New History Major (beginning Spring 2010)

Beginning on April 19, 2010, with the opening of registration for Fall 2010 courses, the major in History will be revised as follows. Students who declared their majors in History before April 19, 2010 are permitted to opt for the new major, or they may choose to follow the previously published requirements for the History major. (See the catalogue in previous years for details; archived catalogs are available at catalog.oberlin.edu.)

Course Levels:
- 100-level courses are introductory-level survey classes that focus on large geographical areas over long periods of time. They introduce content as well as historiography, and help students develop skills in historical thinking. Survey classes usually comprise a two-semester sequence, though the first is not a prerequisite for the second, and students are not obliged to take both semesters.
- 200-level courses are generally offered without prerequisites, and focus on a theme, a shorter time period, a particular group of people, or a smaller geographical unit than 100-level surveys. Like 100-level courses, they introduce content as well as historiography. They help students develop skills in historical thinking and, often, research methodologies.
- 300-level courses are research-oriented courses and are open to students with appropriate preparation with the instructor's consent. They explore a theme, time period, and/or particular location. They emphasize the tools and processes that historians use to do research, including work in primary sources as appropriate.
- 400-level courses are open to students with appropriate preparation with the instructor's consent. They focus on exploring the historiography of specific areas, themes, and/or time periods, and emphasize critical reading and writing.
- 500-level courses include Senior Projects (History 500, a one-semester course in which seniors pursue an in-depth research project) and the honors sequence (History 501-502), available by departmental invitation to seniors (see "Honors" below).

Major

The History Major requires 9 courses of at least 3 credits, including:
- At least 2 survey courses at the 100-level representing two different geographical areas (excluding FYSP). This requirement may be fulfilled by 10-level survey courses in Africana Studies, Classics, and East Asian Studies that count toward the History major.
- At least 1 course at the 300-level
- At least 1 course at the 400-level. In exceptional cases, students may apply to the department to count a structured private reading in place of a 400-level course. Students seeking this unusual exemption should obtain and complete the appropriate form from the History Department office.

In addition, the 9 courses must include
- At least 1 course designated as "Pre-Modern"
- At least 1 course from each of the following categories:
  - Europe including Russia/USSR
  - North America/US
  - Global/Comparative (outside the Western tradition) Other geographical areas
  - At least 5 courses (equivalent to at least 3 credits each) taught by faculty regularly appointed in the History Department
    - No more than 2 courses (equivalent to at least 3 credits each) taken in approved study-away programs
  - No more than 3 courses (equivalent to at least 3 credits each) taken from selected courses based on historical methodologies taught in African American Studies, East Asian Studies, and Classics.

Note: Students may find the additional courses needed to complete 9 full courses at the 100-200-300-400- or 500-levels. Credit earned in First-Year Seminars taught by members of the Oberlin History Department may also be applied toward the major. Grades below C -earned in any history course, taught at Oberlin or elsewhere, may not be applied toward the major. Courses taught by regular faculty jointly appointed in History am} another program/department are counted as courses within the History Department. The list of courses approved for the History Major but taught outside the History Department is available from the History Department.
History Major Requirement Worksheet

Name: __________________________ Class of: __________________________

Entail: __________________________ Advisor __________________________

A history major consists of at least 9 history courses (of at least 3 credits) with the following requirements:

- two 100-level course from two different geographic areas
  - one 300-level course
  - one 400-level course
  - at least one course from the pre-modern era
  - majors must have at least one course from each of the three major geographic regions (US; Europe; Asia/Latin America/Africa)

*Courses may count in more than one category (ie., a required 300-level course can also fulfill the geographic region or pre-modern requirement).

*At least 5 courses for the major must be taught by regular members of the Oberlin History Department.

*Beyond these requirements, students may take courses as appropriate at the 100-, 200-, 300-, 400- and 500-level; students may also count toward the major FYSP taught by faculty appointed in the History Department. Course grades must be a C-or above to be applicable toward the major:

1. **REQUIRED COURSES**
   - 100-Level in one geographic area: __________________________
   - 100-level in a second geographic area: __________________________
   - 300-level course: __________________________
   - 400-level course: __________________________
   - Pre-modern course: __________________________

2. **GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE**
   - American area course: __________________________
   - European area course: __________________________
   - Latin America/Asia/Africa area course: __________________________

3. **AREA OF FOCUS:** __________________________
   - Majors should identify a four course regional or thematic focus
     1. __________________________
     2. __________________________
     3. __________________________
     4. __________________________