

Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences
Northwestern University

Approved Distribution Courses - 2025-2026
Area IV - Historical Studies
updated 1/13/2026

Be sure to read these important notes:

The information below pertains to students who started at Northwestern Spring 2023 or earlier. Students who started taking classes at Northwestern after Spring 2023 should refer to the Foundational Disciplines pages:

<https://weinberg.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/degree/post-spring-2023-degree/foundational-disciplines/>

Prerequisites. Many approved distribution courses are advanced courses with one or more prerequisites. Prerequisites are listed in the Undergraduate Catalog and in course descriptions available through the Registrar's webpage. Make sure you have the prerequisites for a course before you decide to enroll.

Interdisciplinary courses. Some interdisciplinary courses are approved for inclusion in more than one distribution area. ***These courses are listed in bold and italics below***, and all relevant areas are indicated in the "area(s)" column. If you take such a course, you can choose in which eligible area to count it.

When courses are offered. This list includes all courses approved for distribution credit for the indicated academic year. The Registrar's Office maintains lists of distribution courses to be offered each quarter, as well as Yearly Course Planners showing each department's planned course offerings for the year. **Some approved courses may not be offered.**

Lists of approved courses from other years:

www.weinberg.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/degree/distribution-requirements/approved-courses.html

Registrar's Website: www.registrar.northwestern.edu

dept/pgm	number	course title	area(s)
ANTHRO	214	<i>Archaeology: Unearthing History</i>	<i>III,IV</i>
ANTHRO	318	Material Worlds of the Middle Ages	IV
ANTHRO	319	Material Life and Culture in Europe, 1500-1800	IV
ANTHRO	324	Archaeological Survey Methods	IV
ANTHRO	327	Historical Archaeology	IV
ANTHRO	328	The Maya	IV
ANTHRO	329	Archaeology and Nationalism; with HUM 329	IV
ANTHRO	370	Anthropology in Historical Perspective	IV
ART	270	<i>Contemporary Art Survey</i>	<i>IV,VI</i>
ART HIST	220	<i>Introduction to African Art</i>	<i>IV,VI</i>
ART HIST	222	<i>Black Art in the TransAtlantic World</i>	<i>IV,VI</i>
ART HIST	224	<i>Introduction to Ancient Art</i>	<i>IV,VI</i>
ART HIST	225	<i>Introduction to Medieval Art</i>	<i>IV,VI</i>
ART HIST	226	<i>Art and Visual Culture of the Islamic World</i>	<i>IV,VI</i>
ART HIST	232	<i>Introduction to the History of Architecture: 1400-present</i>	<i>IV,VI</i>
ART HIST	235	<i>Introduction to Latin American Art</i>	<i>IV,VI</i>

