Demonstrate their understanding of the history and historiography of a topic in US history by active participation in and leadership of class discussions at the level of professionals in the field. 2. Demonstrate through short written assignments and critical reviews the ability to synthesize and assess the arguments of scholarly articles and monographs at the level of professionals in the field. 3. Demonstrate in a longer essay the ability to research, synthesize, and evaluate the historiography of a selected topic in US history at the level of professionals in the field.
COURSE	6105 Research in American History	7205 Research in American History
Student Learning Outcomes	Students will: 1. Determine a specific research project in American history, in a topic area defined by the instructor, that meets the standards of the historical profession, develop a plausible thesis, and demonstrate its probability; 2. Critically grasp the appropriate historical literature and its relationship to the relevant historiography; 3. Gain an in-depth knowledge of the primary sources available for historical research; 4. Master standard scholarly writing and citation style in accord with the <i>Chicago Manual of Style</i> .	Students will: 1. Determine a specific research project in American history, develop a plausible thesis, and demonstrate its probability. 2. Critically grasp the appropriate historical literature and its relationship to the relevant historiography; 3. Gain an in-depth knowledge of the primary sources available for historical research; 4. Master standard scholarly writing and citation style in accord with the <i>Chicago Manual of Style</i> .

Assessment	Students will: 1. Actively participate in and lead class discussions based on their research and/or assigned readings; 2. Demonstrate, verbally and through extensive writing assignments, a critical and creative use of primary sources, content, historiography, and methods of a major issue in US history; 3. Produce the draft of a publishable article (minimum of 25-35 pages), of original research based on the extensive use of primary sources and set into the proper historiographical content.	Students will: 1. Actively participate in and lead class discussions based on their research and/or assigned readings at the level of professionals in the field. 2. Demonstrate, verbally and through extensive writing assignments, a critical and creative use of primary sources, content, historiography, and methods of a major issue in US history at the level of professionals in the field; 3. Produce the draft of a publishable article (of about 25-35 pages), of original research based on the extensive use of primary sources and set into the proper historiographical content at the level of professionals in the field.
COURSE	6201 Seminar in Pre-Modern European History	7201 Seminar in Pre-Modern European History
Student Learning Outcomes	Students will: 1. Improve their content knowledge of Pre-Modern European history. 2. Understand, synthesize, and analyze the major themes and debates in the historiography of Pre-Modern European history. 3. Be able to place both their content and historiographical knowledge of that topic area into regional and global contexts. 4. Gain an understanding of advanced research methodologies relevant to Pre-Modern European history, including theory, interdisciplinary approaches, and the analysis of available primary sources.	Students will: 1. Improve their content knowledge of Pre-Modern European history. 2. Understand, synthesize, and analyze the major themes and debates in the historiography of Pre-Modern European history. 3. Be able to place both their content and historiographical knowledge of that topic area into regional and global contexts. 4. Gain an understanding of advanced research methodologies relevant to Pre-Modern European history, including theory, interdisciplinary approaches, and the analysis of available primary sources.
Assessment	Students will: 1. Demonstrate their understanding of the history and historiography of Pre-Modern European history by active participation in and leadership of class discussions. 2. Demonstrate through short written assignments and critical reviews the ability to synthesize and assess the arguments of scholarly articles and monographs. 3. Demonstrate in a longer essay the ability to research, synthesize, and evaluate the historiography of a selected topic in Pre-Modern European history.	Students will: 1. Demonstrate their understanding of the history and historiography of Pre-Modern European history by active participation in and leadership of class discussions at the level of professionals in the field. 2. Demonstrate through short written assignments and critical reviews the ability to synthesize and assess the arguments of scholarly articles and monographs at the level of professionals in the field. 3. Demonstrate in a longer essay the ability to research, synthesize, and evaluate the historiography of a selected topic

		in Pre-Modern European history at the level of professionals in the field.
COURSE	6202 Seminar in Modern European History	7202 Seminar in Modern European History
Student Learning Outcomes	Students will: 1. Improve their content knowledge of Modern European history. 2. Understand, synthesize, and analyze the major themes and debates in the historiography of Modern European history. 3. Be able to place both their content and historiographical knowledge of that topic area into regional and global contexts. 4. Gain an understanding of advanced research methodologies relevant to Modern European history, including theory, interdisciplinary approaches, and the analysis of available primary sources.	Students will: 1. Improve their content knowledge of Modern European history. 2. Understand, synthesize, and analyze the major themes and debates in the historiography of Modern European history. 3. Be able to place both their content and historiographical knowledge of that topic area into regional and global contexts. 4. Gain an understanding of advanced research methodologies relevant to Modern European history, including theory, interdisciplinary approaches, and the analysis of available primary sources.
Assessment	Students will: 1. Demonstrate their understanding of the history and historiography of Modern European history by active participation in and leadership of class discussions. 2. Demonstrate through short written assignments and critical reviews the ability to synthesize and assess the arguments of scholarly articles and monographs. 3. Demonstrate in a longer essay the ability to research, synthesize, and evaluate the historiography of a selected topic in Modern European history.	Students will: 1. Demonstrate their understanding of the history and historiography of Modern European history by active participation in and leadership of class discussions at the level of professionals in the field. 2. Demonstrate through short written assignments and critical reviews the ability to synthesize and assess the arguments of scholarly articles and monographs at the level of professionals in the field. 3. Demonstrate in a longer essay the ability to research, synthesize, and evaluate the historiography of a selected topic in Modern European history at the level of professionals in the field.
COURSE	6204 Seminar: Topics in European History	7204 Seminar: Topics in European History

