

Department of History and Political Science

College of Arts and Sciences

Faculty

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The Department of History and Political Science offers courses that are designed to meet both cultural and professional objectives. The history courses attempt to give the student a discriminating knowledge of the past by encouraging an understanding of other times according to the standards of those times and by evaluating institutions and movements in the light of their effects upon later developments. The political science courses teach the student to analyze systems and structures of governments in the past and present. The geography courses provide the student with an understanding of the relationship between geographical elements and man's life on earth.

Assessment of Majors

History 498 is the culmination of a history major's study. After taking a balanced core of content-oriented courses in American and world history, the student in this course demonstrates the use of the tools of historical research and writing by composing a major paper that includes primary sources. This course requires the history major to discuss with fellow history students the methodological and historiographical problems that historians face and to share the findings of his paper in a seminar setting. All senior history majors must also take the Major Field Achievement Test in History.

Political science majors will culminate their studies by taking Political Science 498. Pursuant to the completion of a well-rounded set of content courses in political theory, international politics, and national government in the U.S., the political science major will demonstrate in this seminar the ability to write a quality, in-depth political science research paper using the methods of the discipline and the department's designated style manual. The student will present his/her paper to fellow seminar members. All senior political science majors must take the Major Field Achievement Test in Political Science.

- I. History Major Requirements—36 hours**
- Required: HIS 101, 102, 211, 212, 245, 498
 - Two from: HIS 301, 311, 312, 317, 320, 322, 420 (World)
 - Two from: HIS 315, 330, 331, 332, 411, 414, 415, 417, 422 (American)
 - One from: HIS 300, 305, 316, 397 (Church)
 - One upper-level HIS elective
- II. Political Science Major Requirements—39 hours**
- Required: PSC 111, 211, 214, 245, 319, 498.
 - Upper-level courses in American Politics—6 hours
 - Upper-level courses in International Relations/Comparative Politics—6 hours
 - Elective PSC—9 hours
- III. Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Major Requirements—58 hours**
- Required major core
 - ECF 211, 212, 425—9 hours
 - GEO 215, 216—6 hours
 - PHL 240, 346, 347, 349—12 hours
 - PSC 211, 214, 332—9 hours
 - Senior Seminar 498 in either PSC, PHL, or ECF—4 hours
 - Elective course pool—select 18 hours with at least one from each group
 - ECF 355, 411, 412, 430
 - PHL 345; HON 210, 220, 320, 340
 - PSC 318, 324, 325, 344, 360, 411
 - PPE majors are exempt from the requirement of completing a minor
- IV. Teacher Licensure for History (Grades 7-12)**
- Major requirements as shown above and to include 322.
 - General/Specific Core to include GEO 112; 215 or 216; and PSC 211.
 - Professional Education: EDU 150, 250, 326, 425, 433; PSY 213, 318; SE 225.
 - Completion of applicable portions of the Praxis II.
 - For additional information, see the Director of Teacher Education.
- V. Teacher Licensure for Government (Grades 7-12)**
- Major requirements for PSC as shown above to include 313, 318, 325.
 - Core to include GEO 112; 215 or 216; HIS 101, 102, 211 and 212.
 - Professional Education: EDU 150, 250, 326, 425, 433; PSY 213, 318; SE 225.
 - Completion of applicable portions of the Praxis II.
 - For additional information, see the Director of Teacher Education.
- VI. History Minor—21 hours**
- Requirements of all History Minors
 - HIS 101, 102, 245
 - HIS 211 or 212
 - Requirements for General History Emphasis—9 hours
 - One of: HIS 301, 311, 312, 317, 320, 322, 420 (World)
 - One of: HIS 315, 330, 331, 332, 411, 414, 415, 417, 422 (American)
 - One upper-level HIS elective
 - Requirements for Church History Emphasis—9 hours
 - HIS 305
 - Two of: HIS 300, 316, 397
- VII. Political Science Minor—21 hours**
- Required courses: PSC 111, 211.
 - PSC Electives including a minimum of 6 upper-level hours—15 hours
- VIII. Pre-Law Advising Program**
- Dr. Sean Evans serves as Union University's pre-law advisor. Students planning to attend law school should consult with him for information and assistance.

Student Organizations

The **Delta-Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta**, National Honor Society in History, is open to students who have had 12 semester hours of history and who have a minimum HIS GPA of 3.1 and 3.0 in 2/3 of the remainder of their work. Union's chapter, established in 1953, was the first in the state of Tennessee.

The **Union Pre-Law Society** is open to all students regardless of major who are interested in attending law school. The purpose is to promote a greater understanding of law and the legal profession and to prepare students for law school.

The **Rutledge Honorary History Club** was founded in 1929 to stimulate the study of history. Membership by invitation is offered to history majors and minors and a select number of students who have completed three semester hours of history with an average of 2.5, and who have expressed an interest in the study of history.

Student Awards

The **Academic Excellence Medal** is awarded to the graduating senior with the highest average in the major provided the average is not less than 3.5. Before Awards Day, the student must have completed at least 15 credit hours in the major at Union University, exclusive of pass/fail courses. If no major is eligible, the medal will be given to the minor meeting the minimum requirements.

