Program Description

The History of Consciousness Minor is available for students who wish to gain an understanding of major ideas, trends, and figures in the history of knowledge using an interdisciplinary approach. Topics include: modernity; the history of philosophy; capitalism; the foundations of critical theory; the emotions; categories and concepts of difference; critical race theory; queer theory; gender and sexuality studies; visual culture; and the foundations of modern intellectual thought. Courses provide students with critical theoretical tools for understanding philosophy, history, race, sexuality, affect, politics, economics and other fields of inquiry.

Requirements:

One Lower Division course
- HISC 1: Introduction to History of Consciousness (or other approved Lower Division course)

Five Upper Division courses
- Students may, with permission of the instructor, petition the department to substitute a five-credit graduate seminar for one of the required upper division courses.
- Students may petition to substitute an upper division course offered by affiliated faculty in other departments.

Sample Past Courses:
- Introduction to Marxism
- Introduction to History of Consciousness
- I White Like Me: Whiteness and the Racial Imaginary
- What is Belief? Mystics, Heretics, and Aliens
- Historical Introduction to Philosophy
- What is the Witch?
- Understanding Popular Music
- War & the Media
- US Horror Film: Race, Capitalism, and Monsters
- What is Space?
- Labor & Globalization
- What is Utopia?
- Political Writing
- What is the Psyche?
- Radical Political Theory

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