

History, Political Science & International Studies

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Chair of the Department

The department offers three majors and minors: History; Political Science; and International Studies. Each discipline draws from both social sciences and the humanities, to examine the variety of human experience, in our country, around the world, and through time. History is the study of change over time; political science is the study of power in society; international studies draws on many disciplines to understand international relations and transnational forces. In all of these majors and minors, debating contemporary issues, learning to do research, and writing persuasively prepares students for successful careers.

History

Political Science

International Studies

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HISTORY

All history majors and minors are invited to participate in the social, co-curricular, and vocational activities of the department. The department houses a chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the international history honor society. Outstanding history majors are elected to its membership. In addition, the department has two lecture series honoring the memory of past department chairs. An annual lecture in honor of Brother Casimir Gabriel Costello, F.S.C., features European history, and a biennial series focuses on topics in early American history in honor of Professor Robert Christen.

Requirements for a Major in History

Students in the School of Liberal Arts who major in history must complete a minimum of 33 credits in history courses. These credits must include:

HIST 100	Experiencing History	3
HIST 300	Historical Methods	3
HIST 490	Senior Seminar	3
One of the following (or another 200-level course approved by chair):		
HIST 217	World History to 1600	3
or HIST 203	History of the Medieval World	
or HIST 220	Race & Gender in Medieval Europe	
or HIST 225	Modern Latin America	
or HIST 231	Introduction to African American History	

or HIST 239	Pre-Modern East Asian Civilizations
or HIST 240	East Asian Civilizations
or HIST 242	Introduction to African History

Course designated as pre-modern	*
European History at 300-level or above	3
US History at 300-level or above	3
World History at 300-level or above	3
Elective History at the 300-level or above	12
Total Credits	33

*can also fulfill another History requirement

A minimum grade of C is necessary to receive credit in the major. Students are encouraged to pursue opportunities for study abroad. In addition, internships in a wide variety of related fields are available for history majors. There are several ways one can organize one's program to meet the requirements; what follows is one suggested path. Students are encouraged to use their free electives to take a minor or a second major, work on their language skills or pursue other interests.

First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
HIST 152 or 150		3 RELS 110 or ENGL 110	3
ENGL 110 or RELS 110		3 HIST 100	3
Humanities Core		3 LLRN 105	3
Social Science Core		3 PHIL 150	3
ENGL 150		3 Social Sciences Core	3
	15		15

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
HIST 300		3 HIST 3xx	3
HIST 2xx		3 Language	3
Language		3 Science	3
Science		3 Social Sciences Core	3
RELS 2xx		3 MATH 151 or 230	3
	15		15

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
HIST 3xx		3 HIST 3xx	3
HIST 3xx		3 RELS 3xx	3
Science		3 Electives	9
Electives		6	
	15		15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
HIST 3xx		3 HIST 490	3
HIST 3xx		3 HIST 3xx	3
Electives		9 Electives	9
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Total Credits: 120

Minor**Requirements for a Minor in History**

15 credits of history courses, with most at the 300-level or above. The program is worked out individually with the department chair, but typically includes at least three 300-level courses, one in each region: Europe, U.S., World. A minimum grade of C is required to receive credit in the minor.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Political Science major seeks to maximize students' ability to analyze and interpret the significance of political events, institutions, behavior, and governmental processes at the local, national, and international levels. The major is designed to equip students to play more effective roles as citizens of a democratic nation and of the world and to prepare them for careers in public service, politics, diplomacy, law, business, journalism, and college teaching.

Major**Requirements for a Major**

Either POSC 150 Roots: Government, POSC 153 Roots: Government - FYS or POSC 201 Introduction to Government and Politics is a prerequisite for the Political Science major. In addition, majors must take a total of ten courses (30 credits) distributed as follows:

Gateway courses – all required. Majors are strongly encouraged to take the gateway course in a field before upper level courses in that field -- for example, POSC 209, Comparative Politics, before a course in Latin American or European Politics.

POSC 203	United States Government and Politics	3
POSC 209	Comparative Politics	3
POSC 210	Research Methods in Political Science	3
POSC 251	Global Issues	3
POSC 270 or POSC 271	Introduction to Political Theory American Political Thought	3

Students will also take:

- Three 300 level classes
- Senior Seminar 400-level (to be taken in senior year)
- One class any level (200-400 level) or internship

A minimum grade of C in departmental courses is necessary to fulfill the requirements for the major. Majors intending to apply to law school are encouraged to take at least one term of POSC 323 Constitutional Law: Governmental Powers or POSC 324 Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties. There are several ways one can organize one's program to meet the requirements; what follows is one suggested path. Students are encouraged to use their free electives to take a minor or a second major, work on their language skills or pursue other interests.

