

Department of History & Related Fields

Mission Statement

The Department of History & Related Fields aims to shape reflective human beings who possess both historical knowledge and the ability to read deeply, think historically and critically, and communicate well, qualities which equip them to provide God-honoring leadership in the home, church, community, and world.

To do this, the department provides students with a broad-based, historically rooted education. Students gain knowledge from a variety of methodological approaches and cover a range of diverse time periods while learning about the history of the ancient world, modern Europe, the United States, and the non-Western world. Students are uniquely equipped in their understanding of the world of the Bible and the history of the Church. They also acquire skills in conducting research, writing well, and deploying critical argumentation and analysis in historical writing. This preparation equips students for whatever vocations they pursue, including but not limited to vocations in history, politics, social science teaching, the law, international affairs, business, and ministry.

The Department of History & Related Fields offers courses in four areas—history, politics, economics, and geography. It offers two majors: 1) History and 2) Politics, History, and Economics, and four minors: 1) History, 2) Political Science, 3) Pre-Law, and 4) Museum Studies and Public History.

The department encourages internship participation for its students, as well as off-campus study through cooperative programs with the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities.

History Major

Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science

The History major is designed to provide students with a broad, general knowledge of the political, social, and cultural history of a variety of geographical regions and time periods. Each student takes a well-rounded selection of courses in the history of America and other areas of the world. Included in this curriculum is HIS4835 Senior Seminar, a course whose purpose is to teach historical research and writing skills. The program functions as a terminal major or as preparation for graduate study, leading to career opportunities in historical research, law, the service professions, business, government, or the ministry. The degree is granted upon completion of credits specified on pages 48-49 (40 credits must be successfully completed in 3000- or 4000-level courses).

- **B.A. option** requires achieving 1002-level competency in an approved foreign language. See page 47.

Required Courses 22 cr

HIS2001	U.S. History to 1877.	4
HIS2002	U.S. History since 1877.	4
HIS2005	Introduction to Historical Studies	2
HIS3095	Digital History, Public History, and Archiving	4
HIS3125	History of the Christian Church from Apostolic Times to the Present	4
HIS4835	Senior Seminar [OCE, WCE]	4

History Selectives. 24 cr

Select a minimum of 8 credits from the following:

HIS3135	Renaissance and Reformation.	4
HIS3136	History of Europe in the 18th and 19th Centuries	4
HIS3145	History of Twentieth Century Europe	4
HIS3156	History of Russia from Earliest Times to the Present.	4
HIS3805	Topics in European History	4

Select a minimum of 4 credits from the following:

HIS3165	American Revolution and Early Republic	4
HIS3175	American Religious History.	4
HIS3805	Topics in U.S. History	4

Select a minimum of 4 credits from the following:

HIS3115	Old Testament Archaeology	2
HIS3116	New Testament Archaeology	2
HIS3155	History of East Asia	4

Select up to 4 credits from the following:

ART3162	19th and 20th Century Art History	2
ART3265	Art Since 1945	2
ART3267	Themes in Art History	4
LIT2045	Epic Literature	2
LIT2117	Historically Based Literature	4
MUH3101	Western Music History to 1750.	4
MUH3102	Western Music History after 1750	4
MUH3105	American Music	2
POS3165	Political Thought	4
POS3205	International Relations since World War II	4
SSE2005	Cultural History of Minnesota	2
THE3181	Theatre History to 1850	4
THE3282	Theatre History after 1850	4

NOTE: STUDENTS PREPARING FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL IN HISTORY OR LAW OR FOR A CAREER IN POLITICS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO TAKE COURSES WITH HIS OR POS PREFIXES FOR THEIR GENERAL ELECTIVES.

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HISTORY & RELATED FIELDS

History Minor 18 cr

Required courses: HIS2005, 3125. Remaining credits to be chosen from courses with HIS prefix, excluding HIS1005, 1825, 1826.

