Nebraska Wesleyan University

HIST 2800 Historical Methods

Catalog

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Course Description

The course introduces students to basic theoretical approaches to understanding the past. Special emphasis is placed on research methods, resources, and the composition of a research essay. This course is designed for majors and students interested in the theories and techniques used by historians. Course topics change yearly and include subjects such as the study of chattel slavery in the United States through the words and remembrances of enslaved people from 1600 to 1877 and the relationship between collective memories of the past and the development of identity at the national, local, and individual level. This course will meet with HIST 3800A/HIST-3800B.

Archway Curriculum: Essential Connections: Writing Instructive

Course Hours

4 hours

Departments

1. History