First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ENGL 110 or RELS 110		3 ENGL 110 or RELS 110	3
POSC 150 or 153		3 POSC 203	3
Humanities Core		3 LLRN 105	3
Language		3 Language	3
First Year Seminar (Hum or Soc Sci)		3 Humanities or Soc Sci Core	3
	15		15

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
POSC 209 or 251		3 POSC 270 or 271	3
POSC 251		3 MATH	3
Science		3 Humanities Core	3
Humanities Core		3 Social Sciences Core	3
RELS 2XX (Catholic Studies)		3 Free Elective	3
	15		15

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
POSC 210		3 POSC 300 Elective	3
Science		3 POSC 300 Elective	3
Humanities Core		3 Science	3
RELS 3XX (Global Studies and Contemporary Issues)		3 Free Elective	3
Free Elective		3 Free Elective	3
	15		15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
POSC 300 Elective		3 Senior Seminar	3
Internship or POSC 300 Elective		3 Four Free Electives	12

3 Free Electives	9	
	15	15

Total Credits: 120

Minor

Requirements for a Minor

The minor is available to students in all schools.

Minors should take:

- POSC 150 Roots: Government, POSC 153 Roots: Government - FYS or POSC 201 Introduction to Government and Politics
- POSC 203 United States Government and Politics
 - One other gateway course: either POSC 209 Comparative Politics, POSC 251 Global Issues or POSC 270 Introduction to Political Theory
 - two other political science courses.

Minors are advised to start with POSC 150, POSC 153 or POSC 201 and POSC 203 and the other gateway course before selecting other courses. For a course to count for the minor, a student must earn a grade of C or better.

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

International Studies is an interdisciplinary program founded on the premise that world events can only be understood by employing a variety of disciplinary perspectives -- including political, economic, historical, and cultural approaches -- and that they must be understood in both a regional and a global context. This interdisciplinary and international perspective will prepare students for graduate school or law school, or for careers in business, education, government, non-governmental organizations, or international organizations. Students who have specific graduate work or careers in mind may want to take a second major or a minor to further their program.

Major

Requirements for a Major in International Studies

All majors shall:

- Complete 15 credits in the core curriculum
- Complete 15 credits in the chosen area of concentration
- Acquire a satisfactory reading and speaking ability in at least one foreign language.

Areas of concentration are: Europe; Asia; Latin America and the Caribbean; Africa and the Middle East; and Global Affairs. This last category focuses on transregional issues such as the environment, technology, ethnicity, and international law and organizations. See below for the lists of courses in each area of concentration.

The Department of English, World Languages & Literatures offers courses in Arabic, French, Italian, Japanese, and Spanish. International Studies majors should take through second year of a language relevant to their concentration, if offered, or demonstrate equivalent ability on a proficiency exam administered by the faculty in the World Languages & Literatures discipline. A minimum grade of C or better is required in all language courses. If available, a minor is strongly encouraged.

All International Studies majors are strongly encouraged to spend one or two semesters of their junior year abroad. A minimum grade of C is required in all courses used to fulfill the requirements for a major or minor in International Studies and for all courses taken abroad.

International Studies majors are advised to take ECON 150 Roots: Economics as one of their Social Science Core requirements.

Core Curriculum for Major

INTL 201	Global Issues	3
HIST 300	Historical Methods	3
or POSC 210	Research Methods in Political Science	
HIST 326	Diplomatic History of Europe 1815-1914	3
or HIST 328	Cold War Diplomacy in Asia	
or HIST 334	Diplomatic History of the Vietnam Wars	
or HIST 362	US Foreign Relations, 1900 to the Present	
or HIST 394	Diplomatic History of the Ottoman Empire	
POSC 351	International Relations	3
or POSC 352	International Organizations	
or POSC 357	United States Foreign Policy	
INTL 405	Senior Seminar	3

Minor

Requirements for a Minor in International Studies

Minors shall complete 15 credits, including: INTL 201 Global Issues; POSC 351 International Relations, POSC 352 International Organizations, or POSC 357 United States Foreign Policy; and HIST 326 Diplomatic History of Europe 1815-1914, HIST 328 Cold War Diplomacy in Asia, HIST 334 Diplomatic History of the Vietnam Wars, HIST 362 US Foreign Relations, 1900 to the Present, or HIST 394 Diplomatic History of the Ottoman Empire. Students should also choose two electives from any one of the areas of concentration. Students are encouraged to advance their linguistic competency.