ART HIST	240	Introduction to Asian Art	IV,VI
ART HIST	250	Introduction to Early Modern European Art	IV,VI
ART HIST	255	Introduction to Modernism	IV,VI
ART HIST	260	Introduction to Contemporary Art	IV,VI
ART HIST	301	Topics in Art, Revolution, and Empire	IV,VI
ART HIST	318	Exhibiting Antiquity: The Culture and Politics of Display; with CLASSICS 397 and HUM 397	IV,VI
ART HIST	320-1	Medieval Art: Byzantine	IV,VI
ART HIST	320-3	Medieval Art: Late Medieval	IV,VI
ART HIST	328	Medievalism in Video Games: Art, Culture and Theory	IV,VI
ART HIST	329	Special Topics in Medieval Art	IV,VI
ART HIST	330-1	Early Modern European Art 1400-1500	IV,VI
ART HIST	340-1	Baroque Art: Italy & Spain 1600-1800	IV,VI
ART HIST	342	Eighteenth-Century European Art	IV,VI
ART HIST	349-0	Special Topics in 17th & 18th Century Art	IV,VI
ART HIST	350-1	19th Century Art 1: 1789-1848	IV,VI
ART HIST	350-2	19th Century Art 2: 1848-1914	IV,VI
ART HIST	359	Special Topics in 19th-Century Art	IV,VI
ART HIST	360	20th Century Art	IV,VI
ART HIST	368	Special Topics in Modern Art	IV,VI
ART_HIST	370-1	Architecture & Landscapes, 1750-1890	IV, VI
ART HIST	378	The Global City	IV,VI
ART HIST	386	Special Topics in the Arts of Africa	IV,VI
ART HIST	388	Special Topics in the Art of the Middle East and North Africa	IV, VI
ART HIST	389	Special Topics in Arts of Asia	IV, VI
ASIAN AM	214	Asian American History; with HISTORY 214	IV
ASIAN AM	216	Global Asians; with HISTORY 216	IV
ASIAN AM	218	Asian-Black Historical Relations in the U.S. ; with BLK ST 218	III,IV
ASIAN AM	220	Topics in History	IV
ASIAN AM	304	Asian American Women's History; with HISTORY 304	IV
ASIAN AM	320	Advanced Topics in History	IV
ASIAN AM	370	Advanced Topics in Diaspora	III,IV
BLK_ST	212-1	Introduction to African American History; with HISTORY 212-1	IV
BLK_ST	212-2	Introduction to African American History; with HISTORY 212-2	IV
BLK_ST	213	History of the Black World	IV
BLK_ST	214	Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies	III,IV
BLK_ST	215	Introduction to Black Social & Political Life	III,IV,V
BLK_ST	218	Asian-Black Historical Relations in the U.S. ; with ASIAN AM 218	III,IV
BLK_ST	220	Civil Rights & Black Liberation	IV,V
BLK_ST	245	The Black Diaspora & Transnationality	IV
BLK_ST	262	Introduction to Black Religions; with RELIGION 262	IV
BLK_ST	315	Religion in the Black Atlantic	IV,V,VI
BLK_ST	330	Black Women in 20th-Century	III,IV
BLK_ST	339	Unsettling Whiteness	III,IV
BLK_ST	342	Comparative Slavery	III,IV,V
BLK_ST	345	Afro-Latin America	IV

BUS INST	321	Business and Economic Institutions in Historical Perspective	IV
CFS	393	<i>Field Studies in the Modern Workplace (4-unit course; 1 unit can count toward distribution requirements)</i>	III,IV
CLASSICS	210	<i>The World of Homer ; with HUM 205</i>	IV,V,VI
CLASSICS	211	<i>Greek History and Culture: From Homer to Alexander the Great</i>	IV,V,VI
CLASSICS	212	<i>Rome: Culture and Empire</i>	IV,V,VI
CLASSICS	260	<i>Classical Mythology</i>	IV,V,VI
CLASSICS	310	<i>Archaeology of the Ancient Mediterranean</i>	IV,VI
CLASSICS	311-SA	<i>On-Site Archaeology of the Ancient Mediterranean</i>	IV,VI
CLASSICS	314	Topics in Ancient Science and Technology	IV
CLASSICS	320	Greek and Roman History	IV
CLASSICS	321-SA	On-Site Greek and Roman History	IV
CLASSICS	330	Ancient Economy	IV
CLASSICS	360	<i>Origins of Greek Democracy</i>	III,IV
CLASSICS	380	<i>Classical Reception Studies</i>	IV,VI
CLASSICS	397	<i>Exhibiting Antiquity: The Culture and Politics of Display; with ARTHIST 318 and HUM 397</i>	IV,VI
COMM ST	324-1	Rhetoric of U.S. Women's Rights, Colonial to 1920	IV
ENGLISH	302	<i>History of the English Language</i>	IV,VI
ENVR POL	251	<i>The Politics of Disaster: A Global Environmental History; with HISTORY 251</i>	III,IV
ENVR POL	309	American Environmental History; with HISTORY 309	IV
ENVR POL	340	<i>Global Environments and World History; with HISTORY 376</i>	III,IV
GERMAN	224	Contemporary Germany	IV
GERMAN	224-SA	Contemporary Germany	IV
GERMAN	230	<i>Berlin and the Culture of Democracy</i>	IV,VI
GERMAN	234-1	<i>Jews & Germans: An Intercultural History I</i>	IV,V,VI
GERMAN	234-2	<i>Jews & Germans: An Intercultural History II</i>	IV,V,VI
GERMAN	248	Migration in the German Past and Present	IV
GERMAN	272	<i>Luther and the West; with RELIGION 272</i>	IV,V
GERMAN	321	<i>German Literature: 1800-1900 (German prereq)</i>	IV,VI
GERMAN	323	<i>German Literature: 1900-1945 (German prereq)</i>	IV,VI
GERMAN	325	<i>German Literature: 1945-1989</i>	IV,VI
GERMAN	328	<i>Prague: City of Cultures, City of Conflict; with SLAVIC 328</i>	IV,VI
GERMAN	337	<i>Science and Culture in Germany (German prereq)</i>	IV,V
GERMAN	344-1	Weimar and Nazi Germany; taught with HISTORY 344-1	IV
GERMAN	344-2	Germany Since 1945; with HISTORY 344-2	IV
GERMAN	349	The Holocaust; with HISTORY 349 & JWSH ST 349	IV
GBL HLTH	309	<i>Biomedicine and World History ; with HISTORY 379</i>	III,IV
GBL HLTH	322	<i>Global Epidemics</i>	IV
GBL HLTH	325	History of Reproductive Health	IV
GBL HLTH	327	Infectious Disease Eradication	IV
GNDR ST	220	<i>Sexual Subjects: Introduction to Sexuality Studies</i>	III,IV
GNDR ST	230	Traditions in Feminist Thought	IV
GNDR ST	321	Gender, Sexuality, and History	IV
GNDR ST	324	U.S. Gay and Lesbian History; with HISTORY 324	IV
GNDR ST	340	<i>Gender, Sexuality, and the Law ; with LEGAL ST 340</i>	III,IV

