

SCW: Hist-courses spring 2025

The Transformations of Europe

Hist 1102-D1 (required course for History major)

M/W 1:25-2:40

Jeffrey Freedman

This introductory course surveys the history of Europe and its relations with other parts of the world from the eighteenth century to the present as well as providing an introduction to basic historical concepts and methods of source criticism.

Grading: midterm, final, two document analyses (2-3 pages), and class participation.

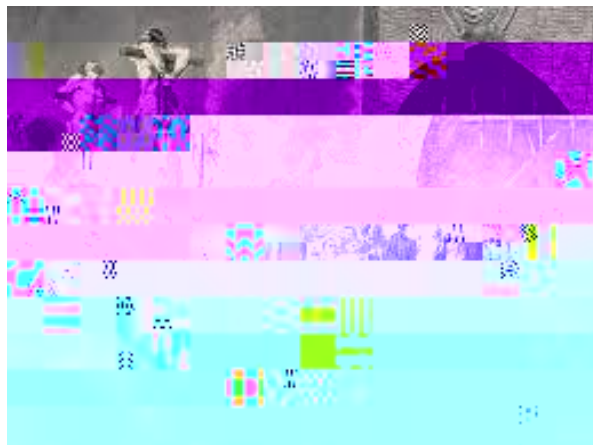
Jews in Medieval Spain

Hist 2149-B/JHIS 2149-B

M/W 10:25-11:40

Ronnie Perelis

Spanish Inquisition: Varieties of Heresy in the Iberian World
Hist 2103-C/JHIS 2103-C
M/W 11:55-1:10
Ronnie Perelis



Explores the history of the Spanish and Portuguese Inquisitions from multiple vantage points. The focus is on Jews and Conversos, the main targets of the

crypto-Judaism in Iberia and the Americas. But we will also consider the experiences of other groups targeted by the Inquisition such as Moriscos, Protestants, free-thinkers, witches, and different groups of non-conformists.

Grading: midterm and final exams, reaction papers, research project, and class participation

History of Modern Russia
Hist 2154-L
T/Th 11:50-1:05
Josh Zimmerman



This course examines the history of modern Russia from Peter the Great to the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Westernization policies (1703-1725), territorial expansion under Catherine the Great (1764-1796), Great Reforms (1860s-1870s), the period of reaction and revolution in late Czarist Russia, the nationalities, and the collapse of the Russian Empire in 1917. The second part of the course covers the history of Soviet Russia, between the 1917 revolution and

Grading: midterm, final, and one research paper.

American Jewish History, 1654-2025
Hist 2240-C/JHIS 2240-C
M/W 11:55-1:10
Jeffrey Gurock

An examination, through primary and secondary sources, of the social, economic, religious and political history of the Jews in the United States within the contexts of American and Jewish history from the Colonial period to the beginning of the 21st century.

Grading: midterm and final

Ideas of History

Hist 3001-J (required course for History major)

T/Th 9:00-10:15

Will Stenhouse

Why read or write history? How can we know about the past?

What can

wrote? This course is designed to address these questions, which are fundamental to the discipline of history, by studying a selection of historians from antiquity to the Renaissance.

Although we will see that these historians are often very different to contemporary historians in their approaches, by examining their assumptions and practices, we will develop a privileged perspective on history writing today.

Grading: discussion and presentation, short tests, and a research paper.