**Hist 490 Capstone Seminar (3)** The capstone seminar provides students with the opportunity to integrate and apply learning from their entire college experience. Students will develop and complete a project in conjunction with the course instructor or other approved mentor. Approved projects will require students to use skills, methodology and knowledge to address important issues, explore key arguments, and critique common practices germane to their academic discipline. Internships and fieldwork experiences may also be acceptable projects. The course will also prepare students for the transition from college to graduate/professional school. Prerequisite: Senior standing.

**Hist 491 Senior Seminar in History** Students will craft a substantial research paper in history based on original sources, the topic of which is determined in consultation with the professor. Students will also be exposed to basic historical theory and trends in historiography. This course counts as the capstone for the history major.

**Hist 499 Honors Course (1) or (2)** Arranged for qualified seniors.

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**History Capstone – Guide to Resources**


“History Capstone – Guide to Resources” is a collaborative project designed by your professors and the library as a resource for research in completing your capstone project. If you have suggestions, comments, or questions, then contact Reference and Instruction Librarian tom.krenzke@cune.edu 800.535.5494 ext7256 L-111.

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**Dewey decimal classification summaries**

- 900 History
- 910 Geography & travel
- 920 Biography & genealogy
- 930 History of ancient world (to ca. 499)
- 940 History of Europe
- 950 History of Asia
- 960 History of Africa
- 970 History of North America
- 980 History of South America
- 990 History of other areas

**Selected tutorials and study aids**

- Boolean searching http://www.internettutorials.net/boolean.asp
- CUNE interlibrary loan http://www.cune.edu/libraryILL
- CUNE library > Research help > Accessing Library Resources HISTORY
- CUNE library > Research help > [r.margin] Social Sciences Resources
- CUNE research toolkit http://wp.cune.edu/libraryresearchhelp/toolkit/
- Deconstructing a research article http://www.cune.edu/staffweb/tom.krenzke/DeconAResearchArticle.pdf
- How do I find a research study http://www.cune.edu/staffweb/tom.krenzke/FindResearchStudy.pdf
- Primer on databases and catalogs http://www.usg.edu/galileo/skills/unit04/index.phtml
- PRIMO http://www.ala.org/cfapps/primo/public/search.cfm
- “Using WorldCat Local and Interlibrary Loan” (4min40sec screencast click for transcript); “Using research databases” (4min30sec screencast click for transcript)

- Finding primary sources http://www.loc.gov/teachers/usingprimarysources/finding.html
- The Historian's toolbox: skills for history majors (tutorial on research / writing) http://guides.library.fullerton.edu/historians_toolbox/index.html
- Internet for American studies tutorial http://www.vtstutorials.co.uk/ > American studies
Going to the Sources: A Guide to Historical Research and Writing  
(c2013) CUNE library REF 907.2 B835 2013

Example quotation: Finding Primary Sources p114-116 (underlining added): “...One method that was mentioned earlier – a method for finding collections of documents in book form – is to look under the various subject headings for your topic in the library catalog to see if there are any with the word ‘sources’ added....Another effective method is to look for published bibliographies on your topic, which may be in the form of essays or articles as well as in the form of books....A good example is the Harvard Guide to American History, an excellent reference source for primary and secondary sources....In searching for published collections of primary sources, consult the bibliographies and footnotes of your secondary sources, as well as doing some creative shelf browsing. In many historical monographs the bibliographies at the end of the book are divided into primary and secondary sources....Finally, if the period you are studying falls in the last century or so, you may want to research newspapers or periodicals contemporary with the events you are studying....”

The Historian’s Toolbox: A Student’s Guide to the Theory and Craft of History  
(c2007) CUNE library REF 907.2 W675 2007

The Information-Literate Historian: A Guide to Research for History Students  
(c2007) CUNE library REF 907.2 P926
Library of Congress (LoC) subject headings

Examples of LoC subject headings:

History See Also subdivision History under names of countries, cities, etc., and individual corporate bodies, uniform titles of sacred works, classes of persons, ethnic groups, and topical headings.

