HISTORY OF SCIENCE (HIST SCI)

HIST SCI/ENVIR ST/HISTORY 125 — GREEN SCREEN: ENVIRONMENTAL PERSPECTIVES THROUGH FILM
3 credits.

From Teddy Roosevelt’s 1909 African safari to the Hollywood blockbuster King Kong, from the world of Walt Disney to The March of the Penguins, cinema has been a powerful force in shaping public and scientific understanding of nature throughout the twentieth and twenty-first century. How can film shed light on changing environmental ideas and beliefs in American thought, politics, and culture? And how can we come to see and appreciate contested issues of race, class, and gender in nature on screen? This course will explore such questions as we come to understand the role of film in helping to define the contours of past, present, and future environmental visions in the United States, and their impact on the real world struggles of people and wildlife throughout the world. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Sustain - Sustainability
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2017

HIST SCI/HISTORY/MD HIST 132 — BEES, TREES, GERMS, AND GENES: A HISTORY OF BIOLOGY
3 credits.

How did today’s biology emerge out of the diverse traditions of agriculture and natural history (bees and trees), biomedicine and molecular biology (germs and genes), which stretch back into the eighteenth century? In this course, we examine classic texts and “game-changers” in the history of biology, putting them into broader scientific and social contexts to see how these different ways of knowing intertwined, competed, and yielded novel approaches to the study of life that still shape today’s life sciences. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2020

HIST SCI 133 — BIOLOGY AND SOCIETY, 1950 - TODAY
3 credits.

From medical advancements to environmental crises and global food shortages, the life sciences are implicated in some of the most pressing social issues of our time. This course explores events in the history of biology from the mid-twentieth century to today, and examines how developments in this science have shaped and are shaped by society. In the first unit, we investigate the origins of the institutions, technologies, and styles of practice that characterize contemporary biology, such as the use of mice as “model organisms” for understanding human diseases. The second unit examines historical controversies such as the introduction of genetically modified plants into the food supply. The final unit asks how biological facts and theories have been and continue to be used as a source for understanding ourselves. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2021

HIST SCI 150 — THE DIGITAL AGE
3 credits.

An introduction to the history of the computer from the 1940s to the present day, major developments in computer science and technology in their historical contexts, and recent trends in computing and society. We learn about machines, but emphasize the study of people: the institutions, scientists, workers, and social movements that invented, facilitated, and transformed digital technology in the 20th and early 21st century. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2020

HIST SCI 160 — ENGINEERING INEQUALITY: TECHNOLOGY AND INEQUITY THROUGHOUT HISTORY
3-4 credits.

Offers an introduction to the history of technology centered around the relationship between technology and various forms of social inequality. Addresses: 1) how gendered, racial, and class-based disparities have shaped the history of technology; 2) how forms of engineered inequity have intersected with state-building, colonial projects, environmental degradation, and revolutionary programs; 3) how technology has been implicated in attempts to imagine a more just society. Introduces central themes and concepts in the histories of science, medicine, and especially technology. Examines case-studies that are transnational in scope and move chronologically from the 17th century to the present. Also gives significant attention to histories of technology that originated outside of the U.S. and Europe. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
HIST SCI/HISTORY 171 — HISTORY OF MEDICINE IN FILM
3-4 credits.

Considers the social and cultural history of 20th and early 21st century American medicine through the depiction of health care practitioners and health care systems in Hollywood movies. View films that featured medicine, doctors, nurses, patients, and hospitals. Using these films as primary sources, seek to place these representations into a broader social and cultural context. Evaluate the extent to which popular understandings of medicine, health, and healing as portrayed in the films corresponded to actual practices of medicine and medical research at the time the films were first screened for mass audiences. Enroll Info: None

Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2019

HIST SCI 180 — FRESHMAN HONORS SEMINAR: HISTORY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND MEDICINE
3 credits.

Introduction to the history of science, technology and medicine through in-depth examination of a specific theme or topic. Enroll Info: Open to Fr only or with cons inst

Requisites: Declared in honors program
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2016

HIST SCI 201 — THE ORIGINS OF SCIENTIFIC THOUGHT
3 credits.

