# Course Syllabus

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History and Political Science HIS4070 Senior Seminar

**Number of Units: 4** 

### Fall 2023

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#### **PLNU Mission**

# To Teach ~ To Shape ~ To Send

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service is an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we strive to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

### **Course Description:**

This Senior Seminar is the capstone experience for all History and Social Science majors, representing the culmination of the knowledge and skills students have developed throughout their previous courses. Students have the opportunity to implement those skills through a substantial research project involving both primary and secondary sources. Reading assignments and class

discussions will focus on the theoretical, ethical and philosophical debates about the nature of history. How do we integrate faith and history? What is the nature of historical "truth"? Throughout the course, students will also explore the various career and vocational paths available to them. All History and Social Science majors must take this course in the Fall Semester of their senior year.

# **Course Learning Outcomes:**

Students who complete this course will be able to:

- 1. Explain the key theoretical and philosophical debates within the discipline of History.
- 2. Know the potential career options for History major graduates.
- 3. Organize and write a substantial research paper in History on a topic of their choosing.
- 4. Present a sample lecture using his/her own curriculum.

### **History Program Learning Outcomes:**

Learning Outcome	Core Competency	Assessment
1. Complete a substantial historical project autonomously.	Written Communication	· Research Paper
2. Demonstrate the relationship between primary and secondary materials by assessing a historian's work and recognizing the evidence used to construct that historical argument.	Critical Thinking	<ul> <li>Research Paper- especially bibliographic footnotes</li> </ul>
		Reflective Essay on historiography and the meaning of history
3. Present and analyze, in an oral presentation, different perspectives on an event from the past.	Oral Communication	· Oral Presentation
4. Have an academic transcript that shows courses with content that ranges over time, space, culture, and qualitative and quantitative historical methods.	Quantitative Reasoning	· Exam question requiring analysis of data chart/ table
5. Find appropriate materials online, in a library, or in the community and know how to cite them.	Information Literacy	· Research Paper

### **COURSE CREDIT HOUR INFORMATION**

In the interest of providing sufficient time to accomplish the stated Course Learning Outcomes, this class meets the PLNU credit hour policy for a 4 unit class delivered over 16 weeks. Specific details about how the class meets the credit hour requirement can be provided upon request. (Based on 37.5 hours of student engagement per credit hour.)

# **Distribution of Student Learning Hours**

# Category

# **Time Expectation in Hours**

Online Participation in Discussions, Groups, etc. 40

Reading Assignments 40

Written Assignments 40

Other Assignments & Learning Activities 22

Quizzes, Surveys 8

Total Hours 150

# **Required Texts**

# Readings on historiography and the philosophy and theory of history

1. E. H. Carr, What is History?

Selections from Daniel Woolf, A Global History of History

Selections from Sam Wineburg, Historical Thinking and Other Unatural Acts

Selections from Benedict Anderson, *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism* 

Eric Hobsbawn, "Introduction: Inventing Traditions." In The Invention of Tradition

### **Readings on Vocation:**

Selections from Mark Scwehn and Dorothy Bass, ed., Leading Lives that Matter

### **Course Outline**

### Reading Assignments

- Weekly reading assignments from books and articles that deal with the theoretical and philosophical questions about the nature of the discipline of History.
- Reading assignments about vocation and potential careers for History major graduates.

### Writing Assignments

- Weekly responses summarizing and analyzing the assigned readings.
- Peer review commentaries for other students' research papers.

### Final Exam essay, including:

- Reflective essay asking students (1) to explore the theoretical and philosophical debates about history based on the reading assignments and class discussions, and (2) to articulate their own ideas about the nature of history and the discipline of History.
- Reflective essay on the readings about vocation and what it means for them personally

### Research Project

- Takes place throughout the entire semester.
- Students will substantially revise a research paper from an earlier PLNU course.
- Use multiple primary and secondary sources, depending on what is appropriate for their chosen topic.
- Access sources that they did not previously use: may be archival, microfilm, etc. Must submit requests for these to the library at the very beginning of the semester.
- Write multiple drafts.
- Give regular oral reports to the class on their progress.
- Read other students' drafts and give each other feedback.
- Show mastery of Chicago-style citations and write bibliographic footnotes.
- Given the nature of the diverse topics students chose, faculty members other than the faculty-of-record may need to be heavily involved in assisting students' progress on the research project.

