HISTORY DEPARTMENT ADVISEMENT NEWSLETTER
Spring 2017

REGISTER ON-TIME!

Advisement starts October 3rd (Seniors),
October 10th (Juniors), October 17th
(Sophomores), and October 31st (Freshmen):
Make an appointment with your advisor before
your registration date. The department does not
provide codes by e-mail and the office staff will
not give out codes.

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FAQ: Which history major is best for me?
There is no requirement that you choose any particular
history major for any of your career choices. However, if
you plan on getting a teaching certification in secondary
education, you should probably consider History and Social
Science major.
If you plan on getting into Early Childhood or Elementary
education, a History or History/American Studies major
would serve you best.
If you plan to use your history degree as a springboard for
graduate school or as a foundation of career in any area, a
History or History/American Studies major would make the
best choice.
Transfer students may want to discuss an appropriate choice
of major with their advisors.

American Studies

The History major with a concentration in American Studies
provides options to diversify the study of
American society and culture by choosing a variety of
courses in U.S. history, literature, art, political
science, sociology, and other disciplines that study the
United States in its broadest aspects. Please see the
History Department website for the requirements, a
list of electives, and other information about
American Studies. HIS 251: Intro to American
Society is a required course for History/American
Studies majors. Any history major can also use HIS
251 for their American History elective.
NEW COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

HIS 366: History of Islam to 1500

In this course, we will trace the development of Islam as a religious, political, and cultural system. Beginning in the early seventh century, Muhammad’s radically new religious message found converts and political success as the empires of Byzantium and Persia collapsed. As the new religion spread across the Middle East, Africa, Europe, and Asia, unique political and artistic movements developed that adapted Islam to local traditions. At the same time, the universal nature of the religion created a shared cosmopolitan culture from Spain to China. This class will explore Islam on both a universal and local level to understand the role that the religion has played in shaping world history.

HIS 367: The Silk Road: Trade and Travel in Asia to 1500

Two thousand years ago, the writer Pliny the Elder complained about how much his fellow Romans loved to buy and wear silk. This luxury item, he argued, weakened the Roman economy and threatened the morals of its people by making their bodies visible through nearly transparent clothes. The trade networks that brought silk to Rome also carried Arabian incense, Siberian furs, African ivory, and Indian spices. They also helped spread religions, languages, music, and cuisine as people from across Asia travelled, traded, and lived alongside one another. This class will examine the many forms of culture that moved along the Silk Road from antiquity throughout the Mongol period.

Winter Session 2017

HIS 376: Drugs in Asian History- 12/27/16-1/6/17

Department News

- If you are interested in an internship, please check out the information on the History Department website and see Dr. Carenen or Dr. Kirchmann (Windham Textile and History Museum only) for more details.
- In March, 2017, our Department of History will host a CSU Making History Conference (see website for date). This annual conference features research papers by students and faculty from the History departments of all four CSU campuses. Please come and support your fellow history majors!
- Check out our History Blog- if you think you could contribute a brief post about your history-related topic or experience (travel abroad, sight-seeing of historical places, interesting historical readings, etc.), please contact either Dr. Kirchmann or Dr. Ostwald.

History Club: The History Club is an active, student-led society interested in anything and everything to do with History. We meet on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Student Center, room 217.

Sabreena Croteau and Quanece Williams received their Henry Barnard Distinguished Student Awards. They are both dual majors in history and political science, and plan to continue their education in graduate school.