Emergence of scientific method and scientific modes of thought out of ancient philosophical and religious traditions; the impact of ancient science on medieval Christendom; the origins and development of the Copernican-Newtonian world view. Enroll Info: Open to Fr. Not open to stdts who have taken ILS 201 or HIST SCI/HISTORY 323, except by cons inst

Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2020

HIST SCI 202 — THE MAKING OF MODERN SCIENCE
3 credits.

Major trends and developments in the sciences from the 17th century to the early 20th century. Emphasis on those with broad cultural and social implications. Enroll Info: Not open to stdts who have had Hist of Sci 204. Open to Fr

Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2021

HIST SCI 203 — SCIENCE IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY: A HISTORICAL OVERVIEW
3 credits.

Major themes in the physical, biological and environmental sciences from 1890 to the present, with attention to conceptual development, interaction of science and society, philosophical issues, and personalities in science. Enroll Info: None

Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2014

HIST SCI/ASTRON 206 — HISTORY OF ASTRONOMY AND COSMOLOGY
3 credits.

The development of astronomical knowledge and cosmological views from the earliest times to the present, viewed in their social, philosophical, and technological contexts. Enroll Info: None

Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2021

HIST SCI/MED HIST 212 — BODIES, DISEASES, AND HEALERS: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE
3 credits.

A survey of different conceptions of how the body as a site of sickness has been understood from Antiquity to contemporary medicine. Includes consideration of the origins and evolution of public health, the changing social role of healers, and the emergence of the modern "standardized" body in health and illness. Enroll Info: Open to Freshmen. For honors credit consent required in Hist Sci/Hist Med 284 or consent of instructor

Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2021

HIST SCI/MED HIST 218 — HISTORY OF TWENTIETH CENTURY AMERICAN MEDICINE
3 credits.

This undergraduate lecture course introduces students to the development of the modern American medical care system. Enroll Info: None

Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2015
HIST SCI 222 — TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL CHANGE IN HISTORY  
3 credits.

Topics in the history of technology of interest to students in engineering and physical sciences. Themes include the social basis of technical change, the impact of technology on everyday life, and ethical issues in technology in the last four centuries. Enroll Info: None  
Requisites: Sophomore Standing, or one course in HISTORY or HIST SCI  
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities  
Level - Intermediate  
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S  
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions  
Last Taught: Fall 2020

HIST SCI/C&E SOC 230 — AGRICULTURE AND SOCIAL CHANGE IN WESTERN HISTORY  
3 credits.

Agricultural practices and social history from prehistoric times to the present. Topics include origins of agriculture, feudalism, agriculture in the Industrial Revolution, farming in America, and the consequences of the Green Revolution. Enroll Info: None  
Requisites: None  
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science  
Level - Elementary  
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S  
Repeatable for Credit: No  
Last Taught: Fall 2014

HIST SCI 250 — SPECIAL TOPICS IN HISTORY OF SCIENCE (INTRODUCTORY)  
3 credits.

Special topics in the history of science, medicine, and technology, aimed for students at the introductory (fresh-soph) level. Enroll Info: None  
Requisites: None  
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities  
Level - Elementary  
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S  
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions  
Last Taught: Summer 2020

HIST SCI/AFROAMER/MED HIST 275 — SCIENCE, MEDICINE, AND RACE: A HISTORY  
3 credits.

Surveys the medical and scientific constructions of categories of race, placing the development of racial theories in a broad social and political context. The course will pay particular attention to the importance of racial science in slavery and colonialism. Enroll Info: None  
Requisites: None  
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement  
Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science  
Level - Elementary  
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S  
Repeatable for Credit: No  
Last Taught: Spring 2018

HIST SCI 280 — HONORS SEMINAR: STUDIES IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, MEDICINE  
3 credits.

Intensive exploration of issues in the history of science. Emphasis on developing critical thinking about science through formal and informal writing. Enroll Info: Communications Requirement Part A must be satisfied. Open to non-honors stdts with cons inst. Open to Fr  
Requisites: Declared in honors program  
Course Designation: Gen Ed - Communication Part B  
Breadth - Humanities  
Level - Intermediate  
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S  
Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)  
Repeatable for Credit: No  
Last Taught: Fall 2020

HIST SCI/ECON 305 — DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC THOUGHT  
3-4 credits.

