

History Education Course Descriptions

Sterling College Online

HI101 History of World Civilization I (to 1500 AD) 3 credits

The objective of this course is to survey the history of cultures from the Stone Age to early modern times. Some cultures considered are Cro-Magnon, Sumerian, Assyrian, Egyptian, Greek, Roman, Indian, Chinese, Incan, Aztec, Islamic, Christian, Hebrew, Western Medieval, and Renaissance. An interdisciplinary approach will be used. (Fall semester)

HI102 History of World Civilization II (1500-present) 3 credits

This course is a continuation of the survey of cultures from Reformation to present. This global interdisciplinary study will include topics such as Reformers and their Cultures, Wars of Religions, Enlightenment, Revolution, Statism, Liberalism, Conservatism, Nationalism, Imperialism, Socialism, Scientism, and Totalitarianism. (Spring)

HI211 U.S. History I (to 1877) 3 credits

This course surveys the political, social, and economic history of the United States from its colonial heritage to the governmental crisis of Civil War and Reconstruction. Emphasis is placed on the acquisition of identity as a nation, the development of a sense of legitimacy in the government, the expansion of participation in selecting the government, the extension of government services into the nation, and the distribution of wealth throughout the society in the United States from 1776 through 1877. (Fall)

HI212 U.S. History II (since 1877) 3 credits

This course is a continuation of the survey of the political, social, and economic history of the United States from 1877 to the present. Emphasis is placed on the expansion of government services, regulatory policy, and the quest for equality. Continuing emphasis will be placed on the themes of industrialization and the activities of government in expanding identity, legitimacy, and participation, extension of government services, and distribution of wealth. (Spring)

HI408 Modern America, 1919 – Present 3 credits

Students will engage in an in-depth study of the era of the US as a world power. Particular attention is given to World War II at home and abroad, to the Vietnam era, and to the changing role of the U.S. (Writing Intensive) Prerequisite: HI212. (Spring/Odd)

HI498 Research Methods 1 credit

This course, required of all History/Government majors, will expose students to the research skills and methodologies necessary for the study and writing of history. This course will examine the nature of historical sources, how to interpret such sources critically, how to develop a thesis, and how to write a research paper. Prerequisite: LL101. (Fall)

HI499 Senior Thesis 2 credits

This course will involve research and the production of a major paper. (Writing Intensive) Prerequisite: HI498. (Spring)

BS115 Principles of Sociology

3 credits

This course presents the sociological perspective to answering questions about behavior. Emphasis is given to the importance of patterns of social organization and the meaning these patterns have for individual and social life. (Spring)

BU103 Economics

3 credits

This course surveys foundational economic theory focusing on introductory microeconomic and macroeconomic concepts. Focus will be put on the application of the theory to business situations. (Fall/Spring)

HG202 American Government

3 credits

This course explores the structure and dynamics of American national government, providing a broad-based introduction to the ideas and institutions that shape politics in the United States. Analysis is focused on three major areas: the Constitution and the debates of the founding era, the institutions of modern American government, and the political behavior of the American mass public. Emphasis will also be placed on study of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches of the United States Government. Students will be prepared with a more comprehensive understanding of the forces that shape American government and politics and to become more active participants in the process. (Fall/Even Years)

HG240 World and Regional Geography

3 credits

This course provides a geographical survey of physical and cultural regions of the world and how human activities are influenced by climate, topography, population, and natural resources. (Fall/Odd Years)

HG325 Comparative Government

3 credits

This course is a cross-polity study of politics. Political process and governmental institutions are compared. Special reference is given to major concepts and theories of comparative politics as well as to major Western political systems. (Fall/Odd Years)

HG322 Kansas History and Government

3 credits

The class provides a survey of the history and political development of Kansas. The course is focused particularly to provide hands-on learning activities for education majors. (Spring/ Odd Years)

HI304 Civil War Era, 1820-1877

3 credits

This course examines in depth the changes in American society wrought by growing sectional differences between North and South, by the awakening social conscience of early 19th century reform efforts, by the crisis of Civil War, and by America's unfinished revolution — Reconstruction. Prerequisite: HI211. (Spring/Even Years)

HI306 The Gilded Age, 1877-1939

3 credits

This course provides an intensive study of the political, social, diplomatic, economic, and cultural developments in the US from the industrially expansive 1880s through the depressed 1930s. Prerequisite: HI212. (Fall/Even Years)

HI461 Topics in Non-Western History

1-3 credits

This course is an advanced study in an area of non-western history of current interest. Prerequisites: HI101 and HI102. (Fall or Spring)

HI437 Modern Europe (1789-present)**3 credits**

Political and social change in modern Europe will be studied. Topics include nationalism, imperialism, World War I, fascism, World War II, and the cold war.

