Week 1 (Sept. 6th): Introduction, with presentation by Writing Center

Week 2 (Sept. 13th): Web Resources
To be held in LSS Multi-media classroom (Van Hise 274). Meet in 5255 Humanities, to walk up hill together.


Week 3 (Sept 20th): Asking Historical Questions


Week 4 (Sept. 27th): The Use of Cognate Disciplines, 1: Archeology (William Aylward)

In preparation read: TBA by Prof. Aylward

Week 5 (Oct. 4th): The Use of Cognate Disciplines, 2: Art History and Architecture (Thomas Dale)

In preparation read: TBA by Prof. Dale

Week 6 (Oct. 11th): The Use of Cognate Disciplines, 4: Anthropology

Week 7 (Oct. 18th): The Use of Cognate Disciplines, 4: Political Science and International Relations (Jeremi Suri)


Week 8 (Oct. 18th): The Basics: Writing Introductions and Conclusions; Reading Languages; Footnotes and Bibliographies

Weeks 9-15: Student presentations and consultations

Be sure to bring a relevant article or book to each session, as you will spend the second part of the class reading, as the instructor consults with students individually.

The first hour or more of each class will be devoted to four or five very brief student presentations, each to be followed by questions and discussion.

Each presentation will last only five minutes, and will present the following information:

a) Topic and title.
b) Historical questions to be answered.
c) Methodology, use of cognate disciplines if appropriate.
d) Work completed to date.
e) Original contribution of paper: how will it fit into a broader body of scholarship.