Development of economic thought from the middle ages to the present; emphasis on major schools of thought including Classical, Marxist, Neo-Classical, and Keynesian schools. Enroll Info: None  
Requisites: (ECON 101 and 102) or (A A E 215 and ECON 102) or ECON 111  
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science  
Level - Intermediate  
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S  
Repeatable for Credit: No  
Last Taught: Fall 2020
HIST SCI/MEDIEVAL 322 — ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL SCIENCE
3 credits.
Scientific ideas and institutions from the beginnings of Greek philosophy to the Renaissance. Enroll Info: Jr st or cons inst. Grads must enroll concurrently in HIST SCI 622
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2018

HIST SCI/HISTORY 323 — THE SCIENTIFIC REVOLUTION: FROM COPERNICUS TO NEWTON
3 credits.
An introduction to the formative period of modern science, including major ideas and events in the physical and life sciences from Copernicus to Newton. Enroll Info: Jr st or cons inst. Grads enroll concurrently in HIST SCI 623
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2021

HIST SCI/HISTORY 324 — SCIENCE IN THE ENLIGHTENMENT
3 credits.
Development and triumph of Newton’s gravitational law; the conceptual revolution in chemistry; earth history and the move from religious to natural cosmologies. 4th credit requires extra work. Enroll Info: Jr st
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2016

HIST SCI/MED HIST/RELIG ST 331 — SCIENCE, MEDICINE AND RELIGION
3-4 credits.
Science, medicine and religion from antiquity to the present, with emphasis on Western civilization. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2020

HIST SCI/MED HIST 333 — HISTORY OF MODERN BIOLOGY
3 credits.
Survey of major developments in biology and related sciences ca. 1700-1950. Topics include morphology and embryology; evolutionary theory, ecology, and genetics; physiology and recent experimental biology. Enroll Info: Jr st or cons inst
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2015

HIST SCI 337 — HISTORY OF TECHNOLOGY
3 credits.
A survey of Western technology within its social and cultural context during the past 1000 years. Topics include technology in European expansion, the industrial revolution, and the rise of the United States as a technological superpower. Enroll Info: Jr st or cons inst. Grads must enroll concurrently in HIST SCI 637
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2014

HIST SCI 339 — TECHNOLOGY AND ITS CRITICS SINCE WORLD WAR II
3 credits.
Examines expert and popular criticism of technology from World War II to the present. Topics include atomic fallout, consumer society, Ralph Nader’s critique of auto safety, environmentalism, the movement against nuclear power, critics in the counterculture, and appropriate technology. Enroll Info: Jr st or cons inst. Grad stdts must enroll concurrently in Hist Sci 639
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2013

HIST SCI 343 — THE DARWINIAN REVOLUTION
3 credits.
Scientific, social, religious and related dimensions of the evolution hypothesis from predarwinian speculation and Darwin’s own work to later support, criticism and continuing investigation. Coverage reaches into the twentieth century. Enroll Info: Jr st or cons inst
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2020
HIST SCI 350 — SPECIAL TOPICS IN THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE
2-3 credits.
Enroll Info: So honors or Jr st
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2021

HIST SCI/ENVIR ST 353 — HISTORY OF ECOLOGY
3 credits.
The development of the science of ecology and related scientific issues and social attitudes, with a primary emphasis on developments from the late nineteenth century to the present. Enroll Info: Jr st or cons inst
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2015

HIST SCI/ENVIR ST/RELIG ST 356 — ISLAM, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT
3-4 credits.
Survey of Muslim religious understandings of science, technology, nature and environment. Lectures and readings present a global perspective through case studies, covering sources such as the Qur'an, theology and law, and traditions of esoteric piety (mysticism), and historical and contemporary issues like medical ethics, virtual realities, and environmental change, challenge and crisis. Enroll Info: Sophomore standing
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Sustain - Sustainability
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2015

HIST SCI/HISTORY/MED HIST 394 — SCIENCE IN AMERICA
3 credits.
From the colonial period to the present; emphasis on the development of scientific institutions and the influence of science on American life. Enroll Info: Jr st or cons inst
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2017

