Department of

HISTORY & RELATED FIELDS

Mission Statement
The Department of History & Related Fields aims to shape reflective human beings who possess both historical knowledge and the ability to read deeply, think historically and critically, and communicate well, qualities which equip them to provide God-honoring leadership in the home, church, community, and world.

To do this, the department provides students with a broad-based, historically rooted education. Students gain knowledge from a variety of methodological approaches and cover a range of diverse time periods while learning about the history of the ancient world, modern Europe, the United States, and the non-Western world. Students are uniquely equipped in their understanding of the world of the Bible and the history of the Church. They also acquire skills in conducting research, writing well, and deploying critical argumentation and analysis in historical writing. This preparation equips students for whatever vocations they pursue, including but not limited to vocations in history, politics, social science teaching, the law, international affairs, business, and ministry.

The Department of History & Related Fields offers courses in four areas—history, politics, economics, and geography. It offers two majors—a major in History and a major in Politics, History, and Economics, as well as minors in History and Political Science.

The department encourages internship participation for its students, as well off-campus study through many cooperative programs with the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities.

History Major Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science

The History major is designed to provide students with a broad, general knowledge of the political, social, and cultural history of a variety of geographical regions and time periods. Each student takes a well-rounded selection of courses in the history of America and other areas of the world. Included in this curriculum is HIS4835 Senior Seminar, a course whose purpose is to teach historical research and writing skills. The program functions as a terminal major or as preparation for graduate study, leading to career opportunities in historical research, law, the service professions, business, government, or the ministry. The degree is granted upon completion of credits specified on pages 47–48 (40 credits must be in 3000- or 4000-level courses).

- B.A. option requires achieving 1002-level competency in an approved foreign language. See page 45.

Required Courses .............................................. 34 cr
HIS2001 U.S. History to 1877 ................................. 4
HIS2002 U.S. History since 1877 ............................... 4
HIS2005 Introduction to Historical Studies ................. 2
HIS3125 History of the Christian Church from Apostolic Times to the Present .................................... 4
HIS4835 Senior Seminar (OCE, WCE) ...................... 4
Select one non-Western history course from the following:
HIS3105 History of the Ancient Near East ................ 4
HIS3106 History and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt .... 4
HIS3117 History of Ancient Israel ............................ 4
HIS3155 History of East Asia ................................... 4
HIS3166 History of the Modern Middle East ............... 4
Select 4 credits of ancient history from the following:
HIS3105 History of the Ancient Near East ................ 4
HIS3106 History and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt .... 4
HIS3115 Old Testament Archaeology ...................... 2
HIS3116 New Testament Archaeology ..................... 2
HIS3117 History of Ancient Israel ............................ 4
HIS3128 History of the Greek World ........................ 4
HIS3129 History of the Roman World ...................... 4
Select 4 credits of modern history from the following:
HIS3127 History of Europe in the Middle Ages ............ 4
HIS3135 Renaissance and Reformation ..................... 4
HIS3136 History of Europe in the 18th and 19th Centuries 4
HIS3145 History of Twentieth Century Europe ............ 4
HIS3156 History of Russia from Earliest Times to the Present ......................................................... 4
HIS3805 Topics in European History ....................... 4
Select 4 credits of United States history from the following:
HIS3165 American Revolution and Early Republic ....... 4
HIS3167 Civil War and Reconstruction ...................... 4
HIS3175 American Religious History ....................... 4
HIS3206 History of Recent America, World War II to the Present ...................................................... 4
HIS3207 History of U.S. Foreign Relations ................. 4
HIS3805 Topics in U.S. History ............................... 4

History Electives .................................................. 8 cr
Select from HIS-prefix courses at the 2000, 3000, or 4000 level. Of the 8 credits, no more than 4 credits can be at the 2000 level.

NOTE: NO COURSE CAN COUNT IN MORE THAN ONE CATEGORY.

