

Department: HIST

Course No.: 295W

Title: History Through Fiction

Credits: 3

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Catalog Copy: HIST 295W History Through Fiction. Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: ENGL 105 Or 110 or 111 or 250. Open to juniors or higher. Recommended preparation: HIST 231 or 232 (if American perspective) or HIST 228 or 229 (if European perspective).

What classic novels and other works of fiction reveal about major historical periods and themes in history. Variable topics. May be offered from an American or European perspective. With a change in topic, this course may be repeated for credit.

W Criteria: 1) The content of the course and the writing assignments are totally integrated, as students are required to write formal essays on each of the topics covered. A minimum of 25 pages (over five assignments) is expected. The writing component represents about 70% of the final grade.

2) Extensive commentary on each paper submitted is the primary means of conveying advice on writing. Also welcome and encouraged are individual conferences, and in class the instructor gives formal guidelines and suggestions for better writing, especially early in the semester.

3) Students have the option of revising papers after they have received the instructor's comments. Revisions should be submitted within one week. Their grade will be the average for the original and revised submissions.