GNDR ST	350-4	Research Seminar in Gender and Sexuality Studies	IV
HISTORY	200	New Introductory Courses in History	IV
HISTORY	201-1	Europe in the Medieval and Early Modern World	IV
HISTORY	201-2	Europe in the Modern World	IV
HISTORY	203-1	Jewish History 750-1492; with JWSH ST 203-1	IV
HISTORY	203-2	Jewish History 1492-1789; with JWSH ST 203-2	IV
HISTORY	203-3	Jewish History 1789-1948; with JWSH ST 203-3	IV
HISTORY	210-1	North America and the United States to 1865	IV
HISTORY	210-2	History of the United States, Reconstruction to the Present	IV
HISTORY	211	American Wars	IV
HISTORY	212-1	Introduction to African American History; with BLK ST 212-1	IV
HISTORY	212-2	Introduction to African American History; with BLK ST 212-2	IV
HISTORY	214	Asian American History; with ASIAN AM 214	IV
HISTORY	215	History of the American Family	IV
HISTORY	216	Global Asians; with ASIAN AM 216	IV
HISTORY	218	The History of Latinas and Latinos in the United States; with LATINO 218	IV
HISTORY	219	History of the Present	IV
HISTORY	220	History of the Future	IV
HISTORY	221	Famous American Trials; with LEGAL ST 221	IV
HISTORY	248	Global Legal History ; with LEGAL ST 248	III,IV
HISTORY	249	The End of Citizenship	III,IV
HISTORY	250-1	Global History: Early Modern to Modern Transition	IV
HISTORY	250-2	Global History: The Modern World	IV
HISTORY	251	The Politics of Disaster: A Global Environmental History; with ENVR POL 251	III,IV
HISTORY	252	Global History of Refugees	IV
HISTORY	253	A Global History of Prisons and Camps	IV,V
HISTORY	254	Entrepreneurship: A Global History	IV
HISTORY	255-1	African Civilizations	IV
HISTORY	255-2	Africa in the Age of Early Modern Empires	IV
HISTORY	255-3	Modern Africa	IV
HISTORY	260-1	Becoming Latin America: 1492-1830	IV
HISTORY	260-2	History of Modern Latin America	III,IV
HISTORY	261	Sex After Shakespeare	IV
HISTORY	262	Pirates, Guns, and Empires	IV
HISTORY	263	Witchcraft in the Early Modern Atlantic World	IV
HISTORY	264	The Age of Revolutions, 1775-1848	IV
HISTORY	265	Women's Sports: A Global History	IV
HISTORY	270	Middle Eastern/Islamic Civilization	IV
HISTORY	271-1	History of the Islamic Middle East: 600-1200	IV
HISTORY	271-2	History of the Islamic Middle East: 1200-1789	IV
HISTORY	271-3	History of the Islamic Middle East: 1789-present	IV
HISTORY	272	The History of Ancient Egypt (3100-ca. 1000 BCE)	IV
HISTORY	274	Indo-Persian Lit as Global Lit: Love, Longing and Dissent from the Balkans to Bengal	IV, VI

