

Department of English & History

Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of English and History is to provide educational opportunities in two related programs: 1) English and Literature and 2) History and Political Science.

The English and Literature program educates students in the fundamental concepts, knowledge, and skills relevant to the study of literature, creative writing, and professional writing within a Christian context. We seek to prepare students for employment in a broad range of professions and ministries, including but not limited to those directly related to our field. In addition, we seek to prepare students for the pursuit of advanced degrees in literature and writing, as well as other related fields such as law and library science.

The History and Political Science program shapes 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 program 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, law, international affairs, business, and ministry. The program 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 program encourages internship participation for its students, as well as off-campus study through the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities.

Communication Arts/Literature Education Major... see Department of Teacher Education

English Major

Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science

The English major is divided into three concentrations: literature, writing, and literature and writing.

Literature Concentration (B.A./B.S.)

The literature concentration prepares students to pursue graduate work in English, as well as careers in fields such as the ministry, law, business, and teaching. In the literature concentration, students sharpen their critical thinking, reading, and writing skills as they analyze and write about American, British, classical, and multicultural literature. Electives allow students to focus on specific authors, genres, periods, and themes. The senior capstone course in literature enables students to research and write about a topic of their choice and to prepare for postgraduate options. The degree is granted upon successful completion of credits specified here and specified on pages 51–52 (40 credits must be successfully completed in 3000- or 4000-level courses).

- **Recommended courses** for general electives: ENG2146, 2215, 2216, 2217, 3247, 3805; additional coursework in linguistics (ENG3125, LIN2226) and LIT-prefix courses.
- **B.A. option** requires achieving 1002-level competency in an approved foreign language. See page 50.

Required Courses 36 cr

LIT2045	Epic Literature	2
LIT2105	Literary Studies	4
LIT3136	Shakespeare	2
LIT3215	Studies in the Novel	4
LIT3225	Survey of American Literature	4
LIT3235	Survey of British Literature	4
LIT4859	Senior Capstone: Literature [OCE]	2
LTH4155	Literary Theory [WCE]	4
Select 2 credits from the following:		
LIT4841	Research	1–2
LIT4995	Literature Internship	1–2
Select one of the following:		
LIT2156	Contemporary Poetry	2
LIT2157	Contemporary Fiction	2
LIT3145	Contemporary World Literature	2

Select one of the following:

ENG2215	Writing Creative Nonfiction	2
ENG2216	Writing of Poetry	2
ENG2217	Writing of Fiction	2

Select one of the following:

ENG3125	Structure of English Grammar	4
LIN2226	Introduction to Linguistics	4

English and Cognate Electives 6 cr

Select from courses with ENG, LIT, or LTH prefix (ENG1107 is not an option) or from the following:

HIS3095	Digital History, Public History, and Archiving	4
THE3181	Theatre History to 1850	4
THE3282	Theatre History after 1850	4

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Writing Concentration (B.A./B.S.)

The writing concentration prepares students to pursue graduate work in English, as well as careers in fields such as technical writing, publishing, and freelancing. In the writing concentration, students sharpen their critical thinking, reading, and writing skills as they engage in creative and professional writing. Electives allow students to pursue the types of writing that most interest them. The senior capstone course in writing enables students to produce a portfolio and to gain experience writing in a specialized field. The degree is granted upon successful completion of credits specified here and on pages 51–52 (40 credits must be successfully completed in 3000- or 4000-level courses).

- **Creative Expression** course in core curriculum must include DES1031.
- **Recommended courses** for general electives: PRL2061, PRL2085 and any upper-level LIT course.
- **B.A. option** requires achieving 1002-level competency in an approved foreign language. See page 50.

Required Courses 46 cr

ENG2146	Professional Writing	2
ENG2215	Writing Creative Nonfiction	2
ENG2216	Writing of Poetry	2
ENG2217	Writing of Fiction	2
ENG3125	Structure of English Grammar	4
ENG3247	Technical Writing	2
ENG4435	Writing Theory and Ethics [WCE]	2
ENG4855	Senior Capstone: Creative Writing [OCE] or	
ENG4858	Senior Capstone: Professional Writing [OCE]	2
LIT2105	Literary Studies	4
Upper-level LIT-prefix course(s) (MAY INCLUDE HONORS LITERATURE) ..		4

Select 16 credits from the following:

