



Southeastern Louisiana University

Department of History & Political Science

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The major objectives of the Department of History and Political Science are:

- (1) to provide all students with general humanistic knowledge in the fields of history, political science, and philosophy;
- (2) to aid them through this knowledge to analyze and interpret problems and achievements of past and present societies;
- (3) to further their intellectual development through opportunities to think, to speak, and to write logically and analytically;
- (4) to prepare them to become dynamic citizens who understand the structure, powers, and procedures of national and state governments and have some knowledge of other world governments as well; and
- (5) to provide specific background training for such professions as law, journalism, government service, and teaching. Students who wish to prepare for graduate study in History or Political Science or for law school should consult with the head of the department.

Honors Diploma in the Discipline

The department also offers an upper-division honors curriculum allowing its students to earn an honors diploma in the major at graduation. For information about requirements and honors courses in this department, please contact the Department Head.

Major in History

Thirty-six (36) semester hours are required for a major in History. At least twenty-four (24) of these hours must be in 300 or 400 level courses.

Major in Political Science

Thirty-six (36) semester hours are required for a major in Political Science. At least twenty-seven (27) of these hours must be in 300 or 400 level courses.

Minors

Eighteen (18) semester hours are required for a minor in History, Political Science, or Philosophy. The philosophy minor consists of twelve hours at the 300-level and six hours at the 400-level.

The Department of History and Political Science offers a minor in International Studies. A minor in International studies consists of eighteen hours: six semester hours of a single foreign language at the 200-level or above; three semester hours from Group 1; three semester hours from Group 2; and six semester hours from Group 3.

Group 1 (Three Semester Hours)

POLI 420/520 (International Relations)

POLI 422/522 (International Organizations)

POLI 424/524 (International Political Economy)

POLI 425/525 (Comparative European Politics)

POLI 426/526 (Comparative Politics of Developing Nations)

POLI 428/528 (Middle East Politics)

Group 2 (Three Semester Hours)

COMM 410/510 (Intercultural Communication)

COMM 458/558 (International Communication and Media)

GEOG 410 (Cultural Geography)

GEOG 431 (World Regional Geography I)
GEOG 432/532 (World Regional Geography II)
CJ 425/525 (International Criminality, National Security and Terrorism)

Group 3 (Six Semester Hours)

ENGL 352 (Literature in Translation)
ENGL 412/507 (The Continental Novel)
ENGL 480/580 (Non-European Literature)
FREN 314/514 (French Culture and Civilization)
GEOG 301 (Geography of Europe)
HIST 434/534 (20th Century Europe)
HIST 445/545 (Modern China and the Orient)
HIST 446/546 (A History of Latin America)
HIST 447/547 (The Emergence of Latin America from Colonialism to Modern Nationalism) HIST
448/548 (The Carribean Area)
HIST 449/549 (History of Mexico)
HIST 454/554 (History of Moder Russia)
HIST 468/568 (Women in European History)
ITAL 381/581 (Italian Civilization)
SPAN 314/514 (Hispanic Civilization)
SPAN 324 (Latin American Culture and Civilization)

General Requirements for Courses

All 100 and 200-level History and Political Science courses require the use of department approved rental texts and readers, on which students must be tested. All 300 and 400/500 level History, Political Science, and Philosophy courses require the use of a rental text and additional mandatory readings, on which students must be tested; essay exams; term papers and/or book reviews; and book discussions and/or oral presentations by students.

Curriculum in History

Leading to the Degree of Bachelor of Arts

FIRST YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER	S.H.	SECOND SEMESTER	S.H.
History 101	3	History 102	3
Art 105, 106, Music 151 or Theatre 131	3	Art 105, 106, Music 151 or Theatre 131	3
English 101	3	English 102	3
Mathematics 160	3	Mathematics 162, 185, or 241	3
Sociology 101	3	Geography 103	3
Orientation 101	0-1	Library Science 102	1
	15-16		16

SECOND YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER	S.H.	SECOND SEMESTER	S.H.
History 201	33	History 202	3
Political Science 201	3	Political Science 202	3
English 230, 231 or 232	3	English 230, 231 or 232	3
Foreign Language 1	3	Foreign Language 1	3
Communication 211	3	Natural Science 2	3
	15		15

THIRD YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER	S.H.	SECOND SEMESTER	S.H.
Asian/Latin Am. History Elective	3	American/Latin Am. History Elective	3
British/European History Elective	3	British/European History Elective	3
Philosophy 301 or 302	3	Geography (300/400 level)	3
Foreign Language 1	3	Foreign Language 1	3
Natural Science 2	3	Natural Science 2	3
	15		15

FOURTH YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER	S.H.	SECOND SEMESTER	S.H.
Asian/Latin Am. History Elective	3	History 497	3
History Elective	3	History Elective	3
Political Science 300	3	Political Science (400 level)	3
Elective	3	Philosophy 315 or 417	3
Elective	3	Electives	3
	15		15

Total semester hours required 121-122 3

Orientation 101 is not required of transfer or readmitted Southeastern students with 30 hours or more.

- 1 Twelve (12) semester hours in one foreign language (taken sequentially) are required.
- 2 To include both Physical and Biological Sciences, at least six hours of which must be in a two semester sequence.
- 3 Extended Option: Secondary Education Certification. [See College of Education section](#)

Curriculum in Political Science Leading to the Degree of Bachelor of Arts

FIRST YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER	S.H.	SECOND SEMESTER	S.H.
Political Science 201	3	Political Science 202	3
History 101	3	History 102	3
Art 105, 106, Music 151 or Theatre 131	3	Art 105, 106, Music 151 or Theatre 131	3
English 101	3	Library Science 102	1
Mathematics 160	3	English 102	3
Orientation 101	0-1	Mathematics 162, 185, or 241	3
	15-16		16

SECOND YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER	S.H.	SECOND SEMESTER	S.H.
Political Science 300	3	Political Science 401,403,407,432,or434	3
History 201	3	History 202	3
Natural Science 1	3	Natural Science	3
English 230, 231 or 232	3	English 230, 231 or 232	3
Foreign Language 2	3	Foreign Language 2	3
	15		15

THIRD YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER	S.H.	SECOND SEMESTER	S.H.
Political Science 420, 422, 424, 425, 426, or 428	3	Political Science 436, 460, or 462	3
Political Science 438, 440, 442, 444, or 446	3	Political Science 450, 451, or 452	3
Communication 211	3	History 479, 480, or 482	3
Foreign Language 2	3	Foreign Language 2	3
Natural Science	3	Social Science Elective	3
	15		15

FOURTH YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER	S.H.	SECOND SEMESTER	S.H.
Political Science 400 Elective	3	Political Science 400 Elective	3
Political Science 400 Elective	3	Political Science 490	3
Philosophy 301, 302, or 313	3	Elective	3
Social Science Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
	15		15

Total semester hours required 121-122 3

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