## DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, POLITICAL SCIENCE

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The Department of History, Political Science offers three majors at the baccalaureate level, one in the area of history, one in the area of political science, and one as a double major in history and political science. The major in history is designed to prepare researchers for graduate work, government service or industry. A student who majors in history must complete a minimum of 54 semester hour courses beginning at the 2000 level.

Course Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in History

1. Complete a maximum of 124 semester hours with a cumulative grade point average of 2.25 or higher. The last 30 hours must be completed at Albany State University.
2. During the freshman and sophomore years, the student must complete Core Areas A-E.
3. History major requirements -complete the-following:
   1. a. HIST 1111, 1112,2111 and 2112
   2. b. HIST 3301, 3302, 4301 and 4302
   3. c. Three American History courses at the 3000-4000 levels d. Three European History courses at the 3000-4000 levels
   4. e. Three Non-Western History courses at the 3000-4000 levels f. Three professional electives at the 3000-4000 levels
   5. g. Complete up to ten (10) hours of general electives
   6. h. Maintain a “C” or higher for all classes taken in Areas F and H of the History Check sheet
   7. i. Complete the 123-124 hours for the major with a GPA of at least 2.25
   8. j. Complete MFAT subject area test
   9. k. Complete last 30 semester hours at Albany State

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

The major in political science encompasses an investigation of governmental institutions and political behavior at all levels from the local to the international. The political science major will take courses in American Government, Comparative Government, Constitutional Law, Political Theory, Research Methodology and International Relations. The political science major is suitable for students with career interests in teaching, law, state and local government, urban planning, federal bureaucracy, and journalism. The political science major must complete 54 semester hour courses beginning at the 2000 level.

1. Complete a maximum of 123-124 semester hours with a cumulative grade point average of 2.25 or higher. The last 30 hours must be completed at Albany State University.
2. During the freshman and sophomore years, the student must complete Core Areas A-E.
3. Political Science major requirements -complete the following:
   1. Complete POLS 2101 and SSCI 2402
   2. Complete POLS 4371, 4372 and 4401
   3. Complete the following -POLS 3511 or 4512 and choose an additional six semester hours from International Relations/Comparative Government POLS 4512, 4513, 4514, 4515, 4816, 4817 and 4824.
   4. Complete POLS 3601 and choose six additional semester hours from American National/State/Local Government
   5. Complete POLS 3701 and choose six hours from Constitutional Law. Complete nine hours of professional political science electives from POLS 3705, 3708, 4515, 4818 and 4619 (or any other electives under areas F, G or H that are not used to satisfy electives in those areas
   6. Complete up to ten (10) hours of general electives.
   7. Maintain a “C” or higher for all classes taken in Areas F and H of the Political Science Check sheet
   8. Complete the 123-124 hours for the major with a GPA of at least 2.25
   9. Complete ACAT subject area test
   10. Complete last 30 semester hours at Albany State

**MINOR PROGRAMS**

Minor programs are offered in History, Political Science, Pre-Law, International Affairs, Public Administration, and African/African-American Studies. Each minor program consists of 18 semester hours beyond the core requirements. The programs prepare students for professional careers and advanced study in History, Political Science, Law, and Public and Private Sector Administration. Internship experiences in Political Science and Public Administration are available.

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## BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN HISTORY