Student	Students will:	Students will:	
Learning	1. Improve their content knowledge of a major thematic	1. Improve their content knowledge of a major thematic topic	
Outcomes	topic in European history. 2. Understand, synthesize, and analyze the major themes and debates in the historiography of in that topic area. 3. Be able to place both their content and historiographical knowledge of that topic area into regional and global contexts. 4. Gain an understanding of advanced research methodologies relevant to that topic area, including theory, interdisciplinary approaches, and the analysis of available primary sources.	in European history. 2. Understand, synthesize, and analyze the major themes and debates in the historiography of in that topic area. 3. Be able to place both their content and historiographical knowledge of that topic area into regional and global contexts. 4. Gain an understanding of advanced research methodologies relevant to that topic area, including theory, interdisciplinary approaches, and the analysis of available primary sources.	
Assessment	Students will: 1. Demonstrate their understanding of the history and historiography of a topic in European history by active participation in and leadership of class discussions. 2. Demonstrate through short written assignments and critical reviews the ability to synthesize and assess the arguments of scholarly articles and monographs. 3. Demonstrate in a longer essay the ability to research, synthesize, and evaluate the historiography of a selected topic in European history	 Demonstrate their understanding of the history and historiography of a topic in European history by active participation in and leadership of class discussions at the level of professionals in the field. Demonstrate through short written assignments and critical reviews the ability to synthesize and assess the arguments of scholarly articles and monographs at the level of professionals in the field. Demonstrate in a longer essay the ability to research, synthesize, and evaluate the historiography of a selected topic in European history at the level of professionals in the field. 	
COURSE	6205 Seminar: Research in European History	7304 Seminar: Research in European History	
Student Learning Outcomes	Students will: 1. Determine a specific research project in European history, in a topic area defined by the instructor, that meets the standards of the historical profession, develop a plausible thesis, and demonstrate its probability; 2. Critically grasp the appropriate historical literature and its relationship to the relevant historiography; 3. Gain an in-depth knowledge of the primary sources available for historical research; 4. Master standard scholarly writing and citation style in accord with the <i>Chicago Manual of Style</i> .	Students will: 1. Determine a specific research project in European history, develop a plausible thesis, and demonstrate its probability. 2. Critically grasp the appropriate historical literature and its relationship to the relevant historiography; 3. Gain an in-depth knowledge of the primary sources available for historical research; 4. Master standard scholarly writing and citation style in accord with the <i>Chicago Manual of Style</i> .	

Assessment	Students will: 1. Actively participate in and lead class discussions based on their research and/or assigned readings; 2. Demonstrate, verbally and through extensive writing assignments, a critical and creative use of primary sources, content, historiography, and methods of a major issue in US history; 3. Produce the draft of a publishable article (minimum of 25-35 pages), of original research based on the extensive use of primary sources and set into the proper historiographical content.	Students will: 1. Actively participate in and lead class discussions based on their research and/or assigned readings at the level of professionals in the field. 2. Demonstrate, verbally and through extensive writing assignments, a critical and creative use of primary sources, content, historiography, and methods of a major issue in European history at the level of professionals in the field; 3. Produce the draft of a publishable article (of about 25-35 pages) of original research based on the extensive use of primary sources and set into the proper historiographical content at the level of professionals in the field.
COURSE	6304 Seminar: Topics in Global History	7304 Seminar: Topics in Global History
Student Learning Outcomes	Students will: 1. Improve their content knowledge of a topic in Global history. 2. Understand, synthesize, and analyze the major themes and debates in the historiography of in that topic area. 3. Be able to place both their content and historiographical knowledge of that topic area into regional and global contexts. 4. Gain an understanding of advanced research methodologies relevant to that topic area, including theory, interdisciplinary approaches, and the analysis of available primary sources	Students will: 1. Improve their content knowledge of a topic in Global history 2. Understand, synthesize, and analyze the major themes and debates in the historiography of in that topic area. 3. Be able to place both their content and historiographical knowledge of that topic area into regional and global contexts. 4. Gain an understanding of advanced research methodologies relevant to that topic area, including theory, interdisciplinary approaches, and the analysis of available primary sources
Assessment	Students will: 1. Demonstrate their understanding of the history and historiography of a topic in Global history by active participation in and leadership of class discussions. 2. Demonstrate through short written assignments and critical reviews the ability to synthesize and assess the arguments of scholarly articles and monographs. 3. Demonstrate in a longer essay the ability to research, synthesize, and evaluate the historiography of a selected topic in European history	 Demonstrate their understanding of the history and historiography of a topic in Global history by active participation in and leadership of class discussions at the level of professionals in the field. Demonstrate through short written assignments and critical reviews the ability to synthesize and assess the arguments of scholarly articles and monographs at the level of professionals in the field. Demonstrate in a longer essay the ability to research, synthesize, and evaluate the historiography of a selected topic in Global history at the level of professionals in the field.

COURSE	6304 Seminar: Research in Global History	7304 Seminar: Topics in Global History	
Student	Students will:	Students will:	
Learning	1. Determine a specific research project in Global history,	1. Determine a specific research project in Global history,	
Outcomes	in a topic area defined by the instructor, that meets the standards of the historical profession, develop a plausible thesis, and demonstrate its probability; 2. Critically grasp the appropriate historical literature and its relationship to the relevant historiography; 3. Gain an in-depth knowledge of the primary sources available for historical research; 4. Master standard scholarly writing and citation style in accord with the <i>Chicago Manual of Style</i> .	develop a plausible thesis, and demonstrate its probability. 2. Critically grasp the appropriate historical literature and its relationship to the relevant historiography; 3. Gain an in-depth knowledge of the primary sources available for historical research; 4. Master standard scholarly writing and citation style in accord with the <i>Chicago Manual of Style</i> .	
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