

# DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, HUMANITIES & PHILOSOPHY



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## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Lone Star College-University Park Department of History, Humanities & Philosophy offers courses that provide students with a strong foundation in academic writing, critical thinking and awareness of themselves and the world. Students benefit from the department's courses academically, professionally and personally.

**History** courses focus on understanding the past as a means of contextualizing the present. Survey courses in Texas, U.S., and world history examine the evolution of human experiences across centuries. Courses on Mexican American and African American history highlight the unique positions those communities hold within the broader landscape of American society and culture.

**Humanities** courses center on the myriad ways in which people express themselves. Survey courses explore those expressions through art, literature, music, architecture, philosophy and religion from prehistoric times through today. More specialized courses concentrate on those same expressions associated with particular minority groups, including Mexican Americans and the LGBTQ community.

**Philosophy** courses concentrate on influential ideas, thinkers and methods of understanding. The survey course introduces philosophical thought ranging from the ancient world to the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Other courses explore more specific domains of philosophical inquiry, including religion and ethics. The course on formal logic promotes critical thinking through the practice of logical deduction.

The department offers sections of courses with an International Studies (IS) designation. Those sections serve as opportunities to graduate with an IS designation. IS sections provide cultural awareness and a globalized perspective.

The **Honors College** courses in history and humanities provide research opportunities. Please go to <u>LoneStar.edu/Honors-UP</u> for more information.

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# **COURSES**

#### HISTORY

# HIST 1301 (U.S. HISTORY TO 1877) & HIST 1302 (U.S. HISTORY SINCE 1877)

These survey courses broadly examine how diverse groups of people experienced major events, trends and processes in the nation's past, and they form the foundation for more advanced study in American history. They may be taken for core credit in American History.

#### HIST 2301 (TEXAS HISTORY)

Like the U.S. history surveys, this course provides an overview of Texas history from Spanish colonization to the present. This course may be taken for core credit in American History.

# HIST 2321 (WORLD HISTORY TO 1492) & HIST 2322 (WORLD HISTORY SINCE 1492)

These survey courses explore how societies in different parts of the world have changed over the past 5000 years and how those societies have influenced, and been influenced by one another. They may be taken for core credit in Social/Behavioral Sciences.

# HIST 2327 (MEXICAN AMERICAN HISTORY I) & HIST 2328 (MEXICAN AMERICAN HISTORY II)

These sophomore-level courses focus on the history of Mexican Americans by examining the experiences of immigrants from Mexico to the U.S. and their descendants. They may be taken for credit in the History Field of Study.

# HIST 2381 (AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY I) & HIST 2382 (AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY II)

These sophomore-level courses consider the unique place African Americans occupy in the nation's past as well as the role they played in creating the U.S. we know today. They may be taken for credit in the History Field of Study.

#### HISTORY FIELD OF STUDY

The History Field of Study provides students planning to major in history a head start on their major coursework.



### **HUMANITIES**

# HUMA 1301 (EARLY GLOBAL CULTURES) & HUMA 1302 (LATER GLOBAL CULTURES)

These stand-alone courses encourage an interdisciplinary study of human experience through introductions to the visual and performance arts, literature, history, philosophy and comparative religions. These courses may be taken for core credit in Language, Philosophy and Culture.

#### HUMA 1305 (INTRODUCTION TO MEXICAN AMERICAN STUDIES)

This interdisciplinary survey examines cultural, artistic, economic, historical, political and social aspects of the Mexican American communities. This course may be taken for core credit in Language, Philosophy and Culture.

#### HUMA 2319 (MINORITY CULTURES IN THE UNITED STATES)

This interdisciplinary survey explores the diverse cultural, artistic, economic, historical, political and social aspects of American minority communities. This course may be taken for core credit in Language, Philosophy and Culture.

# **PHILSOPHY**

#### PHIL 1301 (INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY)

This course considers major issues in philosophy and the work of major philosophical figures. Topics include theories of reality, knowledge and value as well as their practical applications. This course may be taken for core credit in Language, Philosophy and Culture.

#### PHIL 1304 (INTRODUCTION TO WORLD RELIGIONS)

This course offers a comparative study of world religions, including Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. It may be taken for core credit in Language, Philosophy and Culture.

#### PHIL 2303 (INTRODUCTION TO FORMAL LOGIC)

This course provides an introduction to symbolic logic, including syllogisms, propositional and predicate logic, and logical proofs in a system of rules. It may be taken for core credit in Mathematics.

#### PHIL 2306 (INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS)

This course explores the systematic evaluation of classical and contemporary ethical theories concerning the good life, human conduct in society, morals and standards of value. It may be taken for core credit in Language, Philosophy and Culture.



## **FACULTY**

#### DAVID CAMERON, PH.D. • David.Cameron@LoneStar.edu

Associate Professor of History

Professor Cameron earned a B.A. in History from Texas A&M University, a M.A. in History from the University of Houston-Clear Lake, and a Ph.D. in History from Texas A&M University. He teaches the U.S. history surveys as well as Mexican American history.

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Professor Stoops earned a B.A. in History from Arizona State University and a M.A. and Ph.D. in History from the University of Arizona. She teaches the U.S. history surveys, world history, and special topics in LGBTQ studies.

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Assistant Professor of Philosophy

Professor Tran-Hoang earned a B.A.in Philosophy and BS in Mathematics from the University of California-Irvine, a M.A. in Philosophy, a M.S. in Mathematics from Notre Dame University and a Ph.D. in Philosophy from Notre Dame University. He teaches introductory philosophy courses as well as formal logic.

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#### AMY YOUNG, M.A. • Amy.M. Young@LoneStar.edu

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Professor Young earned a B.A. in English from the University of Maryland and a M.A. in Humanities from California State University-Dominguez Hills. She teaches the humanities surveys as well as Honors courses.

## RESOURCES

Strong writing skills support academic and professional success. Located in the Student Learning Resource Center (SLRC), **The Writing Lab** provides free academic coaching and services to help students strengthen their writing skills. Our writing coaches also provide help with resumes and scholarship and transfer applications. Please go to **LoneStar.edu/SLRC-Hours** to learn more.

#### History, Humanities & Philosophy Department Programming

#### **Arts & Humanities Community Lecture Series**

The Arts and Humanities Community Lecture Series brings speakers to campus who enlighten, educate and inform for the purpose of increasing civic awareness and promoting responsible citizenship. Recent lectures in the series have focused on the Electoral College and Civil War veterans. Please visit <a href="LoneStar.edu/UPEvents">LoneStar.edu/UPEvents</a> for upcoming events.

#### Philosophy in Film

The Philosophy in Film series curates some of the best films which dive into life's big philosophical questions. What is real? What can we know for sure? What is the good life? What is justice? These questions and many more are explored in the Philosophy in Film series at Lone Star College-University Park. Please visit LoneStar.edu/UPEvents for upcoming events.

#### **History Moments**

Whether you want to practice your history skills or have no idea what to expect from a college history course, History Moments are for you! These 30-minute interactive sessions are led by history faculty to help students with a wide variety of skills. Learn how to read a primary source, write authoritatively, research for your history paper, or even be successful in an online environment. Please visit LoneStar.edu/UPEvents for upcoming events.

#### The University Park Historical Society

Members of the University Park Historical Society use history as a tool to raise awareness of contemporary social, political and cultural issues around the world. Members explore documents, artifacts and events in history to understand how the past has shaped the future and what lessons can be learned. Visit the History Department website at **LoneStar.edu/UPHistory** for updates.