# Syllabus Project

- Takes place throughout the entire semester.
- Students will design his/her curriculum that would include specific readings, classroom exercises, and project assignments.
- Students will deliver a sample lecture using the syllabus.
- Students will write a bibliographical essay for the syllabus.

# **In-Class Activities**

- Discuss readings about theory and philosophy of history.
- Including visits from the other history faculty to share their perspectives.
- Discussions about how these ideas relate to current events/issues or recent representations of history in popular culture. How and why does historical memory matter in movies, books, tv shows, museum exhibits, etc?
- Examine vocational/ career options for History majors. This may include guest speakers or field trips as well as readings on vocation.
- Students will deliver an oral presentation
- Research project workshops:
- 1. Students will learn further skills and techniques to assist them in research.
- 2. Students deliver reports on the progress of their research.

3. Students will read and offer feedback on other students' drafts and projects.

### **Course Requirements and Expectations**

# Weighted Grades

Participation

20%

(With response papers)

Syllabus Project

20%

Resume/CV/E-portfolios

10%

Exams(Mid-term and Final)

20%

Research Paper

20%

Oral Presentation

10%

### **ASSESSMENT AND GRADING**

Student grades will be posted in the Canvas grade book no later than midnight on Tuesday of each week beginning in Week Two of this course. It is important to read the comments posted in the grade book as these comments are intended to help students improve their work. Final grades will be posted within one week of the end of the class. Grades will be based on the following:

### **Standard Grade Scale Based on Percentages**

Α	В	С	D	F
A 93-100	B+ 87-89	C+ 77-79	D+ 67-69	F Less than 59
A- 90-92	B 83-86	C 73-76	D 63-66	
	B- 80-82	C- 70-72	D- 60-62	

### STATE AUTHORIZATION

State authorization is a formal determination by a state that Point Loma Nazarene University is approved to conduct activities regulated by that state. In certain states outside California, Point Loma Nazarene University is not authorized to enroll online (distance education) students. If a student moves to another state after admission to the program and/or enrollment in an online course, continuation within the program and/or course will depend on whether Point Loma Nazarene University is authorized to offer distance education courses in that state. It is the student's responsibility to notify the institution of any change in his or her physical location. Refer to the map on **State Authorization**to view which states allow online (distance education) outside of California.

#### INCOMPLETES AND LATE ASSIGNMENTS

All assignments are to be submitted/turned in by the beginning of the class session when they are due —including assignments posted in Canvas. Incompletes will only be assigned in extremely unusual circumstances.

### PLNU COPYRIGHT POLICY

Point Loma Nazarene University, as a non-profit educational institution, is entitled by law to use materials protected by the US Copyright Act for classroom education. Any use of those materials outside the class may violate the law.

### PLNU ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY

Students should demonstrate academic honesty by doing original work and by giving appropriate credit to the ideas of others. Academic dishonesty is the act of presenting information, ideas, and/or concepts as one's own when in reality they are the results of another person's creativity and effort. A faculty member who believes a situation involving academic dishonesty has been detected may assign a failing grade for that assignment or examination, or, depending on the seriousness of the offense, for the course. Faculty should follow and students may appeal using the procedure in the university Catalog. See **Academic Policies** for definitions of kinds of academic dishonesty and for further policy information.

