

HISTORY-POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

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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 Liberal Learning Outcomes throughout the curriculum. They are prepared for a life of community involvement through an internship and a Senior Thesis tied to the internship.

Admission Requirements

Students must gain general admission to the University of Charleston. A visit to the campus to meet with Admissions personnel and program faculty is strongly encouraged.

Program 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 Liberal Learning Outcomes required for graduation by the University of Charleston. 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

University Requirements – 31 Credit Hours		
UNIV 101	University Orientation	1 credit
UNIV 102	The University Experience	2 credits
NSCI 1xx	Natural Science	4 credits
HUMN 1xx	Humanities	3 credits
COMM 101	Freshman Writing I	3 credits
COMM 102	Freshman Writing II	3 credits
SPCH 103	Oral Communication Skills	3 credits
MATH	Math 116 or higher	3 credits
ENGL	Mid-level creativity literature course	3 credits
ELEC	Mid-level creativity non-literature course	3 credits
UNIV 459 or 460	Senior Capstone	3 credits

Program Requirements

History-Political Science Requirements - 45-54 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 Introduction to Political Philosophy	3 credits
POLS 300	Political Science Research Methods	3 credits
POLS 400	Senior Thesis	3 credits
POLS 492	Internship	3-11 credits
MATH 116	Survey of Mathematics	3 credits
GEOG 303	World Geography	3 credits

Additional Requirements

Each graduating major in the program must complete and pass a comprehensive examination in their final semester.

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.