HIST SCI/S&A PHM 401 — HISTORY OF PHARMACY
2 credits.
Pharmaceutical field, from antiquity to modern medical care; professional; structuring in principal countries of the West. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2020

HIST SCI 404 — A HISTORY OF DISEASE
3-4 credits.
What is disease? Who decides? What are the consequences of labeling a behavior a disease? Can disease be a tool of liberation? Can disease be an instrument of oppression? How do race, class, and gender affect our understandings of and experiences with illness? How have diseases shaped American history? This course is designed to illustrate the various ways disease operates in America. We will examine the role of disease on at least four levels--political, social, cultural, and personal- to demonstrate that diseases are not merely bodily afflictions; they are also participants in the body politic. At first glance, this course outline might look like one disease after another, and on some level it is. However, the diseases are chosen to illustrate a different point about the social and cultural lives of disease in the history of the United States. Although the course moves forward chronologically, it is not meant as a narrative history of disease. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2020

HIST SCI/MATH 473 — HISTORY OF MATHEMATICS
3 credits.
An historical survey of the main lines of mathematical development. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Natural Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2021
HIST SCI/HISTORY/MED HIST 504 — SOCIETY AND HEALTH CARE IN AMERICAN HISTORY
3 credits.
Lecture-seminar. Health care in America since the colonial period; emphasis on social developments. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2016

HIST SCI/HISTORY/MED HIST 507 — HEALTH, DISEASE AND HEALING I
3-4 credits.
Medicine in Europe from antiquity to the 18th century, investigating changes in medical ideas, institutions, practices, and organization. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2015

HIST SCI/HISTORY/MED HIST 508 — HEALTH, DISEASE AND HEALING II
3-4 credits.
Medicine in Europe from the 18th century to mid-20th century, investigating changes in disease and demography, state interest in health care, the medical professions, and both scientific and alternative medical ideas. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2020

HIST SCI/MED HIST 509 — THE DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN AMERICA
3 credits.
Seminar. Health problems in the U.S. from the colonial period to the twentieth century; efforts made toward their solutions. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2017

HIST SCI/ENVIR ST/MED HIST 513 — ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE
3 credits.
Explores the historical relationships between environmental change and human health from the 17th through the 20th century. Topics include colonialism and disease, medical geography, urban pollution and reform, workplace hazards, environmental risk, and the anti-toxics and environmental justice movements. Enroll Info: Jr st
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Sustain - Sustainability
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2016

HIST SCI/GEOSCI 514 — HISTORY OF GEOLOGIC THOUGHT
3 credits.
Major concepts from earliest to modern times. Enroll Info: Sr st, GEOSCI 100 or 101 204 or cons inst
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2016

HIST SCI/AFROAMER/MED HIST 523 — RACE, AMERICAN MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH
3 credits.
The course will provide historical perspectives on current dilemmas facing black patients and health care professionals. Enroll Info: Jr or Sr st
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2020
HIST SCI/ENGL/MED HIST 525 — HEALTH AND THE HUMANITIES
3 credits.
Explores how a humanistic perspective can broaden our understanding of
health and medicine. Specifically, we will examine the role of language
and culture in the creation and circulation of biomedical knowledge;
our lived experiences with illness (physical and mental); the intricate
intersections of race, gender, sexuality, disability and medicine; the
political dimensions of diagnosis, disease, and epidemics, and the role
that fiction, creative non-fiction, comics, and film play in shaping our
experiences with health and medicine as health care providers and as
patients. The course does not assume any background in science or
medicine. One of our recurrent topics, in fact, will be to consider how non-
experts interact with medicine and its technical vocabularies. Although
the primary objective of the course is to understand the cultural, social,
and political dimensions of health and medicine, a secondary objective
is for students to become more savvy patients and, for the few students
who might emerge on the other side of the stethoscope one day, more
well rounded health care professionals. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in the Health and the Humanities certificate
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2021

HIST SCI/GEN&WS/MED HIST 531 — WOMEN AND HEALTH IN
AMERICAN HISTORY
3 credits.
Women as patients and as health professionals in America from the
colonial period to the present. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural
Sci req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2021

