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** SAMPLE SYLLABUS OF RECORD **

I. Catalog Description

HIST 279 The Digital Historian

1 class hour
0 lab hours

Prerequisite: History majors 1 credit

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In the past decade, new digital media and technologies have begun to transform the discipline of history. This course offers an introduction to the changes that digital technologies are bringing to how historians research, write, present, and teach the past. Students will examine literature on this media and study closely the state of digital historical work by scholars, teachers, archivists, museum curators, and popular historians. As they examine this work, students will also explore the fundamental philosophical and ethical issues raised by efforts to put history online. In addition, students will be given a basic introduction to some of the most common software used by historians to create digital history.

II. Course Objectives

Students will be able to:

- 1. analyze how, why, and by whom should the past be presented online;
- 2. explain how a web environment changes the way historians "do" history and the way we think about the past;
- 3. conduct successful digital research in both primary and secondary sources;
- 4. evaluate digital source material, both textual and visual;
- 5. evaluate historical websites;
- 6. use current software employed by historians for the creation of digital history.

III. Course Outline

- A. Introduction and the Beginnings of Digital History (1 hour)
 - 1. Introduction perceptions and uses of a digital history.
 - 2. What is out there?
 - 3. Problems and issues with digital history
- B. Getting Online and Searching (1 hour)
 - 1. Basic web navigation familiarization
 - 2. Locating historical sources online
 - 3. Online databases for historians
 - 4. History listservs
- C. Web Site Design and Infrastructure (1 hour)
 - 1. Evaluating history web sites on design

- 2. Evaluating history web sites on content
- 3. Public versus academic: Websites for specific audiences
- D. The Basic Methods of Web Design for Historians (1 hour)
 - 1. Designing digital history
 - 2. Basics of ftp
 - 3. Basic web construction
- E. Information literacy in the digital age (1 hour)
 - 1. Citation of digital sources
 - 2. Discussion of bibliographic software, such as EndNote, ProCite and Nota Bene
 - 3. Use of bibliographic software (EndNote)
- F. Images and visuals for the Web (1 hour)
 - 1. Issues surrounding the use of images on the web
 - 2. How to scan images
 - 3. Art manipulation software used by historians (Photoshop and Paint Shop Pro)
 - 4. Copyright issues and watermarking
 - 5. Preparing images for the web

Midterm Exam (1 hour)

- G. Putting texts online (1 hour)
 - 1. Introduction to OCR and .pdfs
 - 2. Scanning texts
 - 3. Preparing texts for the web
- H. Introduction to specialized software and how they are used by historians (1 hour)
 - 1. Database software (Access)
 - 2. Geographical Information Systems (ArcGIS)
 - 3. Presentation software (PowerPoint)
- I. Teaching in the Digital Age (1 Hour)
 - 1. The Possibilities of Digital Scholarship
 - 2. Virtual Historical Communities
 - 3. New Media Classroom
- J. Digital Historians and the Public (1 hour)
 - 1. Popular History Online
 - 2. Collecting and Discussing History Online
 - 3. Open Access and Public Domain
- K. Presentation and Critique of Class Digital Projects (3 hours)

Final Exam - During Final Exam Week

IV. Evaluation Methods

The final grade will be determined as follows:

- 30% Two tests One during the term and one during the final exam period. Each test will consist of (50%) short answer questions based upon factual information, and (50%) longer essays dealing with questions that require the student to argue pro or con a particular position using relevant facts and raising and defeating counter arguments.
 - 20% A web review essay that assess the coverage of a particular historical topic in digital forms.
- 40% Digital History Project Proposal: The students (working collaboratively) will make a proposal for a digital history project and also develop a home page for it. The written proposal will examine the available digital information currently available in the proposed field of study, the resources needed to create the project, and a proposed timeline for the creation of the project.
 - 10% Participation in weekly online discussions.

Grading Scale: A: >90% B: 80-89% C: 70-79% D: 60-69% F: <60%

V. Attendance Policy

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 on time and to be prepared to discuss them in class. Students are expected to attend classes regularly. Every class period missed after the first one, (number 2 and on), will result in an automatic 2% deduction from your final class grade. It is understood that students will occasionally have to miss classes due to illness or personal emergency and absences for these reasons will be considered excused. Absences due to co-curricular and extracurricular activities will be considered excused provided that they are cleared prior to the absence.

VI. Required textbooks, supplemental books and readings

Janet Horowitz Murray, Hamlet on the Holodeck: The Future of Narrative in Cyberspace (New York: Free Press, 1997).

Robin Williams and John Tollett, The Non-Designer's Web Book: An Easy Guide to Creating, Designing, and Posting Your Own Web Site, 2nd ed. (Berkeley: Peachpit Press, 2000).

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VII. Special resource requirements

None.

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Course Analysis Questionnaire

A. Details of the Course

- A1. This course is one of the electives for students in the BA in History and BS in Social Studies Education. This course is not intended to be a Liberal Studies course. This course can not be incorporated into another existing course because of the scope needed to properly introduce students to the use of digital information as a tool for historians.
- A2. This course does not require changes in any other course in the department.
- A3. This course has not yet been offered at IUP.
- A4. This course is not intended to be dual level.
- A5. This course is not to be taken for variable credit.
- A6. Similar courses are offered at the following institutions, among others:

 The City College of New York, History 1729, "Historian and the Computer."

 Virginia Tech, History 5644, "Digital History Research Seminar"

 George Mason University, History 696, "Clio Wired: An Introduction to History and New Media."
- A7. No professional society, accrediting authority, law or other external agency recommends or requires the content or skills of this proposed course.

B. Interdisciplinary Implications

- B1. This course will be taught by one instructor.
- B2. While some of the content of this course overlaps slightly with one other course taught at the University in Library Science (LIBR 251 Information Access in the Digital Age), this course is specifically designed for history majors and their distinctive discipline and career needs.
- B3. This course is not cross-listed.

C. Implementation

C1. No new faculty member is required to teach this course as several current faculty members are qualified to teach this course. This course will be counted as one preparation and one hour of equated workload.

C2. Other resources:

- a. Current space allocations are adequate to offer this course.
- b. The history department is in the process of creating a History Department Technology Resource Lab with money awarded for a Technology Fee special project. This Resource Lab will be used at various times to allow the students to practice with various software programs.
- c. No laboratory supplies beyond what is currently available at this time are necessary for this course.
- d. Library holdings are adequate.
- C3. None needed.

- C4. This course will be offered once every other academic year.
- C5. Three sections will be offered at a time.
- C6. Due to the hands-on nature of the course, it is important that the class size remain small so that the instructor can provide individual assistance to each student during the practical application components of the course. In addition, the history department Technology Resource Lab can accommodate only 8 students at a time.
- C7. No professional society recommends enrollment limits or parameters for this course.
- C8. This course does not involve the use of distance education.

D. Miscellaneous

No additional information is necessary.