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| **Area** |  |  | **Credit hours** |
| **Core Curriculum** | |  | **(60 hours)** |
| AREA A1 | Communication Skills | | 6 |
| AREA A2 | Quantitative Skills | | 3 |
| AREA B | Insitutional Options | | 5 |
| AREA C | Humanities, Fine Arts and Ethics | | 6 |
| AREA D | Natural Science, Math & Tech | | 10 |
| AREA E | Social Sciences |  | 12 |
| AREA F | Courses Related to Major | Prerequisite | 18 |
| Foreign Language Sequence (6 hrs) | |  |  |
| HIST 2111 | Survey of American History I (3 hrs) | |  |
| HIST 2112 | Survey of American History II (3 hrs) |  |  |
| SSCI 2402 | Micro-Computers in the SSCI (3 hrs) |  |  |
| 2000 Level Courses (Select one 3 hrs) | |  |  |
| ECON 2105 | Principles of Macroeconomics (3 hrs) | | |
| ECON 2106 | Principles of Microeconomics (3 hrs) | | |
| ECON 2201 | Survey of Economics (3 hrs) | |  |
| PHIL 2101 | Intro. to Philosophy (3 hrs) | |  |
| POLS 2101 | Intro. to Political Science (3 hrs) | |  |
| SOCI 2011 | Principles of Sociology (3 hrs) | |  |
| SOCI 2031 | Intro. to Anthropology (3 hrs) | |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Above The Core** |  |  | **(5 hours)** |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Area G- PROFESSIONAL COURSES** | |  | **(48 hours)** |
| A. General (12 hrs) |  |  |  |
| HIST 3301 | Historical Methods I | |  |
| HIST 3302 | Historical Methods II | |  |
| HIST 4301 | Senior Seminar I |  |  |
| HIST 4302 | Senior Seminar II |  |  |
| B. American History (Select 3 courses) | | |  |
| HIST 3403 | History of Georgia | |  |
| HIST 3404 | Diplomatic History of the U.S. | |  |
| HIST 3405 | Civil War and Reconstruction | |  |
| HIST 4402 | Directed Readings in American History | | |
| HIST 4403 | The Afro-American in American Thought | | |
| HIST 4404 | The History of the South | |  |
| HIST 4405 | Contemporary American, 1945 to Present | | |
| HIST 4406 | The Civil Rights Era | |  |
| C. European History (Select 3 courses) | | |  |
| HIST 3406 | Directed Readings in European History | | |
| HIST 3510 | Classical History |  |  |
| HIST 3511 | Modern Europe I |  |  |
| HIST 3512 | Modern Europe II | |  |
| HIST 3514 | English History I |  |  |
| HIST 3515 | English History II |  |  |
| HIST 3516 | Social and Intellectual History of Modern Europe | | |
| HIST 3518 | The European Middle Ages | |  |
| HIST 3519 | European Renaissance, Reformation and Reconnaissance | | |
| HIST 3630 | Spanish History |  |  |
| D. Non-Western History (Select 3 courses) | | |  |
| HIST 3206 | Slavery in Ancient and Modern Worlds | | |
| HIST 3408 | Directed Readings in Non-Western History | | |
| HIST 3631 | History of Latin America | |  |
| HIST 3632 | History of Russia |  |  |
| HIST 3633 | The Revolution of Modern History | |  |
| HIST 4611 | Studies in African History | |  |
| HIST 4612 | Studies in African Diaspora | |  |
| HIST 4613 | East Asian History |  |  |
| HIST 4614 | Race and Politics in the US & the Caribbean | | |
| **HIST 4814** | **Women and Politics Cross-Culturally** | | |
| HIST 4815 | Introduction to Global Terrorism | |  |
| E. History Electives 3000-4000 level 9 Hrs. | | |  |
| (Select 3 courses) | |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| **General Electives** | |  | **(Up to 10 hrs)** |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Total required for graduation** | |  | **(123 hours)** |

## PROGRAM OF STUDY FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN HISTORY

124 Semester Hours

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| **Freshman** | **Fall** |  | **Spring** |  |  |
| ENGL 1101 | Eng. Comp. I | 3 | ENGL 1102 | Eng. Comp. II | 3 |
| MATH 1111 | College Algebra | 3 | Area B Elective | | 2 |
| ASU 1201 | Foundations of College Success | 2 | COMM 1100 | Fundamentals of Public Speaking | 3 |
| Electives |  | 1 | PEDH Elective | | 1 |
| HIST 1002 | Intro. African. Dias. | 2 | Science Elective | | 4 |
| Science Elective | | 4 | Humanities & Fine Arts Elective | | 3 |
| **Total** |  | **(15 hrs)** |  |  | **(16 hrs)** |
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| **Sophomore Year** | |  |  |  |  |
| ENGL 2111 | World Lit. I | 3 | Social Science Area E. Elec. | | 3 |
| Fine Arts Elective | | 3 | Social Science Area E. Elec. | | 3 |
| POLS 1101 | U.S. & GA Government | **3** | SSCI 2402 | Microcomputers in Soc. Sci. | 3 |
| MATH Elective | | 3 | American History Elec. | | **3** |
| Social Science Elective | | 3 | European History Elec. | | 3 |
| Elec. Area D (Technology) | | 2 | PEDH Elective | | **1** |
| **Total** |  | **(17 hrs)** |  |  | **(16 hrs)** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Junior Year** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Foreign Language | | 3 | Foreign Language | | 3 |
| HIST 2111 | Survey Am. Hist. I | 3 | HIST 2112 | Survey. Am. Hist. II | 3 |
| Social Science Elective | | 3 | HIST 3302 Hist. Meth. II | | 3 |
| HIST 3301 | Hist. Meth. I | 3 | Non-Western Hist. Elec. | | 3 |
| American History Elective | | 3 | European Hist. Elec. or POLS 4513 | | 3 |
| **Total** |  | **(15 hrs)** |  |  | **(15 hrs)** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Senior Year** |  |  |  |  |  |
| HIST 4301 | Senior Seminar I | 3 | HIST 4302 Senior Seminar II | | **3** |
| American History Elective | | 3 | Non-Western Hist. Elec. | | 3 |
| European History Elective | | 3 | History Elec. (3000-4000) | | 3 |
| Non-Western History Elec. | | 3 | General Elective | | 3 |
| History Elec. (3000-4000) | | 3 | General Elective | | 3 |
| **Total** |  | **(15 hrs)** |  |  | **(15 hrs)** |

## BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

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| **Area** |  |  | **Credit hours** |
| **Core Curriculum** |  |  | **(60 hours)** |
| AREA A1 | Communication Skills |  | 6 |
| AREA A2 | Quantitative Skills |  | 3 |
| AREA B | Insitutional Options |  | 5 |
| AREA C | Humanities, Fine Arts and Ethics | | 6 |
| AREA D | Natural Science, Math & Tech | | 10 |
| AREA E | Social Sciences |  | 12 |
| AREA F | Courses Related to Major | Prerequisite | 18 |
| A. 2000 Level Courses (select two 6 hrs) | |  |  |
| HIST 2111 | Survey of American History I | |  |
| HIST 2112 | Survey of American History II | |  |
| HIST 2115 | African American History |  |  |
| ECON 2105 | Principles of Macroeconomics | |  |
| ECON 2106 | Principles of Microeconomics | |  |
| ECON 2201 | Survey of Economics |  |  |
| HIST 2115 | African American History |  |  |
| PHIL 2101 | Intro. to Philosophy |  |  |
| POLS 2102 | Intro to Law |  |  |
| SOCI 2011 | Principles of Sociology |  |  |
| SOCI 2031 | Intro. to Anthropology |  |  |
| B. Foreign | Language Sequence (6 hrs) | |  |
| SSCI 2402 | Microcomputers in the SSCI (3 hrs) | |  |
| POLS 2101 | Intro. to Political Science (3 hrs) | |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Above The Core** |  |  | **(5 hours)** |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Area G - PROFESSIONAL COURSES** | |  | **(48 hours)** |
| A. General: 9 Hrs. |  |  |  |
| POLS 4371 | Research Methods I |  |  |
| POLS 4372 | Research Methods II |  |  |
| POLS 4401 | History of Political Thought |  |  |
| B. International Relations and Comparative Government: 9 Hrs. | | |  |
| POLS 3511 | Comparative Government |  |  |
| POLS 4514 | International Relations |  |  |
| Choose an additional 6 hours from any of the following: | | |  |
| POLS 4513 | Issues in Global Politics |  |  |
| POLS 4512 | Politics and Institutions in Developing Countries | |  |
| POLS 4515 | International Organizations | |  |
| POLS 4816 | Model United Nations |  |  |
| POLS 4817 | Politics of Globalization |  |  |
| POLS 4824 | Political Economy of Africa and the Caribbean | |  |
| C. American National/State/Local Government : 9 Hrs. | | |  |
| (3 hours each) |  |  |  |
| POLS 3601 | State and Local Government | |  |
| Choose 6 hours from any American Government elective at the 3000-4000 level. These electives may include any of the following (3 hours each): | | | |
| POLS 3611 | Urban Politics |  |  |
| POLS 3612 | African-American Politics |  |  |
| POLS 3813 | Public Administration |  |  |
| POLS 3614 | The Presidency |  |  |
| POLS 3815 | Municipal Government |  |  |
| POLS 3616 | Political Parties and Pressure Groups | |  |
| POLS 3617 | The Legislative Process |  |  |
| POLS 3618 | Elections and Electoral Behavior | |  |
| POLS 4814 | Theory and Practice of Public Administration | |  |
| POLS 4818 | Public Administration Internship | |  |
| D. Constitutional Law: 9 Hrs. | |  |  |
| POLS 3701 | Judicial Process |  |  |
| Choose 6 hours from any of the following: | |  |  |
| POLS 3702 | American Constitutional History | |  |
| POLS 3703 | Constitutional Law I |  |  |
| POLS 3704 | Constitutional Law II |  |  |
| E. Professional Electives (3 hours each) : 9 Hrs. | | |  |
| POLS 3609 | American Foreign Policy |  |  |
| POLS 3705 | Trial Advocacy |  |  |
| POLS 3708 | Civil Rights and Minorities |  |  |
| POLS 4515 | International Organizations | |  |
| POLS 4818 | Public Administration Internship | |  |
| POLS 4619 | Legislative Internship |  |  |
| C, or D that are not used to satisfy electives in those areas | | |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| **General Electives** | |  | **(Up to 10 hrs)** |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Total required for graduation** | |  | **(123 hrs)** |

