

How to Guide Students through the History, Philosophy & Religious Studies Department's Offerings

Required Courses

- ❖ one full credit of **World History**, to be earned in the freshman or sophomore year.
- ❖ one full credit of United States history, to be earned in either the junior or senior year. (The department strongly recommends that students earn this credit in their junior year. Students may petition the Department Chair, in consultation with the Director of Studies, to delay taking U.S. history until their senior year.) This may be fulfilled with either of the following:
 - United States History**
 - CL United States History** (*with permission of the department*)
- ❖ two courses for the philosophy, psychology, and religious studies diploma requirement. *At least one* of these courses must be from philosophy and religious studies, and at least one must be taken during the junior or senior year. Our department's offerings that may be used towards this requirement are listed below (designated as PPR).

Elective Offerings in History (2025-26)

- ❖ All **sophomores** may take the following term electives:
 - Civilizations that Changed the World** (GESG)
 - Modern African History: Riot, Rebellion, and Freedom** (GESG)
- ❖ **Sophomores** *with permission of the department* may be considered for the following advanced electives:
 - CL European History** (GESG)—year course
 - Advanced Seminar: History of the Present** (GESG)—term course
- ❖ **Sophomores** *with permission of the department*, and all **juniors** and **seniors** may take the following term elective:
 - The Middle East: A History of Peace and Conflict** (GESG)
- ❖ All **juniors** and **seniors** may also take the following term elective:
 - Genocide: Media, Remembrance, and the International Community** (GESG)
 - Germany and the Holocaust** (GESG)
- ❖ All **seniors** may take the following term elective:
 - History of Sport and Society** (GESG)
- ❖ **Juniors** and **seniors** *with permission of the department* may be considered for the following advanced electives:
 - CL History Seminar: The American Civil War**
 - CL History Seminar: Immigration and Ethnicity in the United States** (GESG)
 - CL History Seminar: Race in American History**
 - CL History Seminar: Topics in Modern East Asian History** (GESG)
- ❖ **Seniors** *with permission of the department and the English department* may be considered for the following advanced electives:

CL Senior Writing Seminar: Guided Humanities Research

Philosophy and Religious Studies Courses (2025-26)

- ❖ All **freshmen** and **sophomores** may take the following term electives:
 - Introduction to Philosophy** (PPR)
 - Introduction to Religious Studies** (PPR)
- ❖ The following courses are open to all **juniors** and **seniors**. **Freshmen** and **sophomores** may enroll in these after having completed either of the department's introductory courses (above).
 - Ancient Philosophy** (PPR)(GESG)
 - Theory of Knowledge** (PPR)
 - Topics in Ethical Theory** (PPR)(GESG)
 - Topics in Logic** (PPR)
 - Philosophy of Nonviolence** (PPR)(GESG)
 - Comparative Religion** (PPR)(GESG)
 - Literature of the Bible** (PPR)
 - Religion, Gender, and Sexuality** (PPR)
 - Skeptics and Believers: Faith and Religion in a Secular World** (PPR)