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HISTORY, HUMANITIES, PHILOSOPHY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

College of Arts and Sciences

HISTORY, HUMANITIES, PHILOSOPHY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

MAJORS

- History (minor required)
- Humanities (minor required)
- Philosophy (minor required)
- Social Science Education
- Political Science (minor required)
- Public Administration

MINORS

- History
- Political Science
- Public History
- Criminal Justice
- Philosophy
- Public Administration
- Humanities
- Economic Development
- International Studies
- Comprehensive Crisis Response

CERTIFICATIONS

- Social Science

THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of History, Humanities, Philosophy and Political Science serves a kaleidoscope of constituencies on campus including the disciplinary areas of history, humanities, philosophy, social science, political science and public administration. Throughout the department, the primary emphasis is that of providing a broad, general, liberal education. The faculty encourages students to be inquisitive, creative and imaginative while preparing students to be adaptable and flexible in occupational and professional pursuits. Above all, students are prepared to be cognizant of and responsible to the human condition.

Courses taught in the department provide a foundation upon which every student bases his or her professional career. The offerings of the department are intended to be broad, open-ended, conceptual and philosophical.

DEGREE PROGRAMS

The Department of History, Humanities, Philosophy and Political Science offers eight majors, 10 minors and certification in middle and secondary school social sciences.

The Bachelor of Arts in History and Bachelor of Science degrees are traditional liberal arts programs and provide the breadth for careers in such diverse areas as government, public service, business and industry, archives, museums, historical preservation, writing and research.

The Bachelor of Arts in Humanities is intended for students seeking broad preparation for professional careers. The interdisciplinary nature of this major builds on the foundation of the General Education program culminating in a classical, liberal arts education.

The Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy provides students with the rich history of the Western philosophical tradition and the values of free, impartial and disciplined inquiry embodied therein. The major in philosophy fosters skills of critical thinking and clear expression, which are transferable to any field.

A Bachelor of Science in Education degree in Social Science draws upon economics, geography, government, history and sociology in providing preparation for teaching social science. This major must be completed as part of the B.S. Ed. degree, Secondary Program, thus meeting Missouri teacher certification standards. This is a comprehensive major; no minor is required.

The Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in Political Science introduce the student to the decision-making processes that guide, direct and determine a society's behavior. Courses focus on the politics and administration of government and the factors involved in the competition for political power. The Political Science program prepares students for a number of

careers as well as advanced study in law, municipal planning, city management, urban affairs, education and public policy analysis. Both require a minor of study.

The Bachelor of Science in Public Administration prepares the student for a career in local, state or national governments as well as nonprofit organizations. Like the political science major, Public Administration requires a minor. Majors are required to intern at a government agency on the local, state or national level or at a nonprofit organization.

Minors are available to students in the areas of History, Humanities, Philosophy, Public History, Criminal Justice, Political Science, Public Administration, Economic Development, International Studies and Comprehensive Crisis Response. These minor programs assist students interested in a variety of careers, including: museum studies, archives, historic preservation, national park service, law enforcement, juvenile justice, theology, business and graduate studies.



MAJORS

HISTORY

Core Requirements

Western Civilization I: Ancient World to 1500
 Western Civilizations II: 1500 to the Present
 The Historian's Craft and Its Uses
 Senior Seminar

Two from the following:

Colony to Nation 1607-1828
 United States Since 1945
 Civil War and Reconstruction
 Roots of U.S. Reform

Two from the following:

History of the Near and Middle East
 History of Latin America
 Pacific Rim
 Early Modern Europe
 Europe in the Age of Nationalism

B.A. – minor required

Required Courses

History Core Requirements
 Approved departmental electives to total 30 hours

B.S. – minor required

Required Courses

History Core Requirements
 Approved departmental electives to total 36 hours

HUMANITIES

B.A. – minor required

Required Courses

Western Civilization I: Ancient World to 1500
 Western Civilization II: 1500 to Present
 Introduction to Philosophy
 Humanities: Eastern World OR Ethnicity in America
 The Middle Ages OR Renaissance and Reformation
 History of Modern and Contemporary Philosophy OR American Ideas
 Senior Seminar

Choose at least one course from each group:

Math, Science and Philosophy

College Algebra, Discrete Mathematics, History of Science and Technology, Introduction to Logic, Introduction to Ethics, Philosophy of Religion, History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of the Sciences, Aesthetics

Literature

Multiethnic Literature of the United States, American Literature — Beginnings to 1865, American Literature — 1865 to the Present, English Literature: *Beowulf* through Milton, English Literature: Dryden through the Victorian Period, Survey of Women's Literature, The British Novel, The American Novel, Introduction to Shakespeare

Fine Arts

Ancient and Medieval Art, Renaissance and Baroque Art, Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century Art, Music Literature: Antiquity through Renaissance, Music Literature: Baroque through Classical, Music Literature: Romantic through the 20th Century, Theater History to 1660, Theater History: 1660-1900, Theater History of the 20th Century

History and Humanities

Greek Civilization, Roman Civilization, France Since Louis XIV, History of Russia to 1914, English History to 1715, History of American Folklife, The American Woman, History of the Near and Middle East, History of Latin America

PHILOSOPHY

Core Requirements

Introduction to Logic
 Introduction to Ethics
 History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy
 History of Modern and Contemporary Philosophy
 Philosophy
 Metaphysics
 Epistemology
 Senior Seminar

B.A. – minor required

Required Courses

Philosophy Core Requirements

Two courses from each of the following groups:

Group A:

American Ideas, Philosophy of Religion, Aesthetics, Advanced Topics in Philosophy, Special Studies, Introduction to Classical Rhetoric, Semantics and Linguistics

Group B:

Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of the Sciences, Advanced Topics in Philosophy, History and Systems of Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Early Western Political Thought, Modern Western Political Thought, History of Science and Technology

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Core Requirements

Core A — American Government and Politics

Parties and Interest Groups
 The American Presidency
 The American Congress
 News Media and Politics
 Public Policy

Core B — Comparative Politics and International Relations

Comparative Government
 International Relations
 Transnational Politics

Core C — Public Administration

State and Local Government
 Principles of Public Administration
 Modern Organizational Theory
 Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations

Core D — Law and Courts

Law and Politics
 Courts and the Rights of the Accused
 Constitutional Law
 Civil Liberties

B.A. – minor required

Required Courses:

One course from each of the four Cores (A, B, C, D)

An additional course from three of the four Cores (A, B, C, D)

Early Western Political Thought OR
Modern Western Political Thought

Senior Seminar

Political Science Electives

B.S. – minor required

Required Courses:

One course from each of the four Cores (A, B, C, D)

An additional course from three of the four Cores (A, B, C, D)

Early Western Political Thought OR
Modern Western Political Thought

Senior Seminar

Political Science Electives

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

B.S. – minor required

Required Courses

State and Local Government

Federalism and Intergovernmental
Relations

Public Policy

Principles of Public Administration

Modern Organizational Theory

Senior Seminar

Field Problem in Public Administration

Political Science Electives

SOCIAL SCIENCE EDUCATION

Core Requirements

General Economics II

Introduction to Geography

Western Civilizations II: 1500 to the
Present

Senior Seminar

U.S. Economic System

General Sociology OR General

Anthropology

B.S. Ed., no minor required

(certifies grades 9-12)

Required Courses

Social Science Core Requirements

General Economics I

American History

Colony to Nation 1607-1828

Choose two of the following:

Roots of U.S. Reform, United

States Since 1945 OR Civil War and

Reconstruction

American History Electives

World History

England: From Stonehenge to Versailles

The Pacific Rim OR The History of the
Near and Middle East

Russia to 1914 OR Latin America OR

Soviet Russia

World History Electives

Political Science (choose two)

State and Local Government

The American Presidency

The American Congress

News Media and Politics

Choose one class from the following:

Anthropology

Sociology

Psychology

Required Education Course

Methods in Secondary School Social

Sciences

PUBLIC HISTORY

This minor is available to students who are interested in the burgeoning field of public history. Public historians work in a variety of areas, the three most common being historic preservation, museum/archival work and the area of cultural resource manager. The minor can support majors in political science, public relations, journalism, geography, conservation and management, as well as other areas.

