

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 48–49 (40 credits must be successfully completed in 3000- or 4000-level courses).

- **B.A. option** requires achieving 1002-level competency in an approved foreign language. See page 46.

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
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
HIS3128	History of the Greek World	4
HIS3129	History of the Roman World	4

Select 4 credits of modern history from the following:

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
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 POLITICS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO TAKE COURSES WITH HIS OR POS PREFIXES FOR THEIR GENERAL ELECTIVES.

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OCE = ORAL COMMUNICATION EMPHASIS.
SEE PAGE 50 FOR EXPLANATION AND PREREQUISITES.

HISTORY & RELATED FIELDS

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 48–49 (40 credits must be successfully completed 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 46.

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:**
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| 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 |

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
<small>(SEE PAGE 212 FOR A LIST OF COURSES)^{# *}</small>		
COM2107	Communication Theory	4
ECO2213	Principles of Microeconomics	2
PHI2016	Ethics	4
POS2695	Minnesota Legislative Internship*	1–8
POS4995	Political Science Internship*	1–4
PRL2061	Multimedia Writing	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

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POS INTERNSHIP CREDIT REQUIRED IF NOT ATTENDING THE AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM.
 * SEE RELATED INFORMATION ON PAGES 19–20 AND 37–38

Political Science Minor 18 cr

Required Courses: POS1005, POS2005; 2–4 credits from ASP3719, POS2625/4625, 2695, 4995; 6–8 credits from ASP3712*, 3725*, 3726*, COM2107, ECO2201 or 2211 and 2212, 2202 or 2213, HIS3145, 3155, 3206, 3207, POS3165, 3205, 3805, PRL2061, 3387.

* SEE RELATED INFORMATION ON PAGES 19–20 AND 37–38

Pre-Law Minor 18 cr

Select courses from at least four of the five following areas:

History and Politics (4 cr): HIS2001, 2002, 3129, 3165; POS2005, 3165

Economics (4 cr): ECO2211, 2212

Communications (2–4 cr): COM2107, 3107; PRL2061, 3387

Philosophy (2–6 cr): PHI2006, 2016

Criminal Justice and Business (4 cr): BUS3331; CRJ2125, 3225, 4327*

*PRE-LAW MINORS ENROLLING IN CRJ4327 WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO TAKE A PREREQUISITE COURSE.

Museum Studies and Public History Minor 18 cr

Required courses: HIS2005, 3805 Doing Digital Humanities: Digital History, Public History, and Archiving; select 4–8 credits from the following: ART3162, 3265, 3267, 3806, DES3069, 3000- or 4000-level HIS course, MCH3007, MUH3101, 3102, 3105, THE3181, 3282; select 4–8 credits from the following: ENG2146, 3248, 3249, MKT1085, PRL2061, 2085, 3035.

Social Studies Education Major Bachelor of Science

Full details are given under School of Education programs. See pages 109–113 and 124.