

HENDRIX

PROPOSED COURSE ADDITION OR REVISION

Deadline for Area approval: 21 October 2011

Proposer: Jeffrey Kosiorek

Date: 9/12/2011

Department/Program: History

Area: Social Sciences

Check appropriate boxes:

- New permanent course
 Replaces existing course:
 Change to existing course:

- New temporary course
 Make temporary course permanent
 Eliminate a course

Proposal – one sentence summary:

I propose a new 300-level course on the memory of American wars and its influence on national identity.

Proposed subject code(s) (indicate both if cross-listing): HIST

Proposed course # or level: 300

Proposed course title: War, Memory, and Nation

Proposed course catalog copy:

Throughout the nation's history, the United States has defined itself through war and the continual reimagining of these conflicts in public memory. In this course, we will explore the construction and contestation of personal and collective memories of various wars from King Philip's War in colonial New England to the current War on Terror. Looking at memory will allow us to uncover struggles over ideas of liberty, race, religion, citizenship, civilization, and other key concepts that shape America's national identity. In order to better understand the workings of memory and its influence on identity, we will also survey the theoretical literature on memory, commemoration, and nationalism.

Prerequisites/co-requisites and/or recommended prior courses, as listed in catalog copy:
none

How will the proposed revision affect any catalog lists of options for majors or minors?

Rationale for course within departmental and collegiate context and based on assessment results:

Student interest in studying memory and war has been high as evidenced by enrollments in history courses such as Race, Memory, and the American Civil War and The Iraq War and in courses in other majors such as ENGL 258 American War Literature and SOCI 320 Peace and War.

Proposed general education code(s) (check all that apply):

- EA HP LS NS NS-L SB VA QS W1 FL [Curriculum Committee]
 CW [CW Committee] W2 [Writing Across the Curriculum Committee]

Proposed Odyssey code(s) (check all that apply):

- AC GA PL SW UR SP [CEL Committee/Curriculum Committee]

For each of the checked general education or Odyssey codes, describe how the course fulfills the published criteria (see the Catalog, pages 18-23 or the Odyssey Program Guide, pages 10-16):

Employing a historical perspective, we will study the evolution of national identity and key concepts in the context of American war memory.

Justification for cross-listing:

How often will the course be offered? every 2-3 years

Who will teach the course? Kosiorek

Equipment, supply, and bibliographic requirements (items and cost): none

Will the above items be covered by a present budget? Yes No

Approval Chain (type name and date of approval)

Department chair: Deb Skok, 10/7/11

Area chair: Allison K. Shutt, 10/12/11