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Authority to Offer an Existing Course

BHSU	COLA/School of Math & Social Sciences/History
Institution	**Division/Department**

Pamela Cameron
Institutional Approval Signature

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Date

1. **Is this a request to offer an existing common course or an existing unique course (approval will change course status from unique to common)?**

Common Course	☒
Unique Course	☐

2. **Provide the complete description as it appears in the system database including pre-requisites and co-requisites.**

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Credits
HIST 422	Ancient Rome	3

Course Description
A survey of Roman history from its beginnings through the reign of Constantine.

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites (add lines as needed, make sure to copy boxes in Pre-req and Co-req cells)

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Pre-req	Co-req
		Choose an item.	Choose an item.

3. **Universities currently offering this course, <u>or any equated courses</u> (*place an "X" in the appropriate boxes*):**

Please consult any universities indicated below, and attach correspondence with the campus response. Communication and approval should include the Provost's office at the universities currently offering the course.

☐ BHSU ☐ DSU ☒ NSU ☐ SDSMT ☒ SDSU ☒ USD

4. Does Offering the Course Create FTE Implications? No
HIST 422 will alternate with HIST 425 Medieval Europe every even fall semester such that the number of course offerings will remain the same.

If no, Replacement of _____ (deletion form attached)
(prefix, number, name of course, credits)

Effective Date of Deletion: Click here to enter a date.

5. Does Offering the Course Create Schedule Management Implications? No

Explain: Instead of offering HIST 425 Medieval Europe every two years in even fall semester this course will rotate with HIST 425, such that each will run every other even fall semester.

6. Existing program(s) in which course will be offered: History

7. CIP Code for the course: 30.2202

8. Is the university currently authorized to use the course prefix (i.e., the prefix is used for a minimum of 6 courses, not counting x9x courses) (*Yes or No*)? Yes

If the university is <u>not</u> authorized to use the current prefix, please indicate the prefix your university will use for the course, which will be equated to the requested course. The university must be approved to use this prefix.: _____

(Note: If the institution wishes to offer the course with the current prefix, but is not authorized to do so, AAC Guidelines Form 2.4.1.H – New Prefix Request Form must be submitted along with this request.)

9. Proposed instructional method by this university: Lecture

10. Proposed delivery method by this university: Face-to-face (code X01)

11. University Dept. Code: BMTSS School of Math and Social Sciences

Banner Department Code: BSMS

12. Authority to offer effective beginning in what term? Spring 2026

13. Section Restriction: No

Email Correspondence:

USD:
Thanks!
-Alex

From: Burrow, David <david.burrow@usd.edu>
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 3:04 PM
To: Lang, AlexanderP <Alexander.Lang@bhsu.edu>
Subject: [EXT] Re: BHSU History Dept. Course Approval Request

Hi Alex,
If you're planning on offering the course in-person (face-to-face), I don't have any concerns, and you have my approval. All of your reasons are perfectly sensible.

Regards,
Dave

David I Burrow
Chair, Department of History

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From: Lang, AlexanderP <Alexander.Lang@bhsu.edu>
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 3:13 PM
To: Burrow, David <david.burrow@usd.edu>
Subject: BHSU History Dept. Course Approval Request

You don't often get email from alexander.lang@bhsu.edu. Learn why this is important
Hi David,

This is Alex Lang over at the BHSU History Department. I would like to offer the HIST 422: Ancient Rome course currently on the SDBOR catalogue at BHSU starting in the fall 2026 semester and then every four years afterwards in rotation with my HIST 425: Medieval Europe course. In order to add it to the BHSU catalogue, I need the approval of the relevant chairs from SDBOR institutions that run HIST 422.
If you are ok with this, please just let me know in a response that I can attach to a formal request for permission to teach the course here. If you have any concerns or need convincing, I've included the following arguments for the course:

Even though my expertise is Modern Europe, I would like to offer this course for the following reasons:

1. There is student interest in a course covering ancient history.
2. I am much more familiar with the history and historiography of Rome than with other topics in ancient history.
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If you have any questions or concerns that you would like addressed, please let me know.
Best,
Alex

SDSU:

Hi Alex—

I met with the history faculty yesterday. The School of American and Global Studies has no objections to BHSU offering HIST 422: Ancient Rome and HIST 425: Medieval Europe as face to face courses.

Thank you and best of luck with the end of the semester.

Christi

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From: Lang, AlexanderP <Alexander.Lang@bhsu.edu>
Date: Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 9:19 AM
To: Garst-Santos, Christine <Christine.Garst-Santos@sdstate.edu>
Subject: Re: [EXT] FW: History Department Chair?

Hi Christi,
Sorry to bother you, but could you remind the history faculty to take a look at my request? I'd like to move forward with paperwork for this if it is approved.
Thanks!
Alex

From: Lang, AlexanderP <Alexander.Lang@bhsu.edu>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 9:34 AM
To: Garst-Santos, Christine <christine.garst-santos@sdstate.edu>
Subject: Re: [EXT] FW: History Department Chair?

Hi Christine,
Thank you for your assistance. Please forward this to the history program:

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From: Garst-Santos, Christine <Christine.Garst-Santos@sdstate.edu>
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 4:08 PM
To: Lang, AlexanderP <Alexander.Lang@bhsu.edu>
Subject: [EXT] FW: History Department Chair?

You don't often get email from christine.garst-santos@sdstate.edu. Learn why this is important
Hi Alex—

I would be your contact to request authorization to teach a course. The School of AGS houses American Indian & Indigenous Studies, history, political science, philosophy, religion, and world languages. As I always do in these cases, I will consult with the history program.

Thank you,
Christi

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From: Kor, Amy <Amy.Kor@sdstate.edu>
Date: Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 3:06 PM
To: Garst-Santos, Christine <Christine.Garst-Santos@sdstate.edu>
Subject: FW: History Department Chair?

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From: Lang, AlexanderP <Alexander.Lang@bhsu.edu>
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 2:52 PM
To: Kor, Amy <Amy.Kor@sdstate.edu>
Subject: History Department Chair?

Hi Amy,
This is Alex Lang-a history professor over at BHSU. I'm looking to get approval on offering a class that is offered at SDSU and would need approval from the history chair. I've tried to look that up online but without luck. Could you please let me know and then I'll be in touch with them shortly.
Best,
Alex

NSU:

Hello Alex - we have no objections to you teaching HIST 422: Ancient Rome.
It looks like an interesting rotation of courses - great for the students.
Best wishes
Steven

From: Lang, AlexanderP <Alexander.Lang@bhsu.edu>
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 3:13 PM
To: Usitalo, Steven <Steven.Usitalo@northern.edu>
Subject: BHSU History Dept. Course Request

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of NSU. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe. DO NOT provide your username and password.

Hi Steven,

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