CREDIT-BEARING CERTIFICATE PROGRAM PROPOSAL
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

I. Background Information

A. Title of Program: World History and Society: Past, Present, Future

B. Department(s)/Program(s): History, Philosophy and Religious Studies, Political Science, Economics, Geology

C. Administrative Home: History

D. Division: ☑ Undergraduate (Requires approval by APC*) ☐ Graduate (Requires approval by GC**)

E. Effective Year and Term for Implementation of Action: Fall 2016

II. Unit Approvals

A. Department Chair(s)/Program Director(s)  
   [Signatures]
   4/20/15

B. Dean of College
   [Signatures]
   4/20/15

C. Chair, Academic Policies Committee
   [Signatures]

D. Chair, Graduate Council
   [Signatures]

   Date
   4/16/15
   4/20/15
   5/7/15

* APC = Academic Policies Committee
** GC = Graduate Council
III. Certificate program proposals should originate at the department/program level; all affected departments/programs must endorse proposals. Each proposal will include the following:

A. Context for the certificate program (any predecessor programs, relationship to existing programs, alignment with university mission);

This certificate is consistent with the university's plan to increase global programming. It is similar to the Global History Certificate, but it allows students to pursue related interests in other disciplinary contexts. Plus, it has the advantage of being delivered entirely online to serve the online audience. With a 36 credit BPS major in OLC, we will have students who need to complete a second program all online.

B. Rationale explaining need for the program (e.g., target audience(s), evidence of long-term need, anticipated enrollment);

We currently have 51 students enrolled in an all online major program in A&S. There is every reason to expect that this number will grow since we are introducing a new all online major program this coming fall. Going forward, these students will need an all online second program.

C. Statement of benefits to students, the department(s)/program(s), college(s), and university;

Since the minor requirement is becoming one of several "second program" requirements for our students, they will be able to pursue a variety of interests. This certificate will provide a second program for students interested in world history and connected topics in other disciplines. Since all of these classes will be offered online regularly, it will serve students who need to complete some or all of their coursework online.

D. Description of the academic component including:

i. Learning goals and outcomes for students;

Students will be able to connect human history to current issues.

ii. Specification of any program admission requirements, minimum GPA requirements for courses, GPA requirements for certificate completion above the university minimum, applicability of the S/U option;

Any undergraduate student may complete this certificate, although it is designed for students who need an all online option. Courses cannot be counted in both the major and the certificate program.

iii. Course array, including specification of new, required and elective courses. If electives are allowed within the certificate program, an explanation of the proposed electives in light of the need for program cohesion should be included.

Required courses:

HIST 124 World History to 1500
HIST 125 World History since 1500
Choose Two From the Following. At least one must have a prefix other than HIST:
RELS 100 World Religions
RELS/WMNS 203 Women and World Religions
POLS 122 World Politics
GEOL 122 The Future of Global Energy
HIST 292 Origins of Current World Conflicts
POLS 336 Arab Israeli Conflict
HIST 366 Middle East Since Muhammad
ECON 357 Women and Economic Development

E. Description of the administration, staffing, and budgeting for the program, including:

i. Faculty/staff participating in the certificate program;

Several faculty in the participating departments will teach these courses.

ii. Proposed frequency of offering for courses included in the certificate program;

At minimum, HIST 124 will be offered in person and online fall semesters and HIST 125 will be offered in person and online spring semesters. The other courses will be offered in person and online with great enough frequency for students to complete the certificate within one year.

iii. Proposed arrangements for ongoing advising for students in the certificate program;

World History faculty will advise students in the certificate program.

iv. Anticipated need for student support services for students enrolled in the certificate program;

There will be no additional needs beyond student services the campus already provides.

v. Identification of an administrative home for certificate programs involving more than one academic department/program;

The history department will be the home department for this certificate.

vi. Funding needs to initiate and maintain the certificate program, including source(s) of funding and any needed resource reallocation;

We will be developing HIST 125 online through CE. CE has already committed to funding this development. The other courses are all taught online already so no funding beyond that will be required.

vii. Impact on existing courses and programs.

This certificate will be one more option for students interested in world history and society. It will be a unique choice that does not duplicate other programs.