Departmental Awards are given to graduating seniors for outstanding work in fulfilling a departmental major or minor.

Dr. James Alex Baggett History Research Awards are given for the best original research papers presented as part of the requirements for any history course.

The **John W. Burgess Award** is granted to a graduating senior for meritorious work in political science.

The **Phi Alpha Theta Scholarship Key** is presented to a graduating senior member of the society who has a major in history and who has an average of 3.5 or better in that discipline.

Political Science Research Awards are presented for the best original research papers presented as part of the requirements for any political science course.

Course Offerings in History (HIS)

() Hours Credit; F-Fall; W-Winter; S-Spring; Su-Summer

101. World Civilization to the 18th Century (3) F, W, S, Su

Social, economic, political, and intellectual characteristics of human society with emphasis on people, movements, and ideas influencing the development of civilization.

102. World Civilization from the 18th Century (3) F, W, S, Su

A continuation of HIS 101 with emphasis on the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries.

211. The United States to 1877 (3) F, S

A survey of United States emphasizing English colonization, the American Revolution, the adoption of the Constitution, the growth of nationalism and sectionalism, the Civil War, and reconstruction.

212. The United States from 1877 (3) F, S

A survey of United States emphasizing new social and industrial problems, the rise of progressivism, America's emergence as a world power, World War I, postwar reaction and the New Deal, World War II, and contemporary America.

245. History and Historians (3) F

An introduction to the nature of historical research and to various schools and philosophies of history. This course is normally taken during one's sophomore year.

332. Antebellum America, Civil War and Reconstruction, 1828-1877 (3) W or S—Even Years

The American nation during the years leading to the Civil War, the war itself, and the immediate aftermath.

411. American Foreign Policy (3) F—Odd Years

Prerequisite: HIS 211 or 212. Reciprocal credit: PSC 411.

A survey of the most significant developments of American foreign policy with an emphasis on problems arising from the emergence of the United States as a world power.

414. Urban, Industrial America, 1877-1920 (3) S—Odd Years

A study of the energetic and controversial transformation of America from a rural commercial society to an urban, industrial society. Includes domestic reforms through 1920 for continuity, but leaves the more thorough discussion of WWI for HIS 415.

415. America and World War, 1914-1945 (3) F—Even Years

A close look at the United States during the period of profound change brought by World War I, the twenties, the Great Depression and World War II.

245. Research Methodology (3) S

Prerequisite: PSC 211.

Research methodologies utilized in political science.

313. Political Parties in the United States (3) F—Even Years

Prerequisite: PSC 211.

A study of the nature, development, and functioning of political parties in the United States. Attention is given to leaders, issues, and problems of our party system.

315. History and Government of Tennessee (3) S

See HIS 315 for course description.

318. Politics and Governments of Europe (3) F—Odd Years

Comparative analysis of current political and governmental systems with an emphasis on the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Russia, and of the European Union and its impact on the politics and governments of Europe.

319. Western Political Theory (3) F

Prerequisite: 6 hours of political science.

Basic political philosophies which form the foundation for the study of political science. Emphasis is placed on major philosophers who have shaped western political thought from ancient times to the twentieth century.

324. Contemporary Issues in International Relations (3) S

Current affairs focusing on events and attitudes within the world community with assessment of their impact on domestic and foreign policy decisions in the U.S. and abroad.

325. Politics and Governments of Asia (3) S—Even Years

A study of Asia in modern times with emphasis on China, Japan, and one additional state selected on the basis of political conditions in Asia at the time of the course. 105

330. Public Administration and Policy Making (3) S—Odd Years

A study of the “fourth branch” of government of the United States with a focus on the development of public policy and its administration. The relationship among the executive, legislative, and judicial branches is also emphasized.

332. Comparative Political Systems (3) F—Even Years

An analysis of the primary political systems that form the basis of modern nation-states, namely, liberal democratic systems, communist and post-communist systems, and the developing systems of the post-colonial international community. This course does not deal with particular governmental structures.

333. International Organizations and Law (3) F—Odd Years

International organizations, both governmental and non-governmental, as they interact with international community. International law and its development are examined.

340. The Judicial Process (F)—Even Years

The nature of law, the principal actors in the legal system—police, lawyers, and judges—and their roles in the system as well as the ability of courts to make social policy.

342. The United States Congress (3) F—Odd Years

The role of Congress in American government, including congressional elections, representation, the organization of Congress, and policy-making and its interaction with others such as the president, interest groups, the media and political parties.

Course Offerings in Geography (GEO)

() Hours Credit: F-Fall; W-Winter; S-Spring; Su-Summer

112. Elements of Physical Geography (4) F, W, Su

Prerequisite: PHY 111. Reciprocal credit: PHY 112.

See PHY 112 for course description.

215. World Regional Geography I (3) F

A study of the geography of the developed world to include the United States and Canada, Western Europe, Russia, Eastern Europe, Japan, Australia and New Zealand, with emphasis on regional, physical, and human geography.

216. World Regional Geography II (3) W or S

A study of the geography of the developing world to include Middle America, South America, Southwest Asia, North

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