Instructional Programs

Note: Every effort has been made to keep program information current. Please use this information as a guide and consult with the chair of the department/program or an MSJC counselor.

Program Description

The History program at MSJC is structured under a world history umbrella that encourages students to explore change over time through area and regional studies, comparative analysis, and multi-disciplinary investigations. US History courses emphasize critical analyses of basic American institutions, values, and traditions, covering the nation’s past by emphasizing cultural and ethnic diversity and multi-faceted analysis (social, political, economic, military, gender, ethnic, and cultural history). In each history course, students will be asked to analyze critically major historical problems and issues and to master primary and secondary sources. The history program encourages students to approach their world with curiosity and informed critical analysis and to do so with an awareness of how a particular subject fits into a larger pattern or context.

Transfer Preparation

MSJC offers a range of course work to prepare students to transfer to four-year colleges and universities. Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree in this program might not be the same as those required for transfer into the major at a four year university. All four-year institutions prescribe their own standards for course evaluation and admissions. Prospective transfer students are advised to research careers, degrees and majors in the Career/Transfer Center, access www.assist.org, review the MSJC catalog and meet with a counselor to expedite their transfer plan.

Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate through coursework and discussion a breadth of knowledge of historical developments and trends related to the courses taken.
- Demonstrate the ability to analyze, evaluate, and synthesize historical data into independent interpretations.
- Demonstrate the ability to evaluate, analyze and synthesize the impact of class, gender, ethnicity, culture and politics as they relate to the process of history.