

HST 780 World History Research Seminar

Spring 2022 (Online)

Course Information

- Instructor: Djene Rhys Bajalan
- Email: DRBajalan@MissouriState.edu
- Format Online
- Office Hours (Zoom) by appointment ONLY

Course Description

Research seminars are a critical part of the graduate degree program. It is an opportunity for students to demonstrate their abilities to *develop an independent research project, engage in original (primary source) research, and write an academic paper.*

Students are tasked with developing a research paper in the field of Modern Middle Eastern History (1792 to 2001). This paper should develop a thesis, engage with the existing historiography, and incorporate primary source research.

Assessment

Unlike other courses in the graduate program, the entirety of the grade for HST 780 is based on the research paper produce by the student and submitted at the end of the semester. However, this is directed research so students will be expected to demonstrate that they are making progress towards you research paper over the course of the semester. There will be several deadlines over the course of the semester that students will have to meet in order to receive feedback.

Degree Requirements

All MA History graduate students are required to complete *at least ONE research seminar* as part of their degree (History MA).

Non-Thesis Track Students

Students on the non-thesis track are required to obtain a B grade or above in their research paper in order to count this course as their degree research requirement. *Non-thesis track students who receive a grade lower than a B may still count the course towards their degree (it may count as either part of a track OR as an elective) but may not count as part of the core requirements.* The course instructor will provide a report to the History Department and Graduate College as part of the requirements of the program pertaining to the research paper produced.

Thesis Track Students

Students on the thesis track must obtain a passing grade in order to count this research seminar towards the research seminar requirement. However, as their thesis counts as their degree research requirement, they are not required to obtain a B grade or above.

Project Timeline

Students are expected to meet the following deadlines in order to demonstrate that they are making progress towards their research paper. It is critically important that students work consistently throughout the semester in order to ensure that they are on track to obtaining the grade they need in their final paper.

Week	Deadline
Week 1: 17 Jan	
Week 2: 24 Jan	
Week 3: 31 Jan	31 st Jan: Project Outline
Week 4: 7 Feb	
Week 5: 14 Feb	14 th Feb: Revised Project Outline and Literature Review Bibliography
Week 6: 21 Feb	
Week 7: 28 Feb	28 th Feb: Detailed Thesis Plan
Week 8: 7 March	
Week 9: 14 March	Spring Break
Week 10: 21 March	21 st March Thesis Introduction and Literature Review
Week 11: 28 March	
Week 12: 4 April	
Week 13: 11 April	Spring Holiday
Week 14: 18 April	18 th April First Draft
Week 15: 25 April	
Week 16: 2 May	2 nd May Second Draft
Week 17: 9 May	
Week 18: 16 May	16 th May Final Submission