HISTORY	275-1	History of Early Modern Science and Medicine	IV
HISTORY	275-2	History of Modern Science and Medicine	IV
HISTORY	281	Chinese Civilization	IV
HISTORY	282	Sino-American Relations in the Modern World	IV
HISTORY	284-1	Ancient and Medieval Japan	IV
HISTORY	284-2	Early Modern Japan	IV
HISTORY	286	World War II in Asia	IV
HISTORY	292	Introduction to Topics in History	IV
HISTORY	300	New Lectures in History	IV
HISTORY	301-SA-1	New Lectures in History 1 (for BCICS summer study abroad programs)	IV
HISTORY	301-SA-2	New Lectures in History 2 (for BCICS summer study abroad programs)	IV
HISTORY	303-1	American Women's History, to 1865	IV
HISTORY	303-2	American Women's History, since 1865	IV
HISTORY	304	Asian American Women's History; with ASIAN AM 304	IV
HISTORY	305	American Immigration; with LEGAL ST 305	IV
HISTORY	308	The American West	IV
HISTORY	309	American Environmental History; with ENVR POL 309	IV
HISTORY	310-1	Early American History: Contact and Colonization	IV
HISTORY	310-2	American Revolution: From British Colonies to Republican Empire	IV
HISTORY	311	Democracy and its Discontents: The US from the Constitution to the Mexican War	IV
HISTORY	314	Civil War and Reconstruction	IV
HISTORY	315-1	The U.S. since 1900: Early 20th C	IV
HISTORY	315-2	The U.S. since 1900: Mid-20th C	IV
HISTORY	315-3	The U.S. since 1900: Late 20th C to Present	IV
HISTORY	316	The Sixties	IV
HISTORY	317-1	American Cultural History: 19th C	IV
HISTORY	317-2	American Cultural History: 20th C to Present	IV
HISTORY	318-1	Legal & Constitutional History of the U.S.; with LEGAL ST 318-1	IV
HISTORY	318-2	Legal & Constitutional History of the U.S.; with LEGAL ST 318-2	IV
HISTORY	319	U.S. Foreign Relations	IV
HISTORY	320	The Fourteenth Amendment; with LEGAL ST 320	IV
HISTORY	321	The Vietnam Wars	IV
HISTORY	322-1	Development of the Modern American City: to 1880	IV
HISTORY	322-2	Development of the Modern American City: 1880-Present	IV
HISTORY	324	U.S. Gay and Lesbian History; with GNDR ST 324	IV
HISTORY	325	History of American Technology	IV
HISTORY	326	U.S. Intellectual History	IV
HISTORY	327	Histories of Violence in the United States	IV
HISTORY	330	Medieval Sex	IV
HISTORY	331	Women in Medieval Society	IV
HISTORY	332-1	Medieval Europe I: Early Middle Ages, 300-1000	IV
HISTORY	332-2	Medieval Europe II: High & Late Middle Ages, 1000-1450	IV
HISTORY	333	The European Renaissance	IV
HISTORY	334	The Reformation of Religion	IV