History—Sources Here are entered collections of documents, records, etc. upon which narrative history is based. See Also subdivision History—Sources under names of countries, cities, etc., and individual corporate bodies, and under classes of persons, ethnic groups, and topical headings that are not inherently historical; and subdivision Sources under historical topics, e.g. Renaissance—Sources.

History, Ancient See Also subdivision History—To 1500 under topical headings; also names of ancient races and peoples, e.g. Indo-Europeans; Hittites; Mediterranean race; and names of countries of antiquity.

History, Modern—16th century See Also subdivision History—16th century under names of countries, cities, etc., and individual corporate bodies, and under classes of persons, ethnic groups, and topical headings.

Periodical titles and reference sources

- Journal TOCs http://www.journaltocks.hw.ac.uk/ > [browse - subjects] or [search - enter topic]
- CUNE electronic reference books at http://www.cune.edu/librarydatabases > Credo Reference > Topic pages > History (click to view); Britannica Online (see also bullet point below); Oxford Reference Online; eBooks from EBSCOhost EXAMPLE search: su history and su (bibliography or encyclopedia or handbook or guide or dictionary or directory) = over 100 results view at http://vproxy.cune.edu/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&bquery=(SU+(history))+AND+(SU+(bibliography+OR+encyclopedia+OR+handbook+OR+guide+OR+dictionary+OR+directory))&type=1&site=ehost-live
- http://www.cune.edu/librarydatabases > Britannica online > history (click to view) > [left margin] Web links > Britannica Internet guide AND Britannica Web search -- EXAMPLE: history site:britannica.com OR site:gov OR site:edu OR site:ac.uk OR site:edu.au

Example sites from Britannica Internet guide:

- History Guide http://aac.sub.uni-goettingen.de/en/history/guide/
- eHistory at OSU http://ehistory.osu.edu/osu/default.cfm
- US Department of State http://www.state.gov/

- Encyclopedia of Christianity (five vols.) CUNE Ref 230.003 En19 v.1-5
- Worldmark Encyclopedia of Cultures and Daily Life (four vols.) CUNE Ref 305.8 W893 v.1-4
- The Statesman’s Yearbook CUNE Ref 310 St 29 201
- Eastern Europe: an introduction to the people, lands, and culture (three vols.) CUNE Ref 947 F94 v.1-3
- For more reference sources, visit Social Science Resources > Periodical titles and reference books, including the Click for MORE link.

- Culture Grid http://www.culturegrid.org.uk/
Selected databases

Note: The 4 steps of online database searching are (1) identify the main concepts in your research question, (2) list synonyms for the main concepts, (3) create a preliminary search, and (4) interact with search results to refine. For tutorials about research, see the CUNE Research Toolkit. For recommended CUNE online databases, see Accessing Library Resources HISTORY.

Examples from Accessing Library Resources HISTORY:

Academic Search Premier EXAMPLE searches: su [country] and ab cultur*; ge [country] and ab (arts or business or cultur* or custom or descri* or educat* or econom* or ethnograph* or histot* or nation* or policy or polit* or religio* or scienc* or social or societ* or travel or values)
ATLAS
Business Insights: Global

Atlantic Archive http://atlantic-archive.org/
British Council Film Collection http://film.britishcouncil.org/british-council-film-collection
China Vitae http://chinavitae.com/
DigiBaek German-Jewish History Online http://www.lbi.org/digibaek/
Empirical Studies of Conflict http://esoc.princeton.edu/
FBI Records: The Vault http://vault.fbi.gov/
Freedom of Information Act Electronic Reading Room http://www.foia.cia.gov/
Gifts of Speech: Women’s Speeches from Around the World http://gos.sbc.edu/
Local or state history sites such as Nebraska Memories; Ohio Memory; Texas Heritage Online. See also individual state archives / historical societies / libraries, for example Nebraska State Historical Society; NCpedia; Connecticut History Online. Other digital state history sites might be hosted by university libraries, for example Mississippi Digital Library; The Portal to Texas History; The State of Wisconsin Collection; Saskatchewan History Online; Kentucky Digital Library; Digital Library of Georgia.
Media History Digital Library http://mediahistoryproject.org/
Uncovering Chicago Archives Project http://unenc.lib.uchicago.edu/
Wilson Center Digital Archive http://digitalarchive.wilsoncenter.org/

