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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 World history, 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 geography, 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 (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, 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 114.

Curriculum in History and Political Science

Degree Completion Plan Beginning in Fall Semester

Freshman			Sophomore		
Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
ENGL 1013 ¹	3 ENGL 1023 ¹	3 HIST 2003	3 HIST 2013	3	3
HIST 1503	3 HIST 1513	3 POLS 2003	3 HIST/POLS Elective	3	3
Science (BIOL 1014) ¹	4 Science (PHSC 1013) ¹	3 Humanities (PHIL 2003) ¹	3 Fine Arts ¹	3	3
Mathematics (1003 or 1113) ¹	3 Science (PHSC 1021) ¹	1 Elective	6 Elective	6	6
Physical Activity ¹	2 Elective	6			
Total Hours	15	Total Hours	16	Total Hours	15
Junior			Senior		
Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
POLS Elective	3 HIST/POLS Elective (3000-4000 level)	3 HIST/POLS Elective (3000-4000 level)	3 HIST/POLS 4963	3	3
HIST/POLS Elective (3000-4000 level)	3 HIST/POLS Elective (3000-4000 level)	3 HIST/POLS Elective (3000-4000 level)	3 HIST/POLS Elective (3000-4000 level)	3	3
Elective ²	11 Elective ²	9 Elective ²	10 Elective ²	9	9
Total Hours	17	Total Hours	15	Total Hours	15

Degree Completion Plan Beginning in Spring Semester

Freshman			Sophomore		
Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall
ENGL 1013 ¹	3 ENGL 1023 ¹	3 HIST 2003	3 HIST 2013	3	3
HIST 1503	3 HIST 1513	3 POLS 2003	3 HIST/POLS Elective	3	3
Science (BIOL 1014) ¹	4 Science (PHSC 1013) ¹	3 Humanities (PHIL 2003) ¹	3 Fine Arts ¹	3	3
Mathematics (1003 or 1113) ¹	3 Science (PHSC 1021) ¹	1 Elective	6 Elective	6	6

Curriculum in History and Political Science

Physical Activity ¹	2	Elective	6			
Total Hours	15	Total Hours	16	Total Hours	15	Total Hours
		Junior			Senior	
Spring		Fall		Spring		Fall
POLS Elective	3	HIST/POLS Elective (3000-4000 level)	3	HIST/POLS Elective (3000-4000 level)	3	HIST/POLS 4963
HIST/POLS Elective (3000-4000 level)	3	HIST/POLS Elective (3000-4000 level)	3	HIST/POLS Elective (3000-4000 level)	3	HIST/POLS Elective (3000-4000 level)
Elective ²	11	Elective ²	9	Elective ²	10	Elective ²
Total Hours	17	Total Hours	15	Total Hours	16	Total Hours

¹See appropriate alternatives or substitutions in "General Education Requirements" on page 81.

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

The minor in geography is designed to allow students who have successfully completed eighteen or more hours in Geography the opportunity to have his/her transcript noted with a statement certifying such accomplishment. Students wishing to obtain a minor in Geography must complete:

- GEOG 2013 Regional Geography of the World
- GEOG 2023 Human Geography
- GEOG Electives (12 hours with no more than 3 hours in GEOG 4991-4, Special Problems in Geography)

**Minor
Geography**

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 I or HIST 2013 U. S. History II
- HIST Electives (12 hours of 3000 or 4000 level)

**Minor
History**

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. Students must have a minimum 2.00 grade point in their Philosophy courses to be eligible for a Philosophy minor. The minor in philosophy requires 18 hours of courses:

PHIL 3103

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
- PHIL 4103 Advanced Logic

**Minor
Philosophy**

and 6 hours selected from the following:

- PHIL 3003 Ancient Philosophy
- PHIL 3013 Modern Philosophy
- PHIL 3113 Contemporary Philosophy
- PHIL 3203 Medieval Philosophy
- PHIL 4093 American Philosophy

and 3 hours in any additional Philosophy courses

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)

Pre-Professional Program

Pre-Law Advisors
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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 should consult these listed pre-law advisors regardless of their chosen major, as these advisors will specifically help in designing a good pre-law curriculum. A pre-law library has been set up in Witherspoon 242 for student use.

Suggested Curriculum in Pre-Law

POLS 2003 American Government	POLS 4043 American Constitutional Law
POLS 3023 Judicial Process	CJ/SOC 2043 Crime and Delinquency
CJ 4053 Criminal Law and the Constitution	CJ 4023 Law and the Legal System
BUAD 2033 Legal Environment of 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	