Politics, History, & Economics Major

Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science

The Politics, History, and Economics (PHE) program is an interdisciplinary program designed to equip students to contribute to the common good and human flourishing through understanding the structures and dynamics of public life. With elements of politics, history, economics, philosophy, and communication, the PHE program will equip students to give God-honoring leadership in the home, church, community, and world. One important component is the opportunity for off-campus internships. This ensures that students receive both academic and experiential learning opportunities. The program functions as a terminal major to equip students for careers in public service and international affairs, as well as provides preparation for graduate study in politics or law. The degree is granted upon completion of credits specified on pages 48–49 (40 credits must be successfully completed in 3000- or 4000-level courses).

- **Recommended course for Theological Philosophy Selectives** requirement in core curriculum: PHI2006.
- **Scientific & Quantitative Literacy** social science course in core curriculum must include POS1005.
- **B.A. option** requires achieving 1002-level competency in an approved foreign language. See page 47.

Politics	12 cr
POS2005 U.S. National Government	4
POS3165 Political Thought	4
POS3205 International Relations since World War II	4

History	18 cr
HIS2001 U.S. History to 1877 or	
HIS2002 U.S. History since 1877	4
HIS2005 Introduction to Historical Studies	2
HIS4835 Senior Seminar [OCE, WCE]	4
Select 8 credits from the following:	
HIS3095 Digital History, Public History, and Archiving	4
HIS3125 History of the Christian Church from Apostolic Times to the Present	4
HIS3135 Renaissance and Reformation	4
HIS3136 History of Europe in the 18th and 19th Centuries	4
HIS3145 History of Twentieth Century Europe	4
HIS3155 History of East Asia	4
HIS3156 History of Russia from Earliest Times to the Present	4
HIS3165 American Revolution and Early Republic	4
HIS3175 American Religious History	4
HIS3805 Topics in European History	4
HIS3805 Topics in American History	4

Economics	4 cr
ECO2201 Principles of Economics I or	
ECO2211 Introduction to Economics and	
ECO2212 Principles of Macroeconomics	4

Select from the following	16 cr
COM2107 Communication Theory	4
ECO2213 Principles of Microeconomics	2
ENG2146 Professional Writing	2
ENG3248 Grant Writing	2
MKT1085 Principles of Marketing	4
PHI2016 Ethics	4
POS2695 Minnesota Legislative Internship	1-8
POS4995 Political Science Internship	1-8
Any HIS elective 3000 level or above	
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Political Science Minor 18 cr

Required Courses: POS1005, POS2005; 2–4 credits from POS2625/4625, 2695, 4995; 6–8 credits from COM2107, ECO2201 or 2211 and 2212, 2202 or 2213, HIS3136, 3145, 3155, 3156, 3165, 3206, 3207, POS3165, 3205, 3805, PRL2061, 3387.

Museum Studies and Public History Minor 18 cr

Required courses: HIS2005, 3095; select 4–8 credits from the following: ART3162, 3265, 3267, 3806, DES1031, 2111, 3069, 3000- or 4000-level HIS course, MUH3101, 3102, 3105, THE3181, 3282; select 4–8 credits from the following: ENG2146, 3248, 3249, MKT1085, 3165, PRL2061, 2085, 3035.

Pre-Law Minor 18 cr

Select courses from at least four of the six following areas:
 Communications (2–4 cr): COM2107, 3107; PRL2061, 3387
 Criminal Justice and Business (4 cr): BUS3331; CRJ2125, 3225, 4327*
 Economics (4 cr): ECO2211, 2212
 English (2 cr): ENG2146
 History and Politics (4 cr): HIS2001, 2002, 3129, 3165; POS2005, 3165
 Philosophy (2–6 cr): PHI2006, 2016

*PRE-LAW MINORS ENROLLING IN CRJ4327 WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO TAKE A PREREQUISITE COURSE.

Social Studies Education Major

Bachelor of Science

Full details are given under School of Education programs. See pages 101–105 and 115.