Required Courses

Introduction to Public History

American Folklife

Historical Resource Internship

Historical Resource Internship (Directed
Archival)

Principles of Public Administration

Choose three from the following:

American Military History

The American Woman

The Civil War and Reconstruction

State and Local History

Frontiers in American History

Other advisor-approved electives could
include:

Geographic Information Systems

Public Relations

Management

Federalism

Desktop Publishing (Journalism)

Advertising

MINORS

HISTORY

Required Courses

Western Civilization I: The Ancient World
to 1500

Western Civilizations II: 1500 to the
Present

Choose one from the following:

Colony to Nation 1607-1828

United States Since 1945

Civil War and Reconstruction

Roots of U.S. Reform

Choose one from the following:

History of the Near and Middle East

History of Latin America

Pacific Rim

Early Modern Europe

Europe in the Age of Nationalism

Approved departmental electives

HUMANITIES

Greek Civilization

Roman Civilization

The Middle Ages

The Renaissance and Reformation

Two upper-level courses in art history,
literature or philosophy

PHILOSOPHY

Required Courses

Introduction to Ethics
 History of Ancient and Medieval
 Philosophy OR History of Modern and
 Contemporary Philosophy
 Metaphysics
 Epistemology

**One elective from each of the
 groups (A and B) listed in the major
 requirements, with the following
 additional options:**

Group A:

History of Ancient and Medieval
 Philosophy OR History of Modern and
 Contemporary Philosophy

Group B:

Introduction to Logic

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Required Courses

One course from each of the four Cores
 (A, B, C, D)
 Early Western Political Thought OR
 Modern Western Political Thought
 Political Science Electives

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Required Courses

State and Local Government
 Federalism and Intergovernmental
 Relations
 Public Policy
 Principles of Public Administration
 Modern Organizational Theory
 Political Science Electives

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Required Courses

Introduction to Criminal Justice
 Juvenile Justice System in America
 Courts and the Rights of the Accused
 Civil Liberties
 Delinquency OR Criminology
 Abnormal Psychology OR Developmental
 Psychology
 Approved Electives

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Required Courses

State and Local Government
 Federalism and Intergovernmental
 Relations
 Public Policy
 Economic Development
 General Economics II
 Economic Geography

Choose six hours from the following:

Urban Sociology
 Macroeconomic Theory
 Principles of Public Administration
 Principles of Marketing
 Urban Geography
 Environmental Regulation
 Practicum in Political Science

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Required Courses

Two modern language courses
 Comparative Government
 Introduction to Political Economy

Choose one of the following:

Geography of North America
 Geography of Europe
 Geography of Asia
 Geography of Africa
 Geography of Latin America

Choose one from the following:

History of the Near and Middle East
 History of Latin America
 The Pacific Rim

Choose two from the following:

International Studies in Studio
 Political Geography
 International Relations
 Transnational Politics
 Economic Development
 International Economics
 International Business

COMPREHENSIVE CRISIS RESPONSE

This minor is in response to needs in the public and private sectors dealing with crisis management in the modern world. Federal, state, and local governmental agencies as well as private and non-profit organizations have expressed interest in the development of this program. While requiring students to complete half their class work through core requirements, the grouping of electives by skill-set provides flexibility so that students, guided by an advisor, can tailor the minor to their individual and specific academic and professional needs. This approach provides the student with both theoretical and practical knowledge valued in the public, private and non-profit spheres.

Required Courses

Disaster Psychology
 Crisis Communication
 Principles of Public Administration
 Introduction to Disaster Response and
 Recovery
 Principles of Humanitarian Relief

Select one course from each group :

Group A: Operations

Abnormal Psychology
 Principles of Counseling
 Geographic Information Systems
 Digital Image Processing

Group B: Problems and Resolutions

Natural Disasters
 Homeland Security and Defense
 Federalism and Intergovernmental
 Relations
 International Relations

Group C: Administration and Management

Psychology of Groups and Teams
 Principles of Public Relations
 Organizational Communication
 Modern Organizational Theory
 Public Policy

Approved electives/special projects

CERTIFICATION

SOCIAL SCIENCE

B.S. Ed. – Major in Middle School, certifies grades 5-9

Required Courses

Western Civilizations II: 1500 to the Present
 General Economics I
 General Sociology
 Introduction to Geography
 State and Local Government
 Choose two courses in History numbered 33-300 and above

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

HISTORY

America—A Historical Survey

A general education course that will survey the scope of American history through selected chronologically-arranged topics.

