

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND PHILOSOPHY

History and Political Science

The baccalaureate degree in history and political science is excellent preparation for careers in government and education, for further study in graduate school or law school, and for careers in the private sector of the economy. For personal and career flexibility, students can design their degree requirements by selecting courses in American history, European history, or political science. Students may also elect to work toward a social studies secondary teaching licensure. In addition, the department offers minors in history, philosophy, and political science.

The history and political science degree requires thirty semester hours in history and political science courses in addition to the required General Education courses. In the General Education requirements, majors are required to take the two-course sequence in World Civilization (HIST 1503, 1513), and the two-course sequence in American history survey (HIST 2003, 2013). The thirty semester hours required for the history and political science degree include POLS 2003 (American Government), three additional hours of political science, HIST 2513 (Sources and Methods in History), and HIST 4963 (Senior Seminar) or POLS 4963 (Senior Seminar). Twenty-one of the required thirty semester hours must be on the 3000-4000 level.

Students must complete 124 hours for graduation with a degree in history and political science.

For the curriculum in History and Political Science for teacher licensure, see "Curriculum in Secondary Education" on page 110.

Curriculum in History and Political Science

Freshman Year	Hours
English Composition I, II (ENGL 1013, 1023) ¹	6
World Civilization I, II (HIST 1503, 1513)	6
Science (BIOL 1014, PHSC 1013, 1021) ¹	8
Algebra for General Education (MATH 1103 or 1113) ¹	3
Physical Activity ¹	2
Electives	6
Total	31
Sophomore Year	
U.S. History to 1865 (HIST 2003)	3
U.S. History since 1865 (HIST 2013)	3
American Government (POLS 2003)	3
Sources and Methods in History (HIST 2513) or Sources and Methods in Political Science (POLS 2513)	3
Electives	18
Total	30
Junior Year	
Humanities (PHIL 2003) ¹	3
Fine Arts ¹	3
Political Science Elective	3
History or Political Science Electives (3000-4000 level)	9
Electives (must be 3000-4000 level) ²	12
Total	30

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Senior Year

Senior Seminar (HIST 4963 or POLS 4963)	3
History and/or Political Science Electives (3000-4000 level)	9
Electives (12 hours must be 3000-4000 level) ²	21
Total	33

¹See appropriate alternatives or substitutions in "General Education Requirements" on page 74.

²At least 40 of the total hours required for graduation must be 3000 - 4000 level courses.

Minor History

The minor in history is designed for those students majoring in other disciplines who wish to increase the breadth and depth of their knowledge of the human past. This minor is particularly well suited for students who are interested in criminal justice, international studies, and foreign languages. The discipline of history satisfies our shared desire to know more about ourselves, and students can tailor the curriculum of the minor to meet their specific interests. The minor in history requires 18 hours of courses:

HIST 1503 World Civilization I or HIST 1513 World Civilization II
 HIST 2003 U. S. History to 1865 or HIST 2013 U. S. History since 1865
 HIST Electives (12 hours of 3000 or 4000 level)

Minor Philosophy

The minor in philosophy is designed for those students majoring in other disciplines who wish to broaden their study of the nature of knowledge. This minor is particularly well suited for students who wish to prepare for graduate work or law school. In addition to the academic benefits, the study of philosophy can make an important contribution to the well-lived life. Students can tailor the curriculum of the minor to meet their specific interests. The minor in philosophy requires 18 hours of courses:

PHIL 3103
 PHIL Elective (3 hours)

and 6 hours selected from the following:

PHIL 2013 Religions of the World
 PHIL 3023 Ethics
 PHIL 3033 Esthetics
 PHIL 3053 Philosophy of Religion
 PHIL 3063 Political Philosophy

and 6 hours selected from the following:

PHIL 3003 Ancient Philosophy
 PHIL 3013 Modern Philosophy
 PHIL 3113 Contemporary Philosophy
 PHIL 3203 Medieval Philosophy

Minor Political Science

The minor in political science is designed for anyone interested in politics, law, and government and is particularly well suited for students who are interested in criminal justice, international studies, journalism, business, and emergency administration and management. Students can tailor the curriculum of the minor along either a national or international focus. The minor in political science requires 18 hours of courses:

POLS 2003 American Government
 POLS 3053 Introduction to Public Administration
 POLS 3013 Recent American Foreign and Military Policy or POLS 3413
 International Relations
 POLS Electives (9 hours)

Accredited law schools have not, in general, adopted specific requirements for pre-law courses. However, in most cases, courses of value to those planning the study of law include: history, economics, political science, philosophy, psychology, sociology, English composition, and literature, as well as courses in the natural sciences, mathematics, and accounting. A broad cultural background is of prime importance. Rather than attempt to prescribe the specific contents of courses to be taken by pre-law students, Arkansas Tech University considers the individual intellectual interests of students of prime importance, encouraging development of the ability to read and comprehend accurately, rapidly, and thoroughly; to think logically; to analyze and weigh situations and materials; to speak and write clearly; and to develop a critical approach and mature study habits.

The pre-professional curriculum is not a major in itself. Pre-law students must declare a major for graduation, which may be in any area. Among general electives in the chosen major, or in excess of the 124 hours required for graduation, pre-law majors are urged to take the courses listed below to prepare them for the LSAT and Law School. Many pre-law students choose to major in History and Political Science, and pre-law advisors are located in that department. Students may consult these listed pre-law advisors regardless of their chosen major, as these advisors will specifically help in designing a good pre-law curriculum.

Suggested Curriculum in Pre-Law

POLS 2003 American Government	POLS 4043 American Constitutional Law
POLS 3023 Judicial Process	SOC 3043 Crime and Delinquency
CJ 4053 Criminal Law and the Constitution	CJ 4023 Law and the Legal System
BUAD 2033 Legal Environment in Business	PHIL (POLS) 3063 Political Philosophy
HIST 4043 American Constitutional Development	JOUR 4123 Laws of Communication
ENGL 3043 Advanced Composition	PHIL 3103 Logic
SPH 2003 Public Speaking	PHIL 3023 Ethics
SPH 2111-2121 Debate Practicum	SPH 4153 Persuasive Theory and Audience Analysis
PSY 2003 General Psychology	

Pre-Professional Program

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