HISTORY	336	Spain 1500-1700: Rise and Fall of a European Empire	IV
HISTORY	337	History of Modern Europe	IV
HISTORY	338-1	Europe in the 20th Century: 1900-1945	IV
HISTORY	338-2	Europe in the 20th Century: 1945-present	IV
HISTORY	340	Gender, War, and Revolution in the 20th Century	IV
HISTORY	341	Paris: World City, 1700 to the Present	IV
HISTORY	342-1	The French Revolution and Napoleon	IV
HISTORY	342-2	History of Modern France: 19th C. to Present	IV
HISTORY	343	Modern Italy	IV
HISTORY	344-1	German History: Weimar and Nazi Germany; taught with GERMAN 344-1	IV
HISTORY	344-2	German History: Germany Since 1945; taught with GERMAN 344-2	IV
HISTORY	345-1	History of Russia: 800-1917	IV
HISTORY	345-2	History of Russia: 1917-1991	IV
HISTORY	345-3	History of Russia: 1991-present	IV
HISTORY	346	East Central Europe under Communist Rule and Beyond, 1945 to the Present	IV
HISTORY	347	Christians and Jews; with JWSH ST 347	IV
HISTORY	348-1	Jews in Poland, Ukraine, and Russia; with JWSH ST 348-1	IV
HISTORY	348-2	Jews in Poland, Ukraine, and Russia; with JWSH ST 348-2	IV
HISTORY	349	The Holocaust; taught with GERMAN 349 & JWSH ST 349	IV
HISTORY	350	<i>Soviet History Through Film</i>	IV,VI
HISTORY	351	<i>Europe in the Age of Total War</i>	IV,V
HISTORY	352	<i>A Global History of Death and Dying</i>	IV,V
HISTORY	353	<i>History of Capitalism, 1500-1850</i>	III,IV
HISTORY	354	<i>History of Socialism</i>	III,IV
HISTORY	356-1	History of South Africa, Early Times to 1879	IV
HISTORY	356-2	History of South Africa, 1879-present	IV
HISTORY	357	East Africa	IV
HISTORY	358	Topics in West African History	IV
HISTORY	360	Tudor and Stuart Britain	IV
HISTORY	362-1	Modern British History, 1688-1815	IV
HISTORY	362-2	The Victorians: Liberalism, Empire, and Morality, 1780-1900	IV
HISTORY	362-3	Britain since 1900: The Decline and Fall of Empire	IV
HISTORY	364	Gender and Sexuality in Victorian Britain	IV
HISTORY	365	Medicine in Latin America: From Chocolate to Che Guevara	IV
HISTORY	366	Latin America in the Independence Era: American Indians and Nations	IV
HISTORY	367	<i>History of Mexico</i>	III,IV
HISTORY	368-2	Revolutions in Latin America and the Caribbean from Haiti to Mexico	IV
HISTORY	369	Development and Inequality in Modern Latin America	IV
HISTORY	370	<i>Music and Nation in Latin America</i>	III,IV
HISTORY	373-1	Last Empire of Islam: The Ottomans in Europe and Asia in the Early Modern Era	IV
HISTORY	373-2	The Ottoman Empire in the Age of Nationalism	IV
HISTORY	374	The Arabian Peninsula Since the 18th Century	IV
HISTORY	375	Nomads in World History	IV
HISTORY	376	<i>Global Environments and World History; with ENVR POL 340</i>	III,IV

