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HISTORY, POLITICAL SCIENCE, AND GEOGRAPHY

PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HISTORY
CANADIAN STUDIES MINOR
GEOGRAPHY MINOR
HISTORY MINOR
POLITICAL SCIENCE MINOR
PUBLIC AND LOCAL HISTORY MINOR
TEACHING LICENSURE**

HISTORY MAJOR PROGRAM

The Department of History, Political Science and Geography offers a four-year program leading to a Bachelor of Arts in History. Following completion of foundation courses, students pursue different fields of history depending upon their intellectual and career interests. As appropriate, political science and liberal arts courses (up to 15 hours) can be used to fulfill some requirements of the history major. This flexible program furnishes a useful background for careers in public service, education, environmental studies, government, law, journalism, public communication, and business. Students graduating with a degree in History will be able to:

- C understand concepts regarding development of world civilization;
- C understand major themes in U.S. history;
- C understand how history serves as a link to integrate other disciplines;
- C understand connectedness of past to present in various world cultures;
- C understand the impact of various world cultures on each other;
- C evaluate historical evidence for reliability;
- C locate reference materials;
- C conduct computer research;
- C research and organize facts and concepts to produce reliable portrait of the past;
- C communicate effectively;
- C effectively apply research skills;
- C demonstrate analytical abilities;
- C pursue careers or to enter graduate schools;
- C appreciate cultural diversity in the U.S. and the world.

History Major Requirements

1st Year Courses

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| HIST | 103 | Pre-Modern World Civilization | 3 cr |
| HIST | 104 | Modern World Civilization | 3 cr |
| HIST | 203 | American History I | 3 cr |
| HIST | 204 | American History II | 3 cr |

2nd Year Courses

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| HIST | 200 | Research and Bibliography | 3 cr |
| HIST | 205 | Historiography | 3 cr |
| POSC | 201 | Intro to Political Science: Amer. Gov't | 3 cr |
| POSC | 202 | Intro to Political Science: Comp. Gov't | 3 cr |

3rd Year Courses

Four upper-level elective courses, 12 cr
with at least one from each of the
areas of Europe, Latin America, Africa, and Asia

4th Year Courses

Two 400-level Senior Seminars 6 cr

One of the following:

One Teaching Assistantship,
or internship
or senior thesis
or 400-level course

3 cr

TOTAL HISTORY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS 45

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CANADIAN STUDIES MINOR PROGRAM

The Canadian Studies minor offers students of any major the opportunity to study our nation's strongest ally and largest trading partner. The minor will enhance the background of any student interested in international relations, comparative government, business, education, communications, and foreign language.

Canadian Studies Minor Requirements

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| POSC 202 | Introduction to Political Science | 3 cr |
| GEOG 325 | Canada: The Land and The People | 3 cr |
| HIST 331 | History of Canada | 3 cr |
| POSC 325 | Canadian Politics | 3 cr |
| | One integrative junior/senior seminar | 3 cr |
| | One upper level POSC/HIST course | <u>3 cr</u> |

Independent Study and/or appropriate travel courses in various disciplines

If a student participates in an exchange program at a Canadian university, foundation and elective requirements may be substituted with the approval of the Canadian Studies coordinator.

TOTAL CANADIAN STUDIES MINOR REQUIREMENTS 18

GEOGRAPHY MINOR PROGRAM

The geography minor complements any major and develops skills useful for careers in business, communication, education, law, tourism, public administration, and environmental science. Beyond the two required courses, students should consult with a geography faculty member for the recommended elective requirements. Students, with advice of geography faculty, may fulfill some minor requirements with independent studies, internships, or geographic studies taken at other colleges or universities.

Geography Minor Requirements

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| GEOG 120 | World Regional Geography | 3 cr |
| GEOG 151 | Introduction to Physical Geography | 4 cr |
| | Four additional Geography courses approved by the Department | <u>12 cr</u> |

TOTAL GEOGRAPHY MINOR REQUIREMENTS 19

HISTORY MINOR PROGRAM

The history minor offers students the opportunity to study in moderate depth and breadth history as it reflects the development of political, economic, cultural, and social institutions. There are two tracks within the minor, an American Studies track and a World History track.