NOTE: STUDENTS PREPARING FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL IN HISTORY OR LAW OR FOR A CAREER IN POLITICAL SCIENCE ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO TAKE COURSES WITH HIS OR POS PREFIXES FOR THEIR GENERAL ELECTIVES.

OCE = ORAL COMMUNICATION EMPHASIS.
WCE = WRITTEN COMMUNICATION EMPHASIS.
SEE PAGE 48 FOR EXPLANATION AND PREREQUISITES.
History Minor .......................................................... 18 cr

Required courses: HIS2005, 3125. Remaining credits to be chosen from courses with HIS prefix, excluding HIS1005/HIS1825.

Politics, History, and Economics Major  Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science

The Politics, History, and Economics (PHE) program is an interdisciplinary program designed to equip students to contribute to the common good and human flourishing through understanding the structures and dynamics of public life. With elements of politics, history, economics, philosophy, and communication, the PHE program will equip students to give God-honoring leadership in the home, church, community, and world. One important component is the semester-long study-abroad experience in Washington, D.C., through the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities. This ensures that the students receive both academic and experiential learning opportunities. The program functions as a terminal major to equip students for careers in public service and international affairs, as well as provides preparation for graduate study in politics or law. The degree is granted upon completion of credits specified on pages 47–48 (40 credits must be in 3000- or 4000-level courses).

- Recommended course for Theological Philosophy Selectives requirement in core curriculum: PHI2006.
- Scientific & Quantitative Literacy social science course in core curriculum must include POS1005.
- B.A. option requires achieving 1002-level competency in an approved foreign language. See page 45.

Politics ......................................................... 8 cr
POS2005 U.S. National Government ................................. 4
POS3165 Political Thought or
POS3205 International Relations since World War II ........ 4

History ...................................................... 14 cr
HIS2001 U.S. History to 1877 or
HIS2002 U.S. History since 1877 .................................. 4
HIS2005 Introduction to Historical Studies ....................... 2
HIS4835 Senior Seminar [OCE, WCE] ............................ 4
Select one of the following:
HIS3129 History of the Roman World ................................ 4
HIS3145 History of Twentieth Century Europe ................. 4
HIS3155 History of East Asia ......................................... 4
HIS3156 History of Russia from Earliest Times to the Present .4
HIS3166 History of the Modern Middle East .................... 4
HIS3206 History of Recent America, World War II to the Present 4
HIS3207 History of U.S. Foreign Relations ......................... 4

Economics .................................................. 4 cr
ECO2211 Introduction to Economics and
ECO2212 Principles of Macroeconomics .......................... 4
or
ECO2201 Principles of Economics I ............................... 4

Select from the following ........................................... 16 cr
American Studies Program ........................................ 16
(SEE PAGE 211 FOR A LIST OF COURSES)*
COM1005 Introduction to Communication Studies ............. 2
COM4207 Global Communication and International Relations . 2
ECO2213 Principles of Microeconomics .......................... 2
PHI2016 Ethics .................................................. 4
POS2695 Minnesota Legislative Internship* ...................... 1–4
POS4995 Political Science Internship* ........................... 1–4
PRL3385 PR Writing and Tactics .................................. 4
PRL3387 Political Communication ................................. 2

Selectives ................................................. 8 cr
Any HIS elective at the 2000 level or above
Any POS elective at the 3000 level or above

# POS INTERNSHIP CREDIT REQUIRED IF NOT ATTENDING THE AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM.

Political Science Minor .............................................. 18 cr

Required Courses: POS1005, POS2005; 2–4 credits from ASP3719, POS2625/4625, 2685, 4995; 6–8 credits from ASP3712*, 3725*, 3726*, ECO2201 or 2211 and 2212, 2202 or 2213, HIS3145, 3155, 3206, 3207, POS3205, 3805, PRL3385, 3387.

* SEE RELATED INFORMATION ON PAGES 20-21 AND 38-39

Social Studies Education Major  Bachelor of Science

Full details are given under School of Education programs. See pages 107–111 and 122.