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Subject: Petition to remove History 1776 and 1379 from the curriculum

The Department of History’s Undergraduate Committee recommends that the CLASS Undergraduate Council remove Hist. 1376 and Hist. 1379 from the college’s curriculum. History 1376: “The U.S. to 1877,” and History 1379: “The U.S. since 1877” are three credit hour survey courses in American history. They include a one credit hour discussion section attached to a two credit hour lecture section. Because of the way they were designed, it became logistically impossible to offer them any more by the end of the 1990s. Since the late 1990s, these courses have been replaced with Hist. 1377 and Hist. 1378 respectively.

It is for this reason that the Department of History’s Undergraduate Committee believes that these courses should no longer remain part of the curriculum. In addition, both History 1376 and 1379 should be omitted from the Undergraduate Studies Catalog as soon as possible.