### PLNU ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS POLICY

While all students are expected to meet the minimum standards for completion of this course as established by the instructor, students with disabilities may require academic adjustments, modifications or auxiliary aids/services. At Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU), these students are requested to register with the Educational Access Center (EAC), located in the Bond Academic Center. (EAC@pointloma.edu or 619-849-2486). The EAC's policies and procedures for assisting such students in the development of an appropriate academic adjustment plan (AP) allows PLNU to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Section 504 (a) prohibits discrimination against students with special needs and guarantees all qualified students equal access to and benefits of PLNU programs and activities. After the student files the required documentation, the EAC, in conjunction with the student, will develop an AP to meet that student's specific learning needs. The EAC will thereafter email the student's AP to all faculty who teach courses in which the student is enrolled each semester. The AP must be implemented in all such courses.

If students do not wish to avail themselves of some or all of the elements of their AP in a particular course, it is the responsibility of those students to notify their professor in that course. PLNU highly recommends that EAC students speak with their professors during the first two weeks of each semester about the applicability of their AP in that particular course and/or if they do not desire to take advantage of some or all of the elements of their AP in that course.

#### PLNU ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION POLICY

### **Face-to-Face Format**

Regular and punctual attendance at all classes is considered essential to optimum academic achievement. If the student is absent from more than 10 percent of class meetings, the faculty member can file a written report which may result in de-enrollment. If the absences exceed 20 percent, the student may be de-enrolled without notice until the university drop date or, after that date, receive the appropriate grade for their work and participation. See **Academic Policies** in the Undergraduate Academic Catalog.

# **Hybrid Format**

At Point Loma Nazarene University, attendance is required at all scheduled classes. Adult Degree Completion courses are taught in the hybrid format, which means some class meetings will be face-to-face and some will be online.

Attendance in the face-to-face classes is to be for the entire time of the class. Arriving late or leaving early will be considered a partial absence. A day of attendance in an online class is determined as contributing a substantive note, assignment, discussion, or submission that adds value to the course as determined by the instructor. Three days of attendance are required each week. (It may be any three days during the week.)

### Face-to-face Portion of the Hybrid course

In blended or hybrid courses, if a student misses one face-to-face class then the faculty member will send an email to the student and the Director of Student Success warning of attendance jeopardy. There are no exceptions to this policy.

If a student misses two face-to-face classes, the faculty member or Vice Provost for Academic Administration (VPAA) will initiate the student's de-enrollment from the course without further advanced notice to the student. If the date of de-enrollment is past the last date to withdraw from a class, the student will be assigned a grade of "F" and there will be no refund of tuition for that course.

# Online Portion of the Hybrid Course

If a student misses two online classes (fails to contribute to a discussion board) during the course, then the faculty member will send an email to the student and the Director of Student Success warning of attendance jeopardy. There are no exceptions to this policy.

If a student misses three online classes (fails to contribute to a discussion board by the due date) during the course, then the faculty member or Vice Provost for Academic Administration (VPAA) will initiate the student's de-enrollment from the course without further advanced notice to the student. If the date of de-enrollment is past the last date to withdraw from a class, the student will be assigned a grade of "F" and there will be no refund of tuition for that course.

- 1 missed F2F class = warning
- 2 missed F2F classes = de-enrollment
- 2 missed online classes = warning
- 3 missed online classes = de-enrollment

### **Online Format**

Students taking online courses are expected to attend each week of the course. Attendance is defined as participating in an academic activity within the online classroom which includes posting in a graded activity in the course. (Note: Logging into the course does not qualify as participation and will not be counted as meeting the attendance requirement.)

Students who do not attend at least once in any 3 consecutive days will be issued an attendance warning. Students who do not attend at least once in any 7 consecutive days will be dropped from the course retroactive to the last date of recorded attendance.

### SPIRITUAL CARE

Please be aware PLNU strives to be a place where you grow as whole persons. To this end, we provide resources for our students to encounter God and grow in their Christian faith.

If students have questions, a desire to meet with the chaplain or have prayer requests you can contact the **Office of Spiritual Development** 

### **USE OF TECHNOLOGY**

In order to be successful in the online environment, you'll need to meet the minimum technology and system requirements; please refer to the *Technology and System Requirements* information.

Problems with technology do not relieve you of the responsibility of participating, turning in your assignments, or completing your class work.