

HISTORY/POLITICAL SCIENCE

undergraduate program

A Bachelor of Arts degree in History/Political Science will prepare you for careers in fields like American and comparative politics, U.S. and world history, international relations, and public policy.*

Employment Opportunities:

Attorney / Lawyer
 Campaign Manager
 Canvas Director
 CIA / FBI Agent / Intelligence Analyst
 City Manager / Planner
 Consumer Advocate
 Demographer
 Diplomat
 Editor
 Environmental Policy Analyst
 Event Coordinator
 Foreign Service Officer
 Government Official / Civil Servant
 Historian / Historic Preservationist
 Historical Archivist
 Historical Society Staff
 Human Resources Specialist
 Human Rights Advocate
 Journalist / Political News Correspondent
 Labor Relations Specialist
 Lecturer
 Legal Assistant / Paralegal
 Legislative / Congressional Aide
 Librarian
 Lobbyist / Organizer / Political Activist
 Market Research Analyst
 Media Specialist
 Museum Curator
 Non-Profit Executive Director
 Peace Corps / AmeriCorps / Vista Volunteer
 Policy Analyst
 Political Consultant
 Political Scientist
 Politician / Elected Official
 Public Administrator
 Public Opinion Analyst / Pollster
 Public Relations Specialist
 Researcher / Writer
 Social Worker
 Strategist
 Teacher / Teaching Fellow
 Urban Policy Planner

* Some occupations will require additional training, certification, and/or education



History/Political Science majors have a multitude of careers to consider, including attorney, campaign manager, environmental policy analyst, Foreign Service officer, government official, historian, historical archivist, intelligence analyst, legislative aide, lobbyist, museum curator, non-profit executive director, politician, public health administrator, public opinion analyst, researcher, and teacher.

History/Political Science majors at Pitt-Bradford take courses in U.S. History, World History, American Politics, Public Policy, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory. Students receive hands-on training through internships with placements at sites like governmental offices, historical societies, law firms, museums, non-profit organizations, and political campaigns.

Required Skills:

- Critical Analysis
- Cross-Cultural Awareness
- Diplomacy & Problem Solving
- Effective Communication
- Global Worldview
- Initiative & Curiosity
- Interdisciplinary Thinking
- Leadership & Teamwork
- Organizational Skills
- Planning & Decision Making
- Research & Writing Abilities

Possible Employers:

- Business & Industry
- Electoral Campaigns & Political Parties
- Federal, State, & Local Government
- Interest Groups, Nonprofits, & Think-tank's
- Intergovernmental Organizations
- Law Firms & Legal Profession
- Museums, Historical Societies, & Archives
- Public Opinion & Consulting Firms
- Research Foundations
- Schools & Universities
- Travel & Tour Services

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

American Association for State & Local History
 American Historical Association
 American Political Science Association
 International Political Science Association

www.aaslh.org
www.historians.org
www.apsanet.org
www.ipsa.org

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CAREERS IN HISTORY/POLITICAL SCIENCE:

Archives Jobs
 Career Services
 Government Jobs
 Government Jobs
 Intergovernmental Organization Jobs
 Museum Jobs
 Nonprofit Jobs

www.archivists.org
www.upb.pitt.edu/career
www.usajobs.gov
www.governmentjobs.com
<http://unjobs.org>
<http://aam-us-jobs.careerwebsite.com>
www.idealists.org

History / Political Science (BA) – Curriculum Guide

Student Name:

Advisor:

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

COMPETENCIES

(Minimum grade of C- required in all competencies)

FS 0102 Freshman Seminar *(if transferring in fewer than 18 credits)*

WRITING

ENG 0101 English Composition I
 ENG 0102 English Composition II

MATHEMATICS

MATH 0098 College Algebra II or Higher*

THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE

Students are required to complete two courses designated as “Global”

ARTS & LETTERS

(ONE course MUST be literature; ONE course MUST be a creative, fine or performing Arts course)

Literature
 Arts
 Literature, Arts, Language

BEHAVIORAL, ECONOMIC, & POLITICAL SCIENCES

(Two different categories must be represented)

Political Science *(see major)*
 Political Science *(see major)*
 Behavioral Science or Economics

HISTORY, CULTURES, & PHILOSOPHICAL INQUIRY

(ONE course MUST be History, and ONE course must be Cultures or Philosophical Inquiry)

History *(see major)*
 History *(see major)*
 Culture or Philosophical Inquiry

PHYSICAL, LIFE, & COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCES

(ONE course must be a Physical Science, ONE must be a Life Science and ONE must include a lab)

Physical Science
 Life Science
 Physical, Life & Computational Sciences
 Lab

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education

According to your Degree Progress Report in MY.PITT.EDU upon successful completion of the current term:

You will have earned _____ credit hours (for the 120 credit hours required for graduation).

You will have earned _____ credit hours of Upper Level course work (for the 30 credit hours required for graduation).

NOTES: This guide is unofficial. Completing the requirements on this sheet does NOT guarantee degree completion. Official degree completion information can be found in MY.PITT.EDU. Contact your Faculty Advisor and/or the Registrar’s Office with questions or concerns. * MATH 0098 does not meet the mathematics competency at the Pittsburgh campus.

REQUIRED MAJOR COURSES

HIST 0106 U.S. History I (GE) (3)
 HIST 0107 U.S. History II (GE) (3)
 HIST 1449 or PS 1449 Capstone I: Research Methods (3)
 HIST 1451 or PS 1451 Capstone II (3)

AREA REQUIREMENTS IN HISTORY

Two of the following courses:

HIST 0103 Europe in the 18th Century (GE) (3)
 HIST 0104 Europe in the 19th Century (GE) (3)
 HIST 0105 Europe in the 20th Century (GE) (3)
 HIST 0108 Medieval Europe (GE) (3)
 HIST 0109 Renaissance/Reformation Europe (GE) (3)

HISTORY ELECTIVES

Three courses, including at least two courses at the 1300 level or above:

Upper level elective
 Upper level elective
 Elective

AREA REQUIREMENTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Seven courses, including at least ONE course from each of the four areas of study in political science and at least two courses at the 1300 level or above:

AREA 1: AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

PS 0102 American Political Process (GE) (3)
 PS 0204 Public Policy Process (GE) (3)
 PS 0205 Law and the Courts (GE) (3)
 PS 0207 Congress and the Presidency (GE) (3)
 PS 1310 Constitutional Law (GE) (3)
 PS 1319 Political Parties and Interest Groups (GE) (3)
 PS 1367 Environmental Politics (GE) (3)

AREA 2: COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

PS 0103 Comparative Politics (GE/Global) (3)
 PS 0220 Media and Internet in Politics (GE/Global) (3)
 PS 0225 Women in Politics (GE/Global) (3)
 PS 1337 Identity Politics (GE/Global) (3)
 PS 1340 Democratization (GE/Global) (3)
 PS 1354 LGBTQ Politics (GE/Global) (3)
 PS 1355 Politics of the Developing World (GE/Global) (3)

AREA 3: INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

PS 0110 Introduction to International Affairs (GE/Global) (3)
 PS 0201 World Politics (GE) (3)
 PS 0215 European Politics and the European Union (GE) (3)
 PS 1304 American Foreign Relations (GE/Global) (3)
 PS 1365 Social Movements (GE/Global) (3)
 PS 1385 Global Environmental Politics (GE/Global) (3)

AREA 4: POLITICAL THEORY

PS 0202 Great Political Thinkers (GE) (3)
 PS 1307 Liberalism, Conservatism, and Socialism (GE) (3)
 PS 1308 American Political Thought (GE) (3)