

HISTORY-POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

Bachelor of Arts

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History-Political Science Program Mission Statement

The History-Political Science program prepares graduates for employment, scholarship, or further study in the areas of law, public policy, or history in service to their professional disciplines and social communities.

Program Description

The History-Political Science dual program produces graduates who lead our governmental and legal institutions. Students are prepared for a life of productive work in governmental agencies, in legal careers (after law school), and in higher education. They are prepared for a life of enlightened living through integration of the University's General Education Outcomes throughout the curriculum. They are prepared for a life of community involvement through an internship and a Senior Thesis tied to the internship.

History-Political Science Program Learning Outcomes

The graduate will:

- 1. Evaluate political phenomena using political science concepts and theories.
- 2. Apply historical and global perspectives to political problems and policy issues;
- 3. Formulate research hypotheses using current social science research tools; and
- 4. Demonstrate a breadth of historical knowledge with depth in a limited area.

What You Will Study

This course of study is a unique and interdisciplinary degree. A dual major in History and Political Science will focus on the development of institutions and ideas, the role of significant historical and political actors, and the cultural values and structures that shape society. Graduates will be prepared to engage and explore the problems that impact our global society.

All History-Political Science dual program students must satisfy the 120-credit hour requirement for graduation. Students must also, when constructing their plan of study, meet the University of Charleston general curriculum requirements. These additional hours may be used to earn a second major if the student so desires.

University requirements, the History-Political Science curriculum, and the minor in History are outlined in the tables below.

Bachelor of Arts in History-Political Science

History-Political Science Requirements - 45-55 Credit Hours		
HIST 211	World Cultures I	3 credits
HIST 212	World Cultures II	3 credits
HIST 251	Foundations of the American Republic	3 credits
HIST 252	Contemporary America	3 credits
HIST 354	Civil War and Reconstruction	3 credits
HIST 360	History of War	3 credits
HIST 371	History of the Middle East	3 credits
POLS 101	American National Government	3 credits
POLS 102	State and Local Government	3 credits
POLS 200	Foundations of Public Policy	3 credits
POLS 210 OR POLS 230	Comparative Government OR Introduction to Political Philosophy	3 credits
POLS 300	Political Science Research Methods	3 credits
POLS 400	Senior Thesis	3 credits
POLS 492	Internship OR E.A.G.L.E. Internship	3-11 credits 12 credits
MATH 120	Intermediate Algebra (or higher MATH)	3 credits
GEOG 303	World Geography	3 credits

Completing a Double Major

History-Political Science dual program majors are encouraged to double major with other programs in the broader university community. Double majors must complete all requirements for BOTH majors, with the exception that a single senior thesis is required. Students choosing a double major and who choose to do a senior thesis or project outside of the History-Political Science dual program, must consult with program faculty on the nature of the outside project. The Program expects that a senior thesis completed as part of a double major with a Program degree will engage the discipline in a meaningful way.

Internships

Consistent with the mission of the University of Charleston to educate each student for a life of productive work, enlightened living, and community involvement, faculty recognize that only part of a student’s education occurs in the classroom. All History-Political Science dual program majors are required to complete an internship related to their area of interest. Students must receive a minimum of 3 Internship credit hours with a maximum limitation of 15 Internship credit hours. Internships are subject to the following guidelines:

- 40 hours of work in the internship = 1 hour of credit.
- Students must maintain a daily journal of their activities.
- Students must submit a 3 to5-page reflection for each 3 hours of credit received for internships.

Internships are also subject to general University of Charleston guidelines. Contact the History-Political Science Program Director for additional information regarding these guidelines.

Three Year Path

Students with exceptional academic qualifications and motivation can finish the History-Political Science dual degree program in only three years. Admission to the three-year path requires approval of the Program Director along with acknowledgement from the student that they will have a substantial academic workload from the first semester and will be required to maintain a substantial academic workload throughout the three years.

HISTORY MINOR

The Minor in History requires 18 credit hours. Students must choose three of four 200 level courses listed below and three of four listed 300 level courses listed below.

History Minor - 18 Credit Hours		
HIST 211	World Cultures I	3 credits
HIST 212	World Cultures II	3 credits
HIST 251	Foundations of the American Republic	3 credits
HIST 252	Contemporary America	3 credits
HIST 354	Civil War and Reconstruction	3 credits
HIST 360	History of War	3 credits
HIST 371	History of the Middle East	3 credits
GEOG 303	World Geography	3 credits

Admission Requirements

Students must gain general admission to the University of Charleston.

Additional Requirements

Each graduating major in the program must complete and pass a comprehensive examination in their final semester before expected graduation. In order to graduate, students must earn a C or better in all courses required for the major.