In addition to a core set of courses exploring global history, U.S. history, and historical research methods, you’ll select electives to tailor the program to your interests. Here’s a sample of what you can expect to learn and do:

**Saints & Demons in Medieval Europe**
The medieval church played a central role influencing the lives of Western Christians. This course examines the depth of that influence, emphasizing forms of religious expression, the church’s role in everyday life, canon law, and lay involvement in the church.

**Women in African History**
This course examines women in African history from ancient times to present, focusing on religious practices, colonialism, and social class. Students examine the construction of gender, social systems, reproduction, women’s exercise of power, and the attempt to control female bodies.

**Oppression and Resistance**
This course challenges students to critically evaluate the roles that racism, sexism, and prejudice have played in shaping the modern world. Students compare case studies of slavery, persecution, subjugation, and genocide and explore the violent and nonviolent resistance of marginalized peoples.

**Money as Meaning**
This course focuses on the relationship between money and other forms of communication, such as writing and printing. It examines the changing roles of various kinds of money across time, from early stone-age exchange systems through the birth of capitalism.