Areas of Concentration

Majors take 15 credits in their area of concentration, with no more than three courses, or 9 credits, in a single discipline, and no more than two courses, or 6 credits, in a foreign language. Special topics courses and Model United Nations courses may be included in concentrations, when relevant, and at the discretion of the faculty advisors in the major.

Courses for the concentration are chosen in consultation with the faculty advisors in the major, including those listed below:

Africa and Middle East:

ART 218	Introduction to World Art	3
ECON 334	International Economics (Prereqs: ECON 150/203 and 204)	3
ECON 412	Economic Growth and Development	3
ENGL 265	Global Literature in English	3
ENGL 348	Postcolonial Literature	3
HIST 242	Introduction to African History	3
HIST 306	History of the Modern Middle East	3
HIST 307	Genocide and Racism	3
HIST 314	Modern Africa	3
HIST 325	The Byzantine Empire	3
HIST 389	Gender and Sexuality in the Modern Middle East	3
HIST 390	Terror and Terrorism	3
HIST 391	Decolonization: The End of Empires	3
HIST 392	History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict	3
HIST 393	Global Feminisms	3
HIST 394	Diplomatic History of the Ottoman Empire	3
INTL 315	Special Topics: Area Studies	3
INTL 375	Internship	3
INTL 400	Study Abroad	15
INTL 450	Tutorial	1-3
INTL 475	Internship	3
PHIL 332	Africana Philosophy	3
POSC 343	Government and Politics of the Middle East	3
POSC 346	Government and Politics of Africa	3
PSYC 348	Cultural Psychology	3
RELS 238	Theologies Of Liberation	3
RELS 324	Muslims & the Holocaust	3
RELS 341	Judaism	3
RELS 342	Islam and Politics	3
RELS 349	Women and Islam	3
RELS 355	Islam	3
SOC 202	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3
SOC 205	Urban Environments	3
SOC 225	Telling Stories with Maps	3
SOC 250	Introduction to GIS	3
SOC 290	Codes of Gender	3
SOC 295	Capitalism	3
SOC 334	Sustainable Development	3

SOC 350	Advanced Topics in Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	3
URBN 302	Sustainable Cities	3

Asia:

ART 218	Introduction to World Art	3
ART 316	History of Asian Art	3
ECON 334	International Economics (Prereqs: ECON 150/203 and 204)	3
ECON 412	Economic Growth and Development	3
ENGL 265	Global Literature in English	3
ENGL 348	Postcolonial Literature	3
HIST 239	Pre-Modern East Asian Civilizations	3
HIST 240	East Asian Civilizations	3
HIST 307	Genocide and Racism	3
HIST 312	Modern China 1839 - Now	3
HIST 313	Vietnam to the Philippines	3
HIST 328	Cold War Diplomacy in Asia	3
HIST 334	Diplomatic History of the Vietnam Wars	3
HIST 348	Modern Japan	3
HIST 391	Decolonization: The End of Empires	3
HIST 393	Global Feminisms	3
INTL 315	Special Topics: Area Studies	3
INTL 375	Internship	3
INTL 400	Study Abroad	15
INTL 450	Tutorial	1-3
INTL 475	Internship	3
PHIL 342	Chinese and Japanese Philosophies	3
POSC 340	Government and Politics of Asia	3
PSYC 348	Cultural Psychology	3
RELS 238	Theologies Of Liberation	3
RELS 314	Hinduism	3
RELS 342	Islam and Politics	3
RELS 354	Buddhism: Its Development and Interpretation	3
RELS 355	Islam	3
RELS 357	Chinese Religions	3
RELS 358	Religions of India	3
SOC 202	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3
SOC 205	Urban Environments	3
SOC 225	Telling Stories with Maps	3
SOC 250	Introduction to GIS	3
SOC 290	Codes of Gender	3
SOC 295	Capitalism	3

SOC 334	Sustainable Development	3
SOC 350	Advanced Topics in Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	3
URBN 302	Sustainable Cities	3

Europe:

ART 260	Monasticism and the Arts	3
ART 304	Art & Architecture of Renaissance Italy	3
ART 321	Medieval Art	3
ART 322	Renaissance Art	3
ART 323	19th Century Art: 1750-1890	3
ART 326	Baroque Art: From Empire to Revolution	3
ECON 334	International Economics ^(Prereqs: ECON 150/203 and 204)	3
ENGL 248	British Literature and Culture	3
ENGL 280	Irish Literary Revival	3
ENGL 312	Studies in Medieval British Literature	3
ENGL 346	Twentieth Century Irish Literature	3
HIST 220	Race & Gender in Medieval Europe	3
HIST 304	Europe in the Middle Ages	3
HIST 305	Early Modern Europe	3
HIST 307	Genocide and Racism	3
HIST 308	Premodern Women and Gender History	3
HIST 319	The Crusades	3
HIST 320	History of Rome	3
HIST 326	Diplomatic History of Europe 1815-1914	3
HIST 334	Diplomatic History of the Vietnam Wars	3
HIST 337	England to 1688	3
HIST 351	Age Of The French Revolution	3
HIST 352	Nineteenth-Century Europe	3
HIST 353	Modern Germany	3
HIST 354	History of the Soviet Union	3
HIST 355	East Europe in Modern Times	3
HIST 357	Nazi Germany and the Holocaust	3
HIST 358	The Industrial Revolution	3
HIST 388	Women in Modern Europe	3
HIST 390	Terror and Terrorism	3
HIST 391	Decolonization: The End of Empires	3
INTL 315	Special Topics: Area Studies	3
INTL 375	Internship	3
INTL 400	Study Abroad	15
INTL 450	Tutorial	1-3
INTL 475	Internship	3

MUSC 290	Early Music Soundscapes: Antiquity to 1800	3
MUSC 305	Music in France: Paris	3
PHIL 215	Ancient Greek Philosophy	3
PHIL 222	Aquinas	3
PHIL 274	Western Political Thought	3
PHIL 316	Modern Philosophy	3
PHIL 334	Existentialism	3
POSC 330	Government and Politics of Western Europe	3
POSC 331	Government and Politics of Russia and Selected Soviet Successor States	3
POSC 332	Government and Politics of Central and Eastern Europe	3
POSC 374	Western Political Thought	3
PSYC 348	Cultural Psychology	3
RELS 245	Medieval Christian Thought	3
RELS 302	Religion and Spanish Culture	3
RELS 310	Religion & The Holocaust	3
RELS 324	Muslims & the Holocaust	3
SOC 202	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3
SOC 205	Urban Environments	3
SOC 212	Migration, Globalization, and Culture	3
SOC 225	Telling Stories with Maps	3
SOC 250	Introduction to GIS	3
SOC 290	Codes of Gender	3
SOC 295	Capitalism	3
SOC 334	Sustainable Development	3
SOC 350	Advanced Topics in Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	3
SPAN 300	Hispanic Musical Heritage	3
SPAN 303	Spanish Culture Through Film	3
SPAN 316	Aspects of Hispanic Culture	3
SPAN 340	Spanish Civilization	3
SPAN 350	Masterworks in Spanish I	3
SPAN 351	Masterworks in Spanish	3
SPAN 423	Great Hispanic Poets	3
SPAN 424	The Modern Novel in Spain and Spanish America	3
SPAN 427	Cervantes	3
SPAN 440	Women in Hispanic Literature	3
URBN 302	Sustainable Cities	3

Global Affairs:

ART 218	Introduction to World Art	3
COMM 271	Transnational Communication & Media	3

COMM 371	Intercultural Communication	3
ECON 334	International Economics (Prereqs: ECON 150/203 and 204)	3
ECON 412	Economic Growth and Development	3
ENGL 265	Global Literature in English	3
ENGL 347	Literature and War	3
ENGL 348	Postcolonial Literature	3
HIST 307	Genocide and Racism	3
HIST 334	Diplomatic History of the Vietnam Wars	3
HIST 362	US Foreign Relations, 1900 to the Present	3
HIST 377	Science, Technology, and Society	3
HIST 390	Terror and Terrorism	3
HIST 391	Decolonization: The End of Empires	3
HIST 393	Global Feminisms	3
INTL 310	Technology and Society	3
INTL 312	Ethnicity in the Modern World	3
INTL 375	Internship	3
INTL 400	Study Abroad	15
INTL 450	Tutorial	1-3
INTL 475	Internship	3
MKTG 412	International Marketing	3
MUSC 216	Introduction to World Music	3
PEAC 201	Introduction to Peace and Justice Studies	3
PHIL 238	Philosophies of War and Peace	3
POSC 205	Political Geography	3
POSC 207	Introduction to Peace Studies	3
POSC 209	Comparative Politics	3
POSC 223	Environmental Politics	3
POSC 254	Global Cities	3
POSC 310	Special Topics: in Comparative Politics	3
POSC 350	Special Topics: Global Politics	3
POSC 351	International Relations	3
POSC 352	International Organizations	3
POSC 354	Human Rights	3
POSC 367	Model United Nations	3
POSC 368	Model United Nations II	3
PSYC 348	Cultural Psychology	3
RELS 204	Religion and Social Justice	3
RELS 238	Theologies Of Liberation	3
RELS 255	Introduction to Peace and Justice Studies	3
RELS 372	Religion and Science	3
SOC 202	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3

