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REVISION APPROVAL COVER SHEET FOR CONTINUATION OF W-DESIGNATION

TYPE II DEPARTMENT COMMITMENT

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 Course HIST 498 Topics in Comparative History





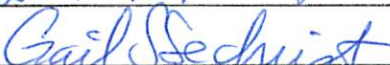
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2. Include a new "Statement Concerning Departmental Responsibility". The statement of departmental responsibility" explains how the department will ensure that the writing component is present regardless of who is teaching the course. It needs to identify the specific department group or individual who is responsible for ensuring this.

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Approvals:	Signature	Date
Professor (s)		4/2/14
Department Chair		4/2/14
College Dean		4/7/14
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UWUCC Co-chair(s)		4/22/14

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HIST 498 Topics in Comparative History is one of the department's capstone classes. All majors take one or two Topics classes, depending on their program. The center of the course is a major research project, and the final research paper and associated assignments (revisions, drafts, etc.) must make up at least 50% of the grade.

Multiple instructors within our department will teach this class, but they will all continue to follow the course syllabi and use equivalent writing assignments. Assuring this equivalence is the responsibility of the department chair.

Topics classes are also an important part of the department's assessment process. Papers from all Topics sections are collected each year and used to assess student writing and research skills. This assessment is done by the department Assessment Committee, and includes assessment of student writing. The Assessment Committee assesses the quality of student writing in the final papers and, when needed, makes recommendations for changes in the course or the overall curriculum. Papers are also read by a committee that awards a prize for the best topic paper of the year.

Note: As part of our revision of the History program HIST 404 is being re-numbered as HIST 498. We would like this approval to apply to both. There is no difference between the two courses other than the number.



History 404- Pirates, Freebooters, Corsairs, and Buccaneers



Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Spring 20143 Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

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Web page: A web page with the course information including the lecture outlines has been set up in D2L.

Office Hours: MWF 8:00-10:00; and by appointment. You can arrange a time to meet with me by visiting <http://rscottmoore.youcanbook.me>

There are several ways of contacting me. In an emergency you can call me on my office phone (724-357-2284). I reply to most emails in less than 24 hours.

Required Texts:

 D.S. Potter and D.J. Mattingly. *X Marks the Spot: The Archaeology of Piracy*.

 Online readings in D2L

Course Description: No group of outlaws has been as popular in current culture as the pirate, but just how accurate are these modern depictions? In this seminar we will explore the historical reality of pirates and piracy through the ages, from antiquity to modern times. We will examine piracy in all its forms and focus on the social, political, and economic pressures that led to piracy, as well as the impact it had on history. To better understand piracy, we will be examining the concept through readings and discussions. This will be augmented by a written assignment that requires you to select a topic, research it carefully, and present your analysis in a well written and properly documented research paper.

Course Objectives: Students will be expected:

- ❶ to gain a solid, basic factual knowledge of piracy from antiquity to the present and how it related to different aspects of society (political, social, economic, and cultural),
- ❷ to develop and improve their research ability by determining the nature and extent of the information needed for historical research, accessing needed information effectively and efficiently, evaluating it critically and then presenting the selected information to others in class and through written work,
- ❸ to develop the critical skills necessary to assess arguments based on historical fact or analogy;
- ❹ to cultivate in essay examinations and discussions the clear, persuasive written and oral styles that are the marks of an educated person develop the critical skills necessary to assess arguments based on historical fact or analogy.

Student Responsibilities: All students are expected to keep up with their readings, to attend class regularly, and to participate in class discussions. It is important to read the assignments in the textbooks on time and to be prepared to discuss them in class. Students are expected to attend classes regularly. Every unexcused class period missed after the first 3 (number 4 and on), will result in an automatic 5% deduction from your final class grade.

Grading: Written assignments turned in late will be penalized 1 letter grade per day. All assignments must be completed in a timely manner to receive a passing grade for the course. Students who fail to complete any of the assignments will receive a failing grade for the course. The final grade will be based upon an in class

presentation, 2 short reports, a longer written assignment, a final exam, and class participation (attendance and discussions in class) using the following percentages:

❖ Attendance/Participation – 15 %	The grading scale that will be used in the class is:
❖ Class Presentation – 10%	A – 90 to 100 %
❖ Short Reports (2) – 30 %	B - 80 to 89.5 %
❖ Research Paper – 30 %	C - 70 to 79.5 %
❖ Weekly Writing Assignments – 15 %	D - 60 to 69.5 %
	F - less than 60 %.

The dates for the short reports are:

- ✓ First Report – February 24
- ✓ Second Report – March 31

The due date for the longer written assignment is:

- ✍ Wednesday May 7

The dates for the in class presentations will be signed up for in class.

Grades in this class are not mechanically curved. Everyone can receive an A and everyone can fail.

⚡ Please be courteous to the instructor and your classmates by not: talking in class, doing work for other courses in class, listening to music, letting your cell phone ring, habitually coming to class late, or being disrespectful to others. Repeated disruptive behavior can result in the lowering of your participation grade.

⚡ All students should be aware that any type of academic dishonesty (cheating, plagiarism, et cetera) is a grave offense and can result in serious penalties, including dismissal from the University. All work in this course must be your own, and dishonesty of any kind will not be tolerated. The university's academic integrity policy will be observed faithfully. Please be sure you are familiar with this policy, which is described in the undergraduate catalog and on the IUP website.