

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 corps 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 also 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 research paper in a seminar setting. All senior history majors must also take the Major Field Achievement Test

- D. One from: HIS 300, 305, 316, 400 (Church)
- E. One upper-level HIS elective

II. Political Science Major Requirements—39 hours

- A. Required: PSC 111, 211, 212, 214, 245, 319, 498.
- B. Select 18 PSC hours.

III. Teacher Licensure for History (Grades 7-12)

- A. Major requirements as shown above and to include 322.
- B. General/Specific Core must include GEO 112, 215 or 216, and PSC 211.
- C. Professional Education: EDU 150, 250, 326, 425, 433; PSY 213, 318; SE 225.
- D. Completion of applicable portions of the Praxis II.
- E. For additional information, see the Director of Teacher Education.

IV. Teacher Licensure for Government (Grades 7-12)

- A. Major requirements for Political Science as shown above and to include 313, 318, 325.
- B. General/Specific Core must include GEO 112; 215 or 216.
- C. Professional Education: EDU 150, 250, 326, 425, 433; PSY 213, 318; SE 225.
- D. Completion of applicable portions of the Praxis II.
- E. For additional information, see the Director of Teacher Education.

V. History Minor—21 hours

- A. Requirements of all History Minors
 - 1. HIS 101, 102, 245
 - 2. HIS 211 or 212
- B. Requirements for General History Emphasis—9 hours
 - 1. One of: HIS 301, 311, 312, 317, 320, 322, 420 (World)
 - 2. One of: HIS 315, 330, 331, 332, 411, 417, 422, 423, 424 (American)
 - 3. One upper-level HIS elective
- C. Requirements for Church History Emphasis—9 hours
 - 1. HIS 305
 - 2. Two of: HIS 300, 316, 400

VI. Political Science Minor—21 hours

- A. Required courses: PSC 111, 211, 212.
- B. Select 12 PSC hours including a minimum of 6 upper-level hours.

VII. Pre-Law Advising Program

Dr. Ann Livingstone serves as Union University's pre-law advisor. Students planning to attend law school should consult with her for information and assistance.

Student Organizations

Delta Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, (International Honor Society in History) is open to students who have had 12 semester hours of history and who have a minimum average of 3.1 in history and 3.0 in two-thirds of the remainder of their work. Union's chapter, established in 1953, was the first in the state of Tennessee.

Pi Sigma Alpha is a national political science honor society open to students who have a minimum of 10 semester hours in political science (with at least one course 300 level or above), a B average in their political science work, and in the top one-third of their class.

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.

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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

A study of the 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.

300. American Church History (3) S—Odd Years

A survey of religious and church developments in America from the Puritans to the present.

301. Ancient History (3) F—Odd Years or W or Su—Even Years

Prerequisite: HIS 101.

A survey of the Mediterranean-based civilization of the ancient world. Emphasis will be given to the Near East, Greece, and Rome.

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.

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.

331. Congress and the Presidency (3) F—Odd Years

A study of the relationship between the executive and legislative branches of the federal government with an emphasis on the checks and balances that operate to keep the balance of power consistent with the theory of democratic government.

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

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

355. Politics of the Developing States (3) F—Even Years

A study of developing states commonly referred to as the Third (Fourth) World, including Bangladesh, most of Africa, and parts of SE Asia, beginning with the end of the colonial period, about 1900.

360. Politics and Governments of the Middle East (3) S—Odd Years

A study of Israel, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, and the Palestinian Community from the early 1900s to incorporate Israel’s emergence its effects on the development of the Arab states. Roles of Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Iran and Iraq will be considered also.

410. United States Constitutional Law (3) S—Even Years

A study of the law and judicial process in the United States with an emphasis on the role of the courts in the governance of the United States. Course includes extensive use of court cases and precedents.

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

Prerequisite: HIS 211 or 212.