American Studies Track

| | | |
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| HIST 203 | American History I | 3 cr |
| HIST 204 | American History II | 3 cr |
| | Four electives approved by the Department | <u>12 cr</u> |

TOTAL AMERICAN STUDIES MINOR REQUIREMENTS 18

World History Track

| | | |
|----------|---|--------------|
| HIST 103 | Pre-Modern World Civilization | 3 cr |
| HIST 104 | Modern World Civilization | 3 cr |
| | Four electives approved by the Department | <u>12 cr</u> |

TOTAL WORLD HISTORY MINOR REQUIREMENTS 18

POLITICAL SCIENCE MINOR PROGRAM

The political science minor offers students the opportunity to study a variety of political institutions and processes. The minor enhances the chosen major for those interested in careers in law, government, public service, journalism, and business. A history major minoring in political science may not count the courses selected for the minor to also fulfill the requirements of the history major.

Political Science Minor Requirements

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| POSC 201 | Intro to Political Science: Amer Gov't | 3 cr |
| POSC 202 | Intro to Poli Sci: Comparative Gov't | 3 cr |
| | Four electives approved by the Department | <u>12 cr</u> |

TOTAL POLITICAL SCIENCE MINOR REQUIREMENTS 18

Students may choose to shape their minor so as to focus on either a general course of study in political science or a specific area such as Public Administration, Urban Government, or International Affairs. With the consultation and approval of the department chairman, students may substitute up to six credits of course work from other departments to fulfill the requirements of the political science minor.

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PUBLIC AND LOCAL HISTORY MINOR PROGRAM

The 18-credit Public and Local History Minor offers students the opportunity to study history first hand from in-depth sources from local history societies, archives, and state repositories.

Public and Local History Minor Requirements

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| HIST 200 | Research and Bibliography | 3 cr |
| HIST 206 | Local History Methods | 3 cr |
| Four electives approved by the Department | | <u>12 cr</u> |

TOTAL POLITICAL SCIENCE MINOR REQUIREMENTS 18

Students may choose to shape their minor so as to focus on either local or state resources. With the consultation and approval of the department chairperson, students may substitute up to six credits of course work from internships or courses in other departments to fulfill the requirements of the local history minor.

COURSE LISTINGS

HIST 103 Premodern World Civilization

3 cr

Studies the cultural and historical traditions of the major geographical regions of the pre-modern world up to 1492: Greece and Rome, South and Southeast Asia, East Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, and the Americas. Emphasis will be placed on such factors as international trade routes, the spread of ideas and religions, and the formation of state-systems that became the basis of the post-1492 world.

Prerequisite: None

HIST 104 Modern World Civilization

3 cr

Provides an introductory historical survey of the major events, ideas, and people which have shaped world civilizations since 1500, the beginning of the modern era of history. Takes a comparative, interdisciplinary, and non-Eurocentric approach to historical analysis, emphasizing diversity and global awareness.

Prerequisite: None

HIST 105 American Civilization

3 cr

Provides a broad overview of the development of American political, economic, social, philosophical and cultural values and institutions from our colonial beginnings to the present. Particular focus, as well as the materials, pedagogy, and use of technology may vary depending on the instructor. Sufficient emphasis will be placed on the Massachusetts and Federal Constitutions to meet the state requirement.

Prerequisite: None

HIST 106 Latin American Civilization

3 cr

Provides an explanation of the societies that emerged from the blendings of Native, European, African, and Asian peoples in the region now known as Latin America. Rather than an historical chronology, emphasis is on themes such as ethnicity, family, religion, politics, arts, and economics.

Prerequisite: None

HIST 200 Research and Bibliography

3 cr

Acquaints students with the methods and materials of basic bibliography and research. Introduces a variety of reference sources such as bibliographies, periodical indexes, government publications, handbooks, computer databases and CD-ROMs.

Prerequisite: HIST 103, HIST 104 or department approval

TEACHING LICENSURE

Students majoring in history may opt to pursue initial licensure as an early childhood, elementary, middle school, or high school teacher. Also, history majors may pursue initial licensure as a teacher of history or as a teacher of political science/political philosophy for the middle school and secondary levels. Students seeking initial licensure must complete the history major, education major, and a licensure program in education.

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HIST 203 American History I

3 cr

Focuses on the development of American political, economic, social, philosophical, and cultural values and institutions from Colonial beginnings up to 1877. Sufficient emphasis will be placed on the Massachusetts and Federal Constitutions to meet the state requirement.

Prerequisite: None

HIST 204 American History II

3 cr

Focuses on the development of American political, economic, social, philosophical, and cultural values and institutions from 1877 to the present. Sufficient emphasis will be placed on the Massachusetts and Federal Constitutions to meet the state requirement.