SOC 205	Urban Environments	3
SOC 212	Migration, Globalization, and Culture	3
SOC 220	Social Problems	3
SOC 225	Telling Stories with Maps	3
SOC 250	Introduction to GIS	3
SOC 290	Codes of Gender	3
SOC 295	Capitalism	3
SOC 317	Anthropology of Drugs	3
SOC 327	Power and Conflict	3
SOC 334	Sustainable Development	3
SOC 350	Advanced Topics in Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	3
URBN 302	Sustainable Cities	3

Latin America and Caribbean:

ECON 334	International Economics (Prereqs: ECON 150/203 and 204)	3
ECON 412	Economic Growth and Development	3
ENGL 265	Global Literature in English	3
ENGL 348	Postcolonial Literature	3
ENGL 357	Postcolonial Caribbean Literatures: Defining a Region	3
HIST 225	Modern Latin America	3
HIST 318	Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean	3
HIST 362	US Foreign Relations, 1900 to the Present	3
HIST 393	Global Feminisms	3
INTL 313	Argentina:History,Society&Cult	3
INTL 315	Special Topics: Area Studies	3
INTL 375	Internship	3
INTL 400	Study Abroad	15
INTL 450	Tutorial	1-3
INTL 475	Internship	3
POSC 344	Government and Politics of the Caribbean	3
POSC 345	Government and Politics of Latin America	3
PSYC 348	Cultural Psychology	3
RELS 238	Theologies Of Liberation	3
RELS 359	Afro-Caribbean Religions	3
SOC 202	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3
SOC 205	Urban Environments	3
SOC 225	Telling Stories with Maps	3
SOC 250	Introduction to GIS	3
SOC 262	Contemporary Latin American Development	3
SOC 290	Codes of Gender	3
SOC 295	Capitalism	3

SOC 328	Societies and Cultures of Latin America	3
SOC 334	Sustainable Development	3
SOC 350	Advanced Topics in Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	3
SPAN 300	Hispanic Musical Heritage	3
SPAN 316	Aspects of Hispanic Culture	3
SPAN 317	Topics in Hispanic Literature	3
SPAN 320	Special Topics: in Hispanic Culture Studies	3
SPAN 341	Spanish American Civilization	3
SPAN 342	Caribbean Culture	3
SPAN 423	Great Hispanic Poets	3
SPAN 424	The Modern Novel in Spain and Spanish America	3
SPAN 435	Spanish-American Short Fiction	3
SPAN 440	Women in Hispanic Literature	3
URBN 302	Sustainable Cities	3

Here is an example of a potential plan of study through four years.

Freshman

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ENGL 110 or RELS 110		3 ENGL 110 or RELS 110	3
INTL 201		3 LLRN 105	3
Language		3 INTL 201 (if not taken in Fall)	3
First Year Seminar		3 Language	3
Humanities Core		3 Social Science Core	3
	15		15

Sophomore

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Language		3 Language	3
HIST 300 or POSC 210 (Methodology Course)		3 POSC 351, 352, or 357	3
Concentration 1		3 Concentration 2	3
Math		3 Social Science Core	3
RELS 2XX (Catholic Studies)		3 Science	3
	15		15

Junior

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
HIST 326, 328, 334, 362, or 394		3 Concentration 4	3
Concentration 3		3 Humanities Core	3
RELS 3XX (Global or Contemporary)		3 Social Science Core	3
Science		3 Science	3

Humanities Core		3 Elective		3
		15		15
Senior				
Fall	Credits	Spring		Credits
Concentration 5		3 INTL 405		3
INTL 375		3 4 Electives		12
3 Electives		9		
		15		15

Total Credits: 120

Social Studies Concentration

Both Childhood Education students and Adolescent Education students may choose a concentration in Social Studies. The requirements for both concentrations are detailed in the Education Department's section of the catalog. They must consult with their Social Studies advisor in choosing their History and social science courses. A minimum grade of C is necessary to receive credit in the concentrations.

Childhood Education

Students majoring in Childhood Education with a concentration in Social Studies will take 30 credits – 21 credits in History, and 9 credits in social science disciplines. The specific requirements are detailed in the Education Department's section of the catalog.

Adolescent Education

Students majoring in Adolescent Education with a concentration in Social Studies will take 42 credits – 27 credits in History, and 15 credits in social science disciplines. The specific requirements are detailed in the Education Department's section of the catalog.

Double Major with Adolescent Education

Students majoring in Adolescent Education with a concentration in Social Studies may earn a double major in History, by taking, in addition to the requirements for their concentration, one additional History course. The additional course may be History 100 or a 300-level History elective.