HIST SCI/GEN&WS/MED HIST 532 — THE HISTORY OF THE (AMERICAN)
BODY
3 credits.
This course demonstrates that human bodies have social and cultural
histories. It will highlight the social values placed on different bodies, the
changing social expectations bodies create, and the role of science and
medicine in creating the cultural meanings of bodies. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2018

HIST SCI/GEN&WS 537 — CHILDBIRTH IN THE UNITED STATES
3 credits.
Using a reproductive justice framework, analyze contexts, experiences,
practices, ideologies, and historiographies of childbirth in the United
States from roughly the 17th century to the present, with the heaviest
emphasis on the 20th and 21st century. Examines the ways that
colonization, genocide, enslavement, racism, capitalism, heterosexism,
patriarchy, and ableism have shaped all of these aspects of childbirth.
Inquire how key movements and groups resisting some of these forms
of oppression have had the power to reshape birth, as well as locating in
birth a source of transformational power. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2021

HIST SCI/MED HIST 550 — MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES IN HISTORICAL
PERSPECTIVE
3 credits.
Focusing upon the 18th- to 21st-century U. S. and building upon
earlier European history, the course explores the ways that a range of
technologies - e.g. stethoscopes, spirometers, x-rays, hospital design,
pharmaceuticals, gene and cell therapies, telemedicine, etc. - have
shaped medicine and invited social critique. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior or Senior standing.
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2015

HIST SCI/MED HIST/POP HLTH 553 — INTERNATIONAL HEALTH AND
GLOBAL SOCIETY
3 credits.
Major problems in international health from 1750 to the present. Focus
on disease epidemiology and ecology; political economy of health;
migration; quarantine; race, ethnicity, and health care; international health
research; cross-cultural healing; mental and maternal health; growth of
international health organizations. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2019

HIST SCI 555 — UNDERGRADUATE SEMINAR IN HISTORY OF SCIENCE
3 credits.
Introduction to research in history of science. Enroll Info: Hist of sci
majors only-initial preference to Srs
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2019
HIST SCI/CLASSICS/HISTORY/MED HIST/S&A PHM 561 — GREEK AND ROMAN MEDICINE AND PHARMACY

3 credits.

Greek and Roman medicine and drug lore from the Pre-Socratics to Oribasius (c. 600 B.C. - A.D. 350), including the backgrounds of ancient Egyptian and Mesopotamian medicine. Enroll Info: None

Requisites: Junior standing

Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities

Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2015

HIST SCI/HISTORY/MED HIST/MEDIEVAL/S&A PHM 562 — BYZANTINE MEDICINE AND PHARMACY

3 credits.

Byzantine and Islamic medicine and drug lore from Oribasius to the beginnings of the Italian Renaissance (c. 350 - c. 1400 A.D.). Enroll Info: None

Requisites: Junior standing

Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities

Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2015

HIST SCI/HISTORY/MED HIST 564 — DISEASE, MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE HISTORY OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

3 credits.

This course examines the history of illness and medical practice in Latin America and the Caribbean from the colonial era until the present. Using an interdisciplinary set of sources, students will explore the different meanings of disease, body normativity, medical practice, and ideas about public health across different historical circumstances in the region. Enroll Info: None

Requisites: Junior standing

Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science

Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2019

HIST SCI/ENGL/MED HIST 599 — DIRECETD STUDY IN HEALTH AND THE HUMANITIES

1 credit.

Offers students enrolled in the Health and the Humanities certificate an opportunity to conduct independent research under the guidance of a faculty member. It allows students who have enrolled in or completed a Health and the Humanities Capstone an opportunity to go into greater depth on a topic covered in the capstone course. In consultation with a faculty member, students will design a project that builds on lessons learned or work completed as part of their capstone experience. Enroll Info: None

Requisites: Consent of instructor

Course Designation: Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2020

HIST SCI 615 — THE HISTORY OF EVOLUTIONARY THOUGHT

3 credits.

Biological and geological foundations, preliminary speculations, the Darwinian synthesis, and its substantiation. Enroll Info: Jr st or cons inst

Requisites: Consent of instructor

Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities

Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2014

HIST SCI 622 — STUDIES IN ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL SCIENCE

1 credit.