Prerequisite: None

HIST 205 Historiography

3 cr

Provides students, in seminar-style, with an introduction to the classic issues and interpretations in the study of U.S. and world history and political theory. Through readings, research, and discussion students will become familiar with important primary sources and major contributions of scholars.

Prerequisite: HIST 200

HIST 206 Local History Methods

3 cr

Explores the history and methodology of local history in the United States. Intended to provide students with opportunities to become familiar with the sources used in studying local history. Students also will gain practical experience in conducting local history research.

Prerequisite: HIST 200

HIST 303 African American History 1607-Present

3 cr

Focuses on the historical importance of the history of Africans in American society from 1607 until the present, with emphasis on gender and class.

Prerequisite: Junior/senior status

HIST 304 Social History of North Adams

3 cr

Examines the ethnic and class history of North Adams, and Northern Berkshire, starting with the second half of the 19th century. Investigates the industrial development of the community, the experience of the Depression, and the growth of Sprague Electric company as the dominant employer. Concludes by reviewing the post-industrial changes in the area, the establishment of MASS MoCA and prospects for the future.

Prerequisite: HIST 203 or 204 or SOCI 100

HIST 305 Topics In European History

3 cr

Focuses on either the histories of particular European nations or broad issues in European history. Students will have the opportunity to research, analyze, and synthesize information in the humanities and social sciences to understand the development of the history and culture of Europe. Topics include:

Ancient Greece and Rome

History of France

History of Germany

History of Ireland

History of the United Kingdom, Great Britain and Ireland

History of the USSR

History of Scandinavia

Women in European History

Prerequisite: Junior/senior status

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HIST 310 Topics in Nonwestern Nations

3 cr

Studies current issues in the developing areas of Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East. Examines developments during the precolonial, colonial and post-independence stages, providing students with an understanding of the social, economic, and political challenges facing the developing nations. Topics include:

The Pacific Rim
The United States and China
Modern East Asia
History of Africa
History of Central America
History of China
History of India
History of Japan
History of South America
The Middle East in the Modern World

Prerequisite: Junior/senior status

HIST 315 Topics in American Studies

3 cr

Studies areas and concepts in United States history and politics. Students will gain a more advanced, interdisciplinary, in-depth understanding of United States history, politics, values, and economics. Topics include:

The City in American Life
A History of New England
United States Diplomatic History
American Values
Women in American History
America and the Sea
Politics of Prejudice
The Cold War
Environmental History

Prerequisite: Junior/senior status

HIST 320 Topics in American History

3 cr

Focuses on a chronological period, historic era, issue, or theme. Develops greater knowledge of American history and the methods of history. Topics include:

Colonial America
The Industrial Age
African-American History
America as a World Power
The Civil Rights Movement
Roaring Twenties
1960's

Prerequisite: Junior/senior status

HIST 331 History of Canada

3 cr

Considers, through a survey of Canada, the geographic and social realities of size and diversity in the history of our most important neighbor. Emphasis will be placed on understanding Canada's economic, social, and political evolution.

Prerequisite: Junior/senior status

HIST 332 History of Mexico

3 cr

Studies the complex historical forces that have shaped this unique nation. Includes an examination of ancient Indian societies and of Mexican literature, music, and art.

Prerequisite: HIST 103, 104, 106 or POSC 202

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HIST 401-402 Seminar in Historical Periods

3 cr

Explores a particular historical era in depth.

Offerings:

Renaissance and Reformation in Europe

Nineteenth Century Europe

Twentieth Century Europe

Modern America

Cold War

The European Union

Portraits in Asian History

Asia and the West

Prerequisite: Junior/senior status

HIST 403-404 Seminar in Problems in History

3 cr

Explores in depth a particular problem, concept, topic, or theme in history.

Offerings:

The American Political Tradition

History, Historians, and Historiography

Literature and History

Christianity and Europe

The American Presidency*

City Bosses

History of the Americans

Profiles in Courage

*Although this is formally listed as a political science seminar, history majors may use this seminar for history credit.

Prerequisite: Junior/senior status

HIST 405 Senior Thesis

3 cr

The Senior Thesis is to be taken under the direction of a professor in the department who will work with senior history majors writing a bachelor's thesis on a selected topic in history. Students will choose a topic and present an outline and proposal to any department faculty member or to the entire department sitting as a thesis committee. The purpose of the Senior Thesis is to give students the opportunity to do individualized, advanced research in an aspect of history in which they have particular interest and capability.