HISTORY	378	History of Law and Science	IV
HISTORY	379	<i>Biomedicine and World History; with GBL HLTH 309</i>	III,IV
HISTORY	381-1	Qing China	IV
HISTORY	381-2	Modern China: The Twentieth Century	IV
HISTORY	381-3	Modern China: Post-Mao Reforms, 1978-2016	IV
HISTORY	381-SA	Beijing: Politics and Power in Modern China	IV
HISTORY	382	The Modern Japanese City	IV
HISTORY	383	Japan's Modern Revolution	IV
HISTORY	384-1	History of Modern Japan: The Modern State	IV
HISTORY	384-2	History of Modern Japan: War and Postwar Japan	IV
HISTORY	385-1	History of Modern South Asia, 1500-1800	IV
HISTORY	385-2	History of Modern South Asia, ca.1750-present	IV
HISTORY	386-2	History of Modern Southeast Asia Until 1945	IV
HISTORY	386-3	<i>Southeast Asia: Decolonization & Independence</i>	III,IV
HISTORY	388	The Mongol Empire	IV
HISTORY	393	Approaches to History	IV
HISTORY	395	Research Seminar	IV
HUM	205	<i>The World of Homer ; with CLASSICS 210</i>	IV,V,VI
HUM	211	Humanities in the World II	IV
HUM	310-4	Global Humanites Lab	IV
HUM	325-4	Humanites in the Digital Age	IV
HUM	329	Archaeology and Nationalism; with ANTHRO 329	IV
HUM	370-4	Special Topics in the Humanities	IV
HUM	397	<i>Exhibiting Antiquity: The Culture and Politics of Display; with ART HIST 318 and CLASSICS 397</i>	IV,VI
JWSH ST	203-1	Jewish History 750-1492; with HISTORY 203-1	IV
JWSH ST	203-2	Jewish History 1492-1789; with HISTORY 203-2	IV
JWSH ST	203-3	Jewish History 1789-1948; with HISTORY 203-3	IV
JWSH ST	280-4	Topics in Israel Studies	IV
JWSH ST	347	Christians and Jews; with HISTORY 347	IV
JWSH ST	348-1	Jews in Poland, Ukraine, and Russia; with HISTORY 348-1	IV
JWSH ST	348-2	Jews in Poland, Ukraine, and Russia; with HISTORY 348-2	IV
JWSH ST	349	The Holocaust; taught with GERMAN 349 & HISTORY 349	IV
LATINO	201	<i>Introduction to Latina and Latino Studies</i>	III,IV
LATINO	218	Latino History; with HISTORY 218	IV
LATINO	391	Topics in Latina and Latino History	IV
LEGAL ST	221	Famous American Trials; with HISTORY 221	IV
LEGAL ST	248	<i>Global Legal History ; with HISTORY 248</i>	III,IV
LEGAL ST	305	American Immigration; with HISTORY 305	IV
LEGAL ST	318-1	Legal & Constitutional History of the U.S.; with HISTORY 318-1	IV
LEGAL ST	318-2	Legal & Constitutional History of the U.S.; with HISTORY 318-2	IV
LEGAL ST	320	The Fourteenth Amendment; with HISTORY 320	IV
LEGAL ST	340	<i>Gender, Sexuality, and the Law ; with GNDR ST 340</i>	III,IV
LEGAL ST	347	Comparative Race and Ethnicity	IV
LING	222	<i>Language, Politics, and Identity ; with SLAVIC 222</i>	IV & V
MENA	200	Making the Modern Middle East: Culture, Politics, History	IV
MENA	290-4	Introductory Topics in Middle East and North African Studies	IV

MENA	390-4	Advanced Topics in Middle East and North African Studies	IV
MUSIC	214	<i>The Classical Canon (enrollment restricted to music program students)</i>	IV, VI
POLI SCI	301	<i>Classical Political Theory</i>	IV,V
POLI SCI	302	<i>Subjects, Citizens, Revolutionaries: Early Modern Political Thought</i>	IV,V
POLI SCI	306	<i>American Political Thought</i>	III,IV
POLI SCI	346	European Union in International Affairs	IV
PORT	210	<i>Icons, Legends, and Myths in Brazil (may have Portuguese prereq)</i>	IV,VI
RELIGION	262	Introduction to Black Religions; with BLK_ST 262	IV
RELIGION	264	<i>American Religious History from 1865 to the Great Depression</i>	IV, V
RELIGION	265	<i>American Religious History from World War II to the Present</i>	IV, V
RELIGION	272	<i>Luther and the West ; with GERMAN 272</i>	IV,V
RELIGION	351	<i>Islamic Law</i>	IV,V
RELIGION	360	<i>Black Religions</i>	IV,V
RELIGION	363	<i>Topics in Women and Religion in America</i>	IV, V
RELIGION	381	<i>Global Catholicism in the Contemporary World</i>	IV,V
RELIGION	385	<i>Topics in U.S. Catholicism</i>	IV,V
RELIGION	386	<i>Topics in Latin American Catholicism</i>	IV,V
RTVF	310	Television History	IV
SLAVIC	222	<i>Language, Politics, and Identity ; with LING 222</i>	IV & V
SLAVIC	250-SA	Balkan Civilizations	IV
SLAVIC	261	<i>Heart of Europe: Poland in the 20th Century</i>	IV,VI
SLAVIC	328	<i>Prague: City of Cultures, City of Conflict</i>	IV,VI
SLAVIC	390	History and Culture in Central and Eastern Europe	IV
SOCIOL	277	<i>Native Society: Past and Present</i>	III,IV
SOCIOL	324	<i>Global Capitalism</i>	III,IV