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HIST 400.01: Historiography

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Syllabus for History 400 (Historiography)

**Required Readings**

- Herodotus, *The Histories* (Penguin) selections
- Thucydides, *The Peloponnesian War* (Penguin) selections
- Joinville and Villehardouin, *Chronicles of the Crusades* (Penguin) selections
- Edward Gibbon, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* (Fawcett) selections
- Jacob Burckhardt, *The Civilization of the Renaissance in Italy* (Penguin) (selections)
- Fritz Stern, *The Varieties of History*, selections (Fac-Pac)

**Examinations and Papers**

Students will write a midterm examination and a final examination. Both examinations will have a combination essay and identification question format. A ten-page term paper, on a topic to be chosen by each student in consultation with the professor, will be due on Monday 27 November. Late papers will be docked one-third of a grade per day. Graduate students who are taking the course for graduate credit must write a twenty-page paper in place of the ten-page undergraduate paper.

**Lectures and Reading Assignments**

**Week 1**

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**Week 2**

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<th>Herodotus. <em>The Histories</em> (Book I. pp. 41-128)</th>
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**Week 3**
F 20 October  The French Revolution and Historiography: Alexis De Tocqueville

Week 8

M 23 October  Historiography in the Romantic Age: Thomas Carlyle (Stern, pp. 90-107)
W 25 October  Review
F 27 October  Midterm Examination

Week 8

M 30 October  The Rise of German Historiography: Hegel
W  1 November  Karl Marx: To *The German Ideology* (Stern, pp. 145-158)
F  3 November  The Later Marx

Week 9

M  6 November  Marx’s Influence Beyond the Marxist Tradition: Max Weber. *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*
W  8 November  Marx’s Influence Beyond the Marxist Tradition: Karl Mannheim
F 10 November  Holiday

Week 10

M 13 November  The Special Case of Antonio Gramsci
W 15 November  The Annales School (Stern, pp. 403-429)
F 17 November  Social History (Stern, pp. 430-455)

Week 11

M 20 November  Michel Foucault
W 22 November  Holiday
F 24 November  Holiday
Week 12

M 27 November  Jacques Derrida and Deconstruction

W 29 November  The Selective Case of Traditional Historiography Against Marxism

F 1 December  Jacob Burckhardt, *The Civilization of the Renaissance in Italy* (Parts II, III, and IV, pp. 98-229)

Week 13

M 4 December  Traditional Cultural and Intellectual History After Burckhardt (Stern, pp. 289-303, 371-386, 387-402)

W 6 December  The New Cultural and Intellectual History

F 8 December  Leopold von Ranke (Stern, pp. 54-62)

Week 14

M 11 December  The American Historiographical Tradition: From the Puritans to the Moderns (Stern, pp. 197-208)

W 13 December  Writing History Today

F 15 December  Conclusions and Review

Final Examination: 8:00-10:00 A.M., Monday 18 December

Last Day to Drop Classes: 16 October

**Thucydides Readings**

**For Monday 18 September**

Book 1
- Introduction
- The Dispute over Corcyra
- The Debate at Sparta and Declaration of War
- The Spartan Ultimatum and Pericles’ Reply to It

Book 2
- Pericles’ Funeral Oration
- The Plague
- The Policy of Pericles
Book 3
   The Mytilenian Debate
   Civil War in Corecyra

For Wednesday 20 September

Book 5
   The Melian Dialogue
Book 6
   Sicilian Antiquities
   Alcibiades in Sparta
Book 7
   Destruction of the Athenian Expedition
Book 8
   Alarm at Athens
   The Oligarchic Coup

Tacitus Readings

For Monday 25 September

Part One
   Chapter 1 From Augustus to Tiberius
   Chater 2 Mutiny on the Frontiers
   Chapter 3 War with the Germans
   Chapter 7 ‘Partner of My Labours’
   Chapter 8 The Reign of Terror

For Wednesday 27 September

Part Two
   Chapter 9 The Fall of Messalina
   Chapter 10 The Mother of Nero
   Chapter 12 Nero and His Helpers
   Chapter 14 The Burning of Rome
   Chapter 15 The Plot
   Chapter 16 Innocent Victims