Prerequisite: Senior status or department approval

HIST 500 Directed Independent Study

1-3 cr

Open to juniors and seniors who desire to read widely in a given area or to study a specific topic in depth. Written reports and frequent conferences with the advisor are required.

Prerequisite: Department approval

HIST 510 Teaching Assistantship in History

3 cr

Offers highly qualified junior/senior majors an opportunity to assist an instructor in the teaching of an introductory course. The student may be held responsible for grading papers, conducting classes and review sessions, etc.

Prerequisite: Department approval

HIST 540 Internship in History

3-15 cr

Qualified students may be placed as interns in governmental and social service agencies, museums, etc.

Prerequisite: Junior or senior status and department approval

POSC 201 Introduction to Political Science: American Government

3 cr

Introduces the major institutions of national and state government and the discipline of political science. Through observation and participation, students will develop an understanding of political behavior and the political processes in the United States.

Prerequisite: None

POSC 202 Introduction to Political Science: Comparative Government

3 cr

Provides a comparative introduction to world political cultures and the discipline of political science. Through an interdisciplinary study of various nation-states, students will develop an understanding of political behavior and the operation of government institutions.

Prerequisite: None

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POSC 300 Politics and the News Media in America

3 cr

Examines politics in 20th Century America with an eye to the role and responsibility of the news media in, and the relationship of the press to, politics. Analyzes the print and electronic media and current political campaigns, as well as how politics and the news media have been portrayed in film.

Prerequisite: Junior/senior status

POSC 304 Constitutional Law

3 cr

Analyzes constitutional law with special emphasis on civil liberties and civil rights. Legal issues will be examined in the light of relevant social and political conditions.

Prerequisite: HIST 105 or POSC 201

POSC 315 Topics in Political Science

3 cr

Focuses on political science and government in national, regional, and international organizations throughout the world. Topics include:

The United Nations

State and Local Government

Politics and Economics of the Pacific Rim

Vietnam

Prerequisite: Junior/senior status

POSC 320 International Relations

3 cr

Studies relations among nation-states. Analyzes the nature of world political systems by examining the concepts of power, political economy, decision-making, nongovernmental actors, international organizations, and political ideology.

Prerequisite: Junior/senior status

POSC 325 Canadian Politics: A Comparative Perspective

3 cr

Introduces Canadian politics and culture. Aids in the understanding of the development of Western democracy. Students will gain an understanding of Canadian political culture and history, parliamentary democracy, contemporary political developments in Canada, and U.S. - Canadian relations.

Prerequisite: Junior/senior status

POSC 331 Africa

3 cr

Examines the nation-building issues facing the countries of Africa. Students will study the African triple heritage (indigenous culture, Islam, and Western colonialism) to gain insights into contemporary political and economic issues.

Prerequisite: Junior/senior status

POSC 368 Introduction to Public Administration

3 cr

Offers an introduction to the study of local, state and federal administration policies, processes, and responsibilities within the respective bureaucracies. Approached from a behavioral science frame of reference, the course relates the influences of the individual and the organization to the implementation of policies.

Prerequisite: Junior/senior status

POSC 401-402 Seminar in Problems in Political Science

3 cr

Explores in depth a particular problem, concept, issue, topic, or theme in political science.

Topics Include:

The American Presidency

The Public Policy Process

The American Political Tradition

Prerequisite: Junior or senior status and courses in political science or a related discipline at the 300 level

POSC 403-404 Seminar in Public Policy

3 cr

Explores the public policy process in the United States and/or those of political systems in other nations.

Topics Include:

U.S. Public Policy

Comparative Public Policy

State and Local Government Public Policy

Prerequisite: Junior or senior status and courses in political science or related discipline at the 300 level

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Prerequisite: Department approval

POSC 510 Teaching Assistantship in Political Science

3 cr

Offers highly qualified majors in history or minors in political science an opportunity to assist an instructor in the conduct of an introductory course. The student may be held responsible for grading papers, conducting classes and review sessions, etc.

Prerequisite: Department approval

POSC 540 Internships in Political Science

3-15 cr

Qualified students may be placed as interns in state, local and national government agencies, law offices, museums, schools or businesses.

Prerequisite: Junior or senior status and department approval

GEOG 120 World Regional Geography

3 cr

Focuses on the geographic nature of the forces changing the world including political, demographic, economic, cultural, and environmental processes and the interlinked dependencies between unique parts of the world.