ENG2235	Editing and Publishing	2
ENG3165	Instructional Design for Professional Writing	2
ENG3210	Christianity and Writing	2
ENG3219	Autobiographical Writing	2
ENG3240	Writing of Place	2
ENG3248	Grant Writing	2
ENG3316	Content Writing	2
ENG3625	Advanced Writer's Workshop	4
ENG3805	Writing Topics	2
PRL2061	Multimedia Writing	4

Select one of the following:

LIT2156	Contemporary Poetry	2
LIT2157	Contemporary Fiction	2
LIT3145	Contemporary World Literature	2

Select 2 credits from the following:

ENG4615	Literary Editing	1
ENG4995	Writing Internship	1–2

NOTE: NO ONE COURSE CAN FULFILL TWO CATEGORIES.

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Literature & Writing Concentration (B.A./B.S.)

The literature and writing concentration prepares students to pursue graduate work in English, as well as careers in fields such as the ministry, law, business, teaching, technical writing, publishing, and freelancing. In the literature and writing concentration, students sharpen their critical thinking, reading, and writing skills as they analyze and write about literary texts and as they engage in creative and professional writing. Options within the required course offerings allow students to pursue areas that most interest them. Students choose between a literature or writing emphasis for their capstone courses. The degree is granted upon successful completion of credits specified here and on pages 51–52 (40 credits must be successfully completed in 3000- or 4000-level courses).

- **Creative Expression** course in core curriculum must include DES1031.
- **B.A. option** requires achieving 1002-level competency in an approved foreign language. See page 50.

Required Courses48–50 cr

ENG2146	Professional Writing	2
ENG2215	Writing Creative Nonfiction	2
ENG2216	Writing of Poetry	2
ENG2217	Writing of Fiction	2
LIT2045	Epic Literature	2
LIT2105	Literary Studies	4
LIT3215	Studies in the Novel	4
LIT3225	Survey of American Literature	4
LIT3235	Survey of British Literature	4

Select one of the following:

ENG3125	Structure of English Grammar	4
LIN2226	Introduction to Linguistics	4

Select one of the following:

ENG4435	Writing Theory and Ethics [WCE]	2
LTH4155	Literary Theory [WCE]	4

Select one of the following:

LIT2156	Contemporary Poetry	2
LIT2157	Contemporary Fiction	2
LIT3145	Contemporary World Literature	2

Select 10 credits of the following:

ENG2235	Editing and Publishing	2
ENG3165	Instructional Design for Professional Writing	2
ENG3210	Christianity and Writing	2
ENG3219	Autobiographical Writing	2
ENG3240	Writing of Place	2
ENG3247	Technical Writing	2
ENG3248	Grant Writing	2
ENG3316	Content Writing	2
ENG3625	Advanced Writer's Workshop	4
ENG3805	Writing Topics	2

Select 2 credits in professional experience:

ENG4615	Literary Editing	1
ENG4995	Writing Internship	1–2
LIT4841	Research	1–2
LIT4995	Literature Internship	1–2

Select one of the following:

ENG4855	Senior Capstone: Creative Writing [OCE]	2
ENG4858	Senior Capstone: Professional Writing [OCE]	2
LIT4859	Senior Capstone: Literature [OCE]	2

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English Minor16 cr

Required Courses: One writing course (excluding ENG1107); one literature course.

Additional credits from courses with ENG, LIN, LIT, or LTH prefix (excluding ENG1107).

Literature Minor16 cr

Select 16 credits from courses with a LIT or LTH prefix (at least 4 credits must be from courses 3000 level or above).

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Minor20 cr

Required Courses: ENG3125; ESL3215, 3315, 4325, 4326; LIN2226.

Writing Minor16 cr

Required Course: ENG2215, ENG2216, or ENG2217.

Select 14 additional credits from ENG-prefix courses (excluding ENG1107).

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 HIS4485 History, Politics, and Vocation, 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 successful completion of credits specified here and on pages 51–52 (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 50.

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
HIS4485	History, Politics, and Vocation [OCE, WCE].....	.4

History Selectives..... 24 cr

Select a minimum of 8 credits from the following:

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 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) major 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 successful completion of credits specified here and on pages 51–52 (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.
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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
HIS4485	History, Politics, and Vocation [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
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, 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

Social Studies Education Major..... see Department of Teacher Education