

Department: HIST

Course No.: 292W

Title: Biography As History

Credits: 3

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WQ: W

Catalog Copy: HIST 292 W Biography As History Second semester. Three credits. Two class periods of 75 minutes each. Prerequisite: ENGL 105 or 110 or 111 or 250. Open to sophomores or higher.

What the lives of significant individuals reveal about major historical periods and themes. Variable topics.

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.