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General Syllabus

HIST 4813 Seminar in Arkansas History

Credit Hours: 3 Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisite: HIST 4153 History of Arkansas and consent of instructor

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Discussion, directed readings, research, and writing on selected issues. Advanced study of a topic in Arkansas history chosen by instructor; includes a major research and writing project incorporating the goals of identifying a problem; establishing a thesis, gathering, evaluating, and analyzing evidence, and writing in an appropriate scholarly format. May be repeated, when topics differ, or for a total of six hours.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- 1. Utilize techniques for research, writing, and the formation of a thesis.
- 2. Present scholarly, written work on a given topic of Arkansas history.
- 3. Offer discussion and insight before a group on a selected topic of Arkansas history.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking Skills

Students will analyze major issues related to the history of Arkansas.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will research historical topics using primary sources and write regional history in publishable form.

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will explore a broad range of persons with varying ethnicity during over the course of Arkansas history.

III. Major Course Topics

A. Topics will vary across the range of Arkansas history depending on the instructor.