American Memory http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html
ArchiveGrid http://beta.worldcat.org/archivegrid/
BASE http://www.base-search.net/
Data Repositories from OAD http://oad.simmons.edu/oadwiki/Data_repositories
Databib Research Data Repositories http://databib.org/
DataCite http://www.datacite.org/
Digital Book Index http://www.digitalbookindex.org/about.htm
Digital Commons Network http://network.bepress.com/
Digital Public Library of America http://dp.la/
DPLA Bookshelf http://dp.la/bookshelf
Selected Web sites

Note: EXAMPLE Google search: http://www.google.com/ > [term] site:gov OR site:edu OR site:ac.uk OR site:edu.au

- American Archives http://dig.lib.niu.edu/amarch/
- The Avalon Project http://avalon.law.yale.edu/default.asp
- Best of history web sites http://www.besthistorysites.net/
- Connected Histories: British History Sources, 1500-1900 http://www.connectedhistories.org/Default.aspx
- Cold War International History Project http://www.wilsoncenter.org/program/cold-war-international-history-project
- Cornell U Library Making of America Collection http://moa.library.cornell.edu/
- Discovering American Women’s History Online http://digital.mtsu.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/women
- EuroDocs European country primary documents http://eudocs.lib.byu.edu/index.php/Main_Page > [country]
- Finding Historical Primary Sources http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/alacarte/subject-guide/163-Finding-Historical-Primary-Sources?tab=3309
- Founders Online http://founders.archives.gov/
- History Matters http://historymatters.gmu.edu/
- Making of America http://quod.lib.umich.edu/m/maogrp/
- OFFSTATS http://www.offstats.auckland.ac.nz/
- Our Documents http://www.ourdocuments.gov/
- PBS History programs http://www.pbs.org/topics/history/
- PreserveNet Links & Resources http://www.preservenet.cornell.edu/links.php
- Primary source documents pertaining to North American history http://polyweb.net/library/
- Repositories of Primary Sources http://www.uiweb.uidaho.edu/special-collections/OtherRepositories.html
- Resources for Historical Research http://www.historians.org/info/research.cfm
- Schoenberg Center for Electronic Text & Image http://sceti.library.upenn.edu/
- Sid Lapidus ’59 Collection on Liberty and the American Revolution http://pudl.princeton.edu/collections/pudl0076
- Sophia Smith Collection http://www.smith.edu/libraries/libraries/ssc/index.html
- United States (Bookshelf) http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/United_States_(Bookshelf)
- ViFaOst: Virtual Library Eastern Europe [http://library.columbia.edu/locations/chrdr/hrwa.html](http://library.columbia.edu/locations/chrdr/hrwa.html)
- Virtual library US history [http://vlib.iue.it/history/USA/](http://vlib.iue.it/history/USA/)
- World history & cultures [http://www.loc.gov/topics/worldhistory.php](http://www.loc.gov/topics/worldhistory.php)

**Professional organizations and conferences**

**News and media including discussion lists**
- The Appendix [http://theappendix.net/blog](http://theappendix.net/blog)

**Other**
- CUNE Library information for distance learning [http://wp.cune.edu/libraryresearchhelp/libinfofordl/](http://wp.cune.edu/libraryresearchhelp/libinfofordl/)
- Faculty-staff library resources workshop [http://www.cune.edu/staffweb/tom.krenzke/faculty-staff-how-do-i.htm](http://www.cune.edu/staffweb/tom.krenzke/faculty-staff-how-do-i.htm)

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