

HIST 391 001: Animals in Human History



This course examines areas of human existence that have been affected by animals, including: food supply and domestication, warfare, industry, companionship and pet keeping, sport, entertainment, zoological gardens, and the recent emphasis on animal rights.

Although there will be some reference to earlier periods and other areas of the globe, the course will be concentrated on the West in the modern period. Several of the key questions we will examine are: What do changing ideas about animals reveal about how humans view their world? In what ways do animals make us human? How have animals influenced the course of human history?