

History Department **General Education** Courses Summer 2021

HST 110 Detecting the Past: The International Origins of Black Lives Matter

Professor Goldsworthy-Bishop (for additional information or if you have questions please contact Professor Goldsworthy-Bishop at goldswop@wou.edu)

CRN 1401

Asynchronous Online Course 4 credit hours



This course traces the international history of Black rights movements since the 19th century that have impacted the creation of Black Lives Matter. We will examine pan-Africanism, Black liberation, and Black Power movements in the Americas, Africa, and Europe. Students will learn to critically evaluate primary and secondary sources in these topics.

History 110 fulfills the General Education requirement for Foundational Knowledge in Critical Thinking.

HST 460 The Black Death

Professor Swedo (for additional information or if you have questions please contact Professor Swedo at swedoe@wou.edu)

CRN 1194

Asynchronous Online Course 4 credit hours



This class focuses on the epidemic that swept across Europe from 1347-52, affecting all those living, regardless of social status, age, gender, or religion. This course explores the nature of the epidemic, the disease itself, its spread, the fear and speculation it caused, and its societal devastation. We will also investigate both immediate and long-term effects on medieval Europe, in terms of daily life, social interactions, treatment of minorities, and the economy. To understand how the epidemic changed western European society for both individuals and for communities, we will consider medieval psychology, scientific knowledge, spirituality, and aesthetics. Finally, we will set the medieval epidemic in its broader context, by discussing problems in studying historical plagues and by looking at more recent epidemic outbreaks, in order to understand how diseases affect human and animal survival, and how the environment can be an agent for changing human history.

History 460 fulfills the General Education requirement for Integrating Knowledge in Science, Technology, and Society.

HST 497: History of Fascism

Professor Goldsworthy-Bishop (for additional information or if you have questions please contact Professor Goldsworthy-Bishop at goldswop@wou.edu)

CRN 1378

Asynchronous Online Course 4 credit hours



This course will examine the historical origins, evolution, and global history of fascist movements. We will examine a variety of topics including the mobilization of culture, political violence, the social roots of fascism, the impact of imperialism on fascism, and views of gender, race, and class in fascist regimes. Case studies will draw from Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and the Americas, and will consider the relationships between fascist movements in these different regions. The course will conclude with an examination of the emergence of neo-fascist movements and their relationship to earlier fascist ideologies.

History 497 fulfills the General Education requirement in Integrating Knowledge: Citizenship, Social Responsibility, and Global Awareness.