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B.A. in History and Public Policy (39 credits)

Division of Humanities

Sample Four-Year Degree Plan

The History and Public Policy major promotes and explores the traditional, fundamental principles of both Western civilization and the American founding, examines their development and refinement over time, and endeavors to formulate public policy solutions based on these core principles. The degree equips students with transferable skills such as critical thinking, contextualization, creative problem-solving, and effective communication valued in a wide range of occupations.

Year 1 Fall (15 credits)	
ENGL 1003 Freshman Composition I	3
SEMR 2323 Foundations for Success	3
HIST 1023 Western Civilization I	3
CPSC 1103 Introduction to Computers and Information Processing	3
Core Course (Math)	3
Year 2 Fall (15 credits)	
HIST 2003 American History I	3
ASTH 2053 Music and Art Appreciation	3
ENGL 2103 Speech Communication	3
Core Course (Social Sciences)	3
BIBL 1023 New Testament Survey	3
Year 3 Fall (15 credits)	
HIST 3533 The American Revolution	3
HIST 3553 The United States Constitution	3
Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3
Year 4 Fall (15 credits)	
HIST 4213 Britain Since 1688	3
HIST 3103 History of the South to Reconstruction	3
Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3

Year 1 Spring (16 credits)	
ENGL 1013 Freshman Composition II	3
BIBL 1013 Old Testament Survey	3
HIST 1033 Western Civilization II	3
Core Course (Lab Science)	4
Free Elective	3
Year 2 Spring (15 credits)	
HIST 2103 American History II	3
RELG 2403 Basic Christian Beliefs	3
Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3
Year 3 Spring (15 credits)	
HIST 3823 History of American Public Policy	3
HIST 4193 Britain to 1688	3
Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3
Year 4 Spring (15 credits)	
HIST 4173 Twentieth-Century U.S. History	3
HIST 4623 Contemporary Issues and Policy Solutions	3
HIST 4703 History Capstone	3
Free Elective	3
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This sample plan represents one possible pathway through the major. Individual plans may vary. On average students should take 15 credits each semester to complete the necessary 120 credits required for graduation. Some elective courses may not be offered every year. An actual degree plan tailored to the needs of each student should be developed in consultation with a faculty advisor.