## PROGRAM OF STUDY FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

123 Semester Hours

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| **Freshman Year** | **Fall** |  | **Spring** |  | **Credit Hrs**. |
| ENGL 1101 | Eng. Comp. I | 3 | ENGL 1102 | Eng. Comp. II | 3 |
| MATH 1111 | College Algebra | 3 | Area B Elective | | 2 |
| ASU 1201 | Foundations of College Success | 2 | COMM 1100 | Fundamentals of Public Speaking | 3 |
| PEDH Elective |  | 1 |  |  |  |
| HIST 1002 | Intro. African. Dias. | 2 | Science Elec. | | 4 |
| Science Elective |  | 4 | POLS 1101 | U.S. and GA Government | 3 |
| **Total** |  | **(15 hrs)** |  |  | **(15 hrs)** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Sophomore Year** |  |  |  |  |  |
| ENGL 2111 | World Lit. I | 3 | Social Science Elec. | | 3 |
| Fine Arts Elective |  | 3 | Social Science Elec. | | 3 |
| POLS 2101 | Intro. to Pol. Sci. | 3 | Foreign Language Sequence | | 6 |
| MATH Elective (Area A) | | 3 | PEDH |  | 1 |
| Social Science Elective | | 3 | POLS Amer. Government Elec. | | 3 |
| **Total** |  | **(15 hrs)** |  |  | **(16 hrs)** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Junior Year** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Social Science Elective (Area E) | | 3 | POLS 3511 or POLS 4512 | | 3 |
| POLS 3601 | St./Local Government | 3 | POLS 4401 Hist. Pol. Thought | | 3 |
| Social Science Elective (Area F) | | 3 | POLS Const. Law Elective | | 3 |
| POLS 4371 | Research Methods I | 3 | POLS Inter./Comp. Government. | | 3 |
| POLS 3701 | Judicial Process | 3 | POLS Elective (3000-4000) | | 3 |
| PEDH Elective |  | 1 |  |  |  |
| **Total** |  | **(16 hrs)** |  |  | **(15 hrs)** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Senior Year |  |  |  |  |  |
| POLS 4372 | Research Methods II | 3 | POLS Elec. (3000-4000) | | 6 |
| POLS Amer. Government Elective | | 3 | General Elective | | 10 |
| POLS Inter./Comp. Government Elec. | | 3 |  |  |  |
| POLS Const. Law Elec. | | 3 |  |  |  |
| POLS Elective (3000-4000) | | 3 |  |  |  |
| **Total** |  | **(15 hrs)** |  |  | **(16 hrs)** |

## MINOR IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The International Affairs concentration requires 18 semester hours (6 courses). The student must complete the following required courses:

POLS 3511 Comparative Government

POLS 4514 International Relations

POLS 4819 International Political Economy

POLS 4820 Area Studies (Africa, Caribbean, Eastern Europe & Latin America)

POLS 4821 International Internship/Seminar

POLS 4822 Politics & Culture of Developing World

Requirements: Students majoring in Political Science with a concentration in International Affairs must complete courses in American Government, Introduction to Political Science, Comparative Government, Constitutional Law, Political Theory, and Research Methods I and II.

## PRE-LAW PROGRAM

The Department of History, Political Science, and Public Administration has an excellent Pre-Law Program that is grounded in the tradition of a sound liberal arts education. Our Pre-Law advisors are experienced in guiding students in course selection and providing pertinent information about law schools of the Law Admission Council. There is a non-credit tutorial program that offers instruction in preparing for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). The LSAT preparation course utilizes lectures, discussions and in-class exercises of past questions. Participation is open to all students.

The requirements for entrance to law school can be satisfied in one of several majors. Two, three or four years in a B.A. or B.S. degree can comprise the pre-law program.

Interested students should select a degree program and electives that will help them to attain the following objectives:

1. Fluency in written and spoken English;
2. The ability to read difficult material with rapidity and comprehension;
3. A solid background in American history and government;
4. A broad basic education in social and cultural areas;
5. A fundamental understanding of business, including basic account procedures; and
6. The ability to reason logically.