

History and Political Studies: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Degree Type

Bachelor of Arts

History and political studies (HPS) is an interdisciplinary major that prepares students for a variety of careers in such areas as law, secondary education, college and university teaching and research, public service, non-government organizations, museum and public history and journalism. Required courses in the history and political studies major will help students hone their written and verbal communication skills while they gain a broad understanding of how social, political and cultural forces shape past and present societies. The major is designed to encourage students to explore individual interests in history or political studies as well as regional or thematic interests.

Learning Outcomes

Students in the history and political studies major will:

- Acquire a broad understanding of the world that encompasses the historical and/or political experience of the peoples of Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe and particularly the United States.
- Understand the processes of historical, social, political and cultural development.
- Be able to think about and discuss historical and political themes in a creative and critical manner.
- Be able to write, communicate and teach others about past and contemporary cultures and political systems.
- Be able to appreciate the value of scholarly debate and use multiple-perspectives in the study of past and present societies.

History and Political Studies B.A. Progress to Completion Requirements:

Required courses:

Item #	Title	Credits
	One HIS 100-level course	4
HIS 218	The West and the World	4.0
	One HIS 200-level course	4
	Two HIS 300-level courses	8
HPS 100	The Detective: Introduction to HPS	4.0
HPS 485	HPS Internship	3.0-12
HPS 486	HPS Research Methods	2.0
HPS 487	HPS Advanced Research Seminar	3.0
HUM 210	Introduction to the Digital Humanities	1.0
	POL 100 or 101	4
	One POL 200-level course	4
	Two POL 300-level courses	8

Suggested Registration Sequence

First Year - Fall

Item #	Title	Credits
WRT 101	Introduction to Academic Writing	4.0
	Lib Ed - Liberal Education Core Course	4
	100-Level HIS Course	4
FYE 101	First Year Experience	4.0

First Year - Spring

Item #	Title	Credits
	100-Level POL Course	4
HPS 100	The Detective: Introduction to HPS	4.0
	MAT - Quantitative Literacy Proficiency	4
	Free Elective Course	4

Sophomore Year - Fall

Item #	Title	Credits
HIS 218	The West and the World	4.0
	200-Level POL Course	4
	Lib Ed - Liberal Education Core Course	4
	Free Elective Course	4

Sophomore Year - Spring

Item #	Title	Credits
	200-Level HIS Course	4
	Lib Ed - Liberal Education Core Course	4
	Lib Ed - Liberal Education Core Course	4
	Free Elective Course	4

Junior Year - Fall

Item #	Title	Credits
	300-Level HIS Course	4
HPS 485	HPS Internship	3.0-12
	300-Level POL Course	4
	IE - Integrative Experience Course	4

Junior Year - Spring

Item #	Title	Credits
	300-Level HIS Course	4
	300-Level POL Course	4
HUM 210	Introduction to the Digital Humanities	1.0
	Free Elective Course	4

Senior Year - Fall

Item #	Title	Credits
HPS 486	HPS Research Methods	2.0
	Free Elective Course	4
	Free Elective Course	4
	Free Elective Course	4

Senior Year - Spring

Item #	Title	Credits
HPS 487	HPS Advanced Research Seminar	3.0
	Free Elective Course	4
	Free Elective Course	4
	Free Elective Course	4