HIS 3150, INTRODUCTION TO HISTORICAL STUDY  
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HIS 3150, Introduction to Historical Study, is designed to acquaint history majors with two important aspects of the discipline—methodology and historiography. Methodology presents students with problems of research and writing history. Historiography considers the development of historical writing from ancient to modern times.

Each student must select a topic of his choice and prepare a ten (10) page research paper based mainly on primary sources. At least one primary source must come from the Internet. Students are encouraged to use as many secondary sources as possible from the FAU library and the Internet. The final paper must include an annotated bibliography of 3 pages in which the primary and secondary sources are discussed and evaluated. The paper must include a standard bibliography in which works are divided into primary and secondary categories. The paper must include footnotes or endnotes. The bibliography and notes must conform to Turabian's Manual for Writers. Each students must submit research notes and outline of the paper at the time the paper is submitted. The term paper is due 28 Nov. 2006. Each student's proposed topic and bibliography must be submitted to the instructor on 7 Sept. 2006. The preliminary bibliography must include 10-12 sources and must be accompanied by a description of each source of a paragraph in length in which each source is discussed and evaluated.

BECAUSE THE TERM PAPER IS IN LIEU OF A FINAL EXAMINATION AND BECAUSE THE TERM PAPER REPRESENTS A CULMINATION OF THE COURSE WORK, STUDENTS MUST RECEIVE A PASSING GRADE OF "C" OR BETTER ON THE TERM PAPER IN ORDER TO PASS THE COURSE!

HIS 3150 is a Gordon Rule writing course; therefore, writing will be graded as well as content.

Each student must conduct an hour interview with a family member who has had one of the following experiences: 1) immigrant to the U.S. 2) lived through World War II 3) lived through and participated in the events of the Vietnam War era. Each student will ask questions about the interviewee's experiences and evaluate the account as historical evidence. The findings will be presented to the class.

Using one of the secondary books selected for the research paper, each student must prepare a book review of 3 pages (750 words in 12 pitch type). The book review must adhere to the format of the American Historical Review. Due 12 Oct. 2006. See attached guide for review.

Each student must complete and submit a library project provided by the instructor.

Each student must submit a series of historiography essays assigned by the instructor. The instructor will assign selected passages from historians’ writings. On the basis of the assigned reading, the student must determine whether or not the historian in his writing of history reflects the characteristics, ideas, attitudes, values, etc. of the era in which the historian lived. Students must develop and support their position in no more than a 500 word essay (2 typed pages, double
space, 12 pitch type). HIS 3150 is a Gordon Rule writing course; therefore, writing will be part of the grade.

Each student must participate in class discussions and projects. Participation is part of the grade.

Grades will be based on the following:
1. Class participation--10%
2. Mid-term examination--25%
3. Research paper--25%
4. Historiography--25%
5. Library project--5%
6. Oral history project--5%
7. Book Review--5%

Note: (1) Students must receive a passing grade of "C" or better on the term paper in order to pass the course. (2) Failure to use primary sources EXTENSIVELY in the term paper will result in a failing grade for the term paper and, thus, a failing grade for the course. (3) Failure to follow Turabian's style for notes and bibliography will result in lowering the term paper grade by one (1) full grade point, i.e., "B" will be lowered to "C".

Class Assignments:
22 Aug.--Introduction to course and required work
24 Aug.--Variety of Primary Sources (Brundage, ch. 1-4)
  Begin Library Project
29 Aug.--Variety of Primary Sources cont'd.
31 Aug.--Variety of Primary Sources cont'd.
5 Sept.--Variety of Primary Sources cont'd.
7 Sept.--Term Paper Topic & Bibliography Due And Variety of Primary Sources cont’d.
12 Sept.--Library Project
14 Sept.--Library Project
19 Sept.--Discuss Library Project
21 Sept.--Handling A Primary Source--Gillingham, Richard The Lionheart, ch. 1& 2
  (library reserve); Brundage, ch. 5
26 Sept.--Handling a Primary Source
28 Sept.--Handling a Primary Source
3 Oct.--Note taking--All of Strunk and White
5 Oct.--Note taking and Review for mid-term examination
10 Oct.--MID-TERM EXAMINATION
12 Oct.--Oral History Project and Book Review Due
17 Oct.--Oral History Project
19 Oct.--Oral History Project
24 Oct.--Oral History Project
26 Oct.--23 Nov.--Historiography
28 Nov. --TERM PAPER DUE

TEXTS:
Breisach, Historiography: Ancient, Medieval, and Modern
Brundage, Going to the Sources: A Guide to Historical Writing & Research, 3rd ed.
K. Turabian, Manual for Writers (Latest Edition)
Strunk & White, Elements of Style

The following are considered important matters, and students should keep them in mind.

1. Plagiarism will result in failing the course and academic discipline will be noted on your transcript.
2. Submitting to this course work prepared by someone other than the student who submits the work is not permitted. This constitutes an academic misconduct.
3. Submitting to this course work which is the same or similar to work submitted for another course is not permitted. This constitutes an academic misconduct.
4. All University rules regarding academic misconduct will be enforced.
5. If a direct quotation is used, quotation marks and a note must be used. If the quotation is more than 4 lines in length, the quotation is centered in the page and single spaced with a note at the end. NO QUOTATION MARKS ARE USED.
6. Notes must be used to identify all sources.
7. Notes must conform to Turabian, Manual for Writers. No other style is acceptable.
8. Bibliography must conform to Turabian, Manual for Writers. No other style is acceptable.
9. Bibliography must be divided into primary & secondary sources.
10. All papers must be written in correct English. Papers must be proofread. Take note of spelling, punctuation, grammar, sentence structure, word usage, content, and organization. These will influence your grade.
11. Papers must be double-spaced, using a clear font of 12 point size with 1 inch margins on all sides of the paper.
12. No early examination will be given.
13. No make-up examination will be given.
14. Work submitted after the assigned due date will receive a failing grade ("F").
15. All writing exercises will be subject to Turnitin examination. Turnitin is a program designed to discover plagiarism.
16. Do not wait until the last minuet to complete assignments. Excuses such as my computer ate my work or my printer ran out of ink are unacceptable.
17. This syllabus is subject to change.