Prerequisite: None

GEOG 130 Human Geography

3 cr

Takes a spatial systematic approach to such elements as cultural diffusion; migration flows; acculturation, population and resource distribution; agricultural and industrial production; core and peripheral societies; race, class, and gender issues; folk and popular culture; world religions, spatial interaction, communication, transportation, and environmental degradation.

Prerequisite: None

GEOG 135 Travel & Tourism

3 cr

Provides a basic introduction to various aspects of the travel and tourism industry including domestic and international air travel, hotels, cruise ships, tours, and destinations. Activities include programmed learning exercises and individual and group projects.

Prerequisite: None

GEOG 151 Introduction to Physical Geography

4 cr

Studies the natural environment from a geographical perspective. Analyzes the distribution and character of environmental elements, including weather, climate, landforms, soils, and vegetation. Examines consequences of human intervention in natural systems. Required laboratory.

Prerequisite: None

GEOG 152 Introduction to Physical Geology

4 cr

Studies the earth, including the origin and types of earth materials, vulcanism and crystal deformation, external earth processes and development of landscapes, geological resources, and geological processes as natural hazards. Required laboratory.

Prerequisite: None

GEOG 245 Natural Hazards

4 cr

Studies natural processes which are hazardous in the context of human activities, including relevant geologic, geomorphic, climatic, and meteorologic phenomena; examines the origin and significance of selected hazards from natural and human perspectives and explores how people underestimate or misjudge risk. Required laboratory.

Prerequisite: None

GEOG 270 Weather and Climate

3 cr

Examines general meteorological and climatic characteristics through space and time, especially as influenced by temperature, wind, and moisture. Explains atmospheric disturbances at planetary, regional, and local scales.

Prerequisite: None

GEOG 271 Landforms

3 cr

Examines the description, origin, classification, and interpretation of landforms. Analyzes geologic, climatic, and biologic factors as landform controls and shows that certain geomorphic processes are natural hazards.

Prerequisite: GEOG 151 or GEOG 152

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GEOG 280 Maps and Map Making

3 cr

Examines the principles of map construction; techniques of interpretation; map projections; and the history of mapping.

Prerequisite: None

GEOG 300 Topics in Physical Geography

3 cr

Analyzes and evaluates selected contemporary problems in physical geography with an emphasis on environmental issues. Concentrates on feedback between the physical environment and human activity. Topics include: environmental geology, geography and the environment.

Prerequisite: One of the following: GEOG 151, GEOG 152, GEOG 120, GEOG 130

GEOG 320 Tourism Planning and Development

3 cr

Examines the elements, agents, context, and processes of tourist development; evaluates tourist resources and analyzes the impact of tourist development. Students will have the opportunity to meet with local leaders and practitioners in the field of tourism and will get a broad overview of the problems and prospects of tourism in the Berkshires.

Prerequisite: None

GEOG 325 Canada: The Land and The People

3 cr

Provides an in-depth examination, region by region, of how Canadians have adapted to varying physical, social, economic, political, and resource conditions and how these factors have determined various lifestyles and landscapes in Canada.

Prerequisite: None

GEOG 330 National Parks and Monuments

3 cr

Studies the topography, geology, climate, flora, fauna, and scenic qualities of national parks and monuments by describing the history of the national park system and factors threatening its existence.

Prerequisite: None

GEOG 350 Cartography

3 cr

Studies map drafting and design; use of cartographic instruments; emphasis on organization and portrayal of data.

Prerequisite: GEOG 280

GEOG 360 Environmental Geology

3 cr

Studies geological processes as natural hazards and analyzes geological responses to human use of the land. Evaluates geological resources and the legal and geological limitations of resource utilization.

Prerequisite: GEOG 151 or GEOG 152 and junior/senior status

GEOG 370 River Systems

3 cr

Studies streams as environmentally significant landscape features in the context of human activity; examines hydrology and flooding, channelization, flood plains and their land use patterns, water contamination, and related ecology.

Prerequisite: None

GEOG 380 Aerial Photography and Remote Sensing

4 cr

Develops skill in interpretive use of vertical aerial photography and other forms of remote sensing to analyze topography, geology, vegetation, soils, and cultural features. Required laboratory.

Prerequisite: Junior/senior status and either (a) GEOG 151 or GEOG 152, (b) GEOG 271 or (c) ENVI 101

GEOG 500 Independent Study

1-3 cr

Independent effort directed to the in-depth study of some aspect of regional or systematic geography.

Prerequisite: Department approval