Prerequisite: HI335. (Spring/Even Years)

HI451 History of the Russians**3 credits**

The course surveys 1000 years of Russian history, from the end of the 9th to the early 20th century. Much of our time and attention will go to the periods that constitute turning points in Russian history, such as the formation of Muscovy, the reforms of Peter the Great, the reign of Catherine the Great and the Great Reforms of the 1860's. We will conclude with a look at the Russian Revolution and its effect on Russia.

ED440 Methods for Teaching Social and Behavioral Science in the Secondary School + 3 credits

This course is designed to prepare students for successful teaching at the secondary level (Grades 6-12) in both the social and behavioral sciences. Emphasis is placed on different approaches and practices of instruction planning and classroom management, selection and classroom application of various forms of technology, evaluation and questioning techniques, state assessments, research methods, professional organizations and the inclusive classroom. Concurrent with ED400. Prerequisite: ED219. (Spring)

ED195 Introduction to Education**2 credits**

An overview of the teaching profession and an examination of the role schools play in the fabric of American society. Coursework will include orientation to the Sterling College Teacher Education Program concept of the teacher as Servant Leader, portfolio design and expectations, education reform at the state and national level, and standards-based education. Emphasis will be placed on contemporary professional, ethical, and legal issues and problems facing American schools and the effect changes in American society have upon the purpose and areas of emphasis in American schools. (Fall/Spring)

ED201 Field Experience in Education**2 credits**

This course is designed to provide practical experience in developing classroom knowledge and skills that are essential to teaching. STEP's five goals based on Danielson's four domains of teaching are presented, discussed, and related to classroom observations. Course requirements include a minimum of thirty (30) clock hours of observation in schools with diverse populations. (Fall/Interterm/Spring)

ED206 Classroom Management**2 credits**

This class will provide teacher candidates with the knowledge and skills necessary to accomplish appropriate classroom management. Areas addressed will include: student motivation, behavior interventions, homework, grading, and parent/guardian communication. (Fall/Spring)

SE210 Introduction to Infants, Children, and Youth With Special Needs 3 credits

This course provides an overview of categorical exceptionalities delineated in the law, service delivery systems, advocacy groups, the concept of least restrictive alternatives, and the purpose and function of the IEP. The course is designed to introduce pre-service teachers to handicapping conditions of children enrolled in regular education and give them alternatives for instruction and assessment of these students. It also serves as a foundation for teachers wishing to focus on the area of special education. 20 hours field experience is required. (Fall/Spring)

ED205 Cultural Diversity in Education 2 credits

This course focuses on the impacting factors of cultural diversity within an educational setting. Experiences are designed to examine critical elements of the educational process that are influenced by culture and to increase awareness, knowledge and skill in providing culturally responsive curriculum and instruction within a classroom setting. Off campus experiences are required. (Fall/Spring)

ED219 Instruction and Assessment 4 credits

In this course teacher candidates will develop and extend knowledge and skills in classroom instruction and assessment. Candidates will develop teacher-centered and student-centered lesson plans, and identify and design appropriate assessment tools. Unit planning and micro-teaching are integral components of the course. (Fall/Spring)

ED272 Educational Psychology 3 credits

This course assists teacher candidates in applying theories and philosophies of child and adolescent development to the education process. Case studies will be discussed and assessed with Praxis scoring rubric. 15 hours of field experience required. (Fall/Spring)

ED356 Technology in the Classroom 2 credits

This course will explore the wide range of instructional applications of computer technology in K-12 classrooms. Students will learn to integrate and model good and innovative uses of current educational technology, facilitated by using the computer as an administrative tool, by using technology as an information delivery medium to enhance communication as a source of information, and as a student productivity tool. Current technology issues and ISTE standards for teachers and students will also be addressed. Prerequisite: A basic understanding of computer operations and software applications. (Fall/Spring)