Advanced readings in primary and secondary literature of the history of ancient and medieval science, with emphasis on historiographic issues. Enroll Info: Grad st; con reg in HIST SCI/MEDIEVAL 322 or cons inst

Requisites: None

Course Designation: Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2013

HIST SCI 623 — STUDIES IN EARLY MODERN SCIENCE

1 credit.

Advanced readings in primary and secondary literature of the history of the 16th-17th century European science, with emphasis on current historiographic issues. Enroll Info: Grad st; con reg in HIST SCI/ HISTORY 323 or cons inst

Requisites: None

Course Designation: Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2021

HIST SCI 637 — STUDIES IN HISTORY OF TECHNOLOGY

1 credit.

Advanced readings in primary and secondary literature of the history of technology, with emphasis on historiographic issues. Enroll Info: Grad st; con reg in HIST SCI 337 or cons inst

Requisites: None

Course Designation: Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2012

HIST SCI/MED HIST 668 — TOPICS IN HISTORY OF MEDICINE

3 credits.

Upper-level special topics course in the history of medicine. Enroll Info: None

Requisites: Junior standing

Course Designation: Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2016
HIST SCI 681 — SENIOR HONORS THESIS
3 credits.
Honors thesis for history of science majors. Enroll Info: Open to honors majors in hist sci, cons inst required
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2019

HIST SCI 682 — SENIOR HONORS THESIS
3 credits.
Honors thesis for history of science majors. Continuation of 681. Enroll Info: Open to honors majors in hist sci, cons inst required
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2020

HIST SCI 691 — SENIOR THESIS
3 credits.
Senior thesis for history of science majors. Research and writing on an original topic. Enroll Info: Open to hist sci majors, cons inst required
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2007

HIST SCI 692 — SENIOR THESIS
3 credits.
Senior thesis for history of science majors. Continuation of 691. Enroll Info: Open to hist sci majors, cons inst required
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2008

HIST SCI 698 — DIRECTED STUDY
1-3 credits.
Cr/N. Enroll Info: Jr st. Graded on a Cr/N basis; requires cons inst
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2020

HIST SCI 699 — DIRECTED STUDY
1-3 credits.
Enroll Info: Jr st. Graded on a lettered basis; requires cons inst
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2017

HIST SCI/ENVIR ST/MED HIST 713 — STUDIES IN ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH
1 credit.
Advanced readings in primary and secondary literature of environment and health, with emphasis on current historiographic issues. Enroll Info: Grad st, or con reg in Hist Med 513 or cons inst
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Sustain - Sustainability
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2016

HIST SCI 720 — PROSEMINAR: HISTORIOGRAPHY AND METHODS
3 credits.
Philosophies, methods, and sources in the history of science, and their relations to the current state of scholarship. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2020

HIST SCI 903 — SEMINAR: MEDIEVAL, RENAISSANCE, AND 17TH CENTURY SCIENCE
3 credits.
Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2019

HIST SCI 907 — SEMINAR: HISTORY OF TECHNOLOGY
3 credits.
Research and readings on a topic of current interest in history of technology. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2018
HIST SCI 909 — HISTORY OF BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE
3 credits.

Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2021

HIST SCI 911 — SEMINAR-EIGHTEENTH CENTURY SCIENCE
3 credits.

Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2019

HIST SCI/MED HIST 919 — GRADUATE STUDIES IN MEDICAL HISTORY
3 credits.

Three seminars analyzing the scientific and social aspects of the development of modern medicine in Europe and America; one seminar exclusively on public health. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2020

HIST SCI 921 — SEMINAR-SPECIAL TOPICS
3 credits.

Offered occasionally. Topics not treated in regular courses. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2021

HIST SCI 925 — SEMINAR: RESEARCH AND THESIS
1-3 credits.

Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2017

HIST SCI 950 — HISTORY OF SCIENCE COLLOQUIUM
0-1 credits.

Intended for graduate majors in History of Science and required of graduate majors in History of Science during their first two semesters. Enroll Info: History of Science major; Grad st
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2015

HIST SCI 990 — RESEARCH AND THESIS
1-3 credits.

Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2021

HIST SCI 999 — INDEPENDENT WORK
1-3 credits.

Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2021