ED357 Reading and Writing in the Content Area+ 3 credits

This class will allow teacher candidates an opportunity to plan a variety of strategies for teaching reading, vocabulary, and writing appropriate to content in grades 4-12; assess writing using the 6-trait Writing Assessment; integrate reading and writing within content areas and across the curriculum. 10 hour field experience required. Prerequisite: ED219. (Fall/Spring)

ED400 KPTP Field Experience Lab 1 credit

This lab is required for all majors receiving an education endorsement through the Sterling Teacher Education Program. All K-12 and 6-12 teacher candidates will complete at least 15 hours of field experience (or the hours designated by their major, whichever is greater) in their chosen endorsement area or major. Elementary Education majors will complete their lab during their Methods Block. Teacher candidates will design a minimum of two lessons which will be taught in their placement setting with evaluations from their host teacher. Using the demographics of the district/classroom students will complete Tasks 1 and 2 of the KPTP on a timeline scheduled by the college instructor as well as review and discuss Tasks 3 and 4 as they relate to the candidates' Clinical Teaching Experience. A grade of C or higher in both the Methods and ED400 Lab is required to participate in Clinical Teaching Experience. Prerequisites: ED219 and acceptance to STEP.

ED490 Seminar in Education+ 1 credit

This course is required for all K-6, 6-12, and PreK-12 students. Students individually and collaboratively research and discuss major topics in education. Open to juniors and seniors, this course prepares teacher candidates for clinical teaching experience and subsequent employment. It is recommended this course be taken the **semester prior to Clinical Teaching Experience**. Prerequisite: Completion of all Level I professional education courses. (Writing Intensive) (Fall/Spring)

ED497 Kansas Performance Teaching Portfolio+ 3 credits

This course is required for all majors receiving an education endorsement through the STEP. Candidates will design and teach a Kansas Performance Teaching Portfolio (KPTP) using district, school, and classroom contextual data. The final KPTP will be submitted according to the timeline designated by STEP and scored by trained KSDE scorers. Candidates not meeting the submission timeline will be delayed in their program completion by one semester or until a future, official state KPTP scoring session is available. Candidates must achieve a minimum score of 20 to be considered a STEP completer and eligible for licensure through KSDE. Concurrent with ED498. Prerequisites: Acceptance to STEP, completion of all professional education (2.75 major) and major (2.75 GPA) content hours, passing the CTE interview, and placement for ED498 Clinical Teaching Experience. (Fee)

ED498 Clinical Teaching Experience+ 12 credits

Course includes observing, assisting and teaching for 12 to 16 weeks in an accredited school under the guidance of cooperating teachers and college supervisors. A Clinical Teaching seminar is incorporated into this course to cover and reinforce topics that are timely and relevant to this study. It allows for discussion and reflection on classroom practices. (Required weeks may vary according to field of study.) Prerequisites: Level III course requirements listed above. A student teaching fee is assessed. (Fall/Spring)

GD105 Foundations of Servant Leadership 1 credit

Designed to introduce new Sterling students to the servant leadership emphasis of our liberal arts curriculum that integrates faith and learning, this course will also focus on skills for academic success, life-long learning, and career/major planning. This course is required of all new students and should be completed in the first semester of attendance. Lab fee.

TM102 Introduction to the Old Testament 3 credits

This course examines the major themes of the Hebrew and Aramaic Scriptures through the study of selected passages, ranging from Genesis to Malachi. It provides an overview of the respective covenants of the Old Testament and its different genres. (Every semester)

TM103 Introduction to the New Testament 3 credits

This course examines the major themes of the New Testament through the study of selected passages, ranging from Matthew to Revelation. It explores the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the church's establishment, growth, and contemporary challenges. (Every semester)

TM266 Basic Christian Doctrine 3 credits

This course considers the major tenets of the Christian faith, their biblical basis, and present relevance to life. Topics such as God, revelation, angels, humanity, sin, Christ, the Holy Spirit, salvation, the Church, the sacraments, and the future are studied. Prerequisites: TM102 and TM103 or consent of instructor. (Every semester)

TM440 Philosophy for Faith and Life 3 credits

This is a capstone course required for all graduates. The course will examine the great thinkers of the Western world and how they influenced our view of the world. Students will learn and use major philosophical terminology and the systems employed to express them. Questions concerning the interaction of philosophy with the life of faith will be confronted. The student should acquire the ability to express a worldview of effective service amidst cultural plurality and diversity. Prerequisite: Senior standing (Every semester)