Ethnicity in America

Focuses on the historical development of ethnic and racial minorities in America, their inclusion and exclusion, from politics and economy to the mainstream U.S. culture of the middle class.

The Historian's Craft and Its Uses

This course is designed to introduce the student to the tools of the craft; to research, to writing and to critical thinking, as well as to the product of the craft—the uses of history—both academic and public, with grant writing experience.

France Since Louis XIV

An advanced survey of French history from the reign of Louis XIV to the European Community.

History of Russia to 1914

This course constitutes a survey of Russian history from the Medieval state of Kiev to the Revolution of 1905.

History of American Folklife

A course based on (a) the nature and content of American folklife and folklore, and (b) a practical experience in collecting folklife artifacts of northwest Missouri.

American Military History

A course in the military history of the United States and the relationships of society, politics, diplomacy and economics to the military.

The American Woman

A survey of the changing roles of women, the changing perception of what women should be and the development of feminism in the United States since settlement.

American Religious History

A survey of the diversity of religion in the U.S. focusing on the ways in which American life (politics, economics, foreign policy, social reform) has been influenced by religious movements and ideas in the past, and the challenges offered today by religious pluralism.

History of the Near and Middle East

A survey of the history of the Near and Middle East since the time of Mohammed.

History of Latin America

A brief survey of the history of Latin America designed for the general student, foreign language majors and business administration majors.

The Pacific Rim

The course examines the history of East Asian development with emphasis on the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Following an introduction to the origins of Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Southeast Asian cultures, the course assesses conflict along the Pacific rim driven by historically rooted tensions and especially European influence.

Early Modern Europe: The West Meets the World

An indepth examination of the society, culture, and international expansion of Europe from the mid-16th to the mid-18th century, a bloody and often unstable era, but one in which art and science flourished and the world economy and modern political systems were created.

Senior Seminar

A supervised program demonstrating the use of historical research methods with a formal presentation. For senior history/social science majors.

The Middle Ages

A survey of the political and cultural history of Europe from the fall of the Roman Empire to the Renaissance.

Homeland Security and Defense

A course in the history of homeland security and defense in the United States and the relationships of society, politics, diplomacy and economics to the topic since 1915. This course will focus on the changing role of homeland defense, the changing perception of what homeland security should encompass with an emphasis on the development of homeland security since the Cold War.

U.S. Economic System—A Comparative History

A study of the historical development and an analysis of U.S. economic thought and institutions, and their role as a major force in world economic systems.

Advanced Studies in History

The content of this course will vary when offered. Selected areas of history and historical problems will be given.

Public History

Course is designed to introduce the undergraduate student to the field of public history. It will introduce the student to historic preservation, museum management, archives and cultural resource management.

The Renaissance and Reformation

An advanced course which presents an in-depth study of the eras of Renaissance and Reformation in Western Europe.

Soviet Russia

After a brief introduction this course will consist of a detailed study of the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia, policies and programs of the Communist Party and Government since 1917, and both domestic and international affairs.

England: From Stonehenge to Versailles

Course is designed as a survey of English history from the earliest inhabitants to the treaty of Versailles.

History of Germany Since 1648

An advanced course dealing with the history of modern Germany.

Colony to Nation 1607-1828

A study of the social, economic, intellectual, cultural and political institutions that arose and developed from English colony to a self-sustaining nation. Emphasis is placed on the colonial experience of Europeans, Africans and Indians continuing through the constitutional period and the development of the new nation.

United States Since 1945

An advanced course which will look at the development of the contemporary United States through an examination of foreign affairs as well as selected social movements within the country.

Constitutional History of the United States

An advanced course in American history which deals with the constitutional aspects of our development with considerable reference to constitutional law and interpretation. Recommended particularly for pre-law students and all students planning to teach American Government.

The Civil War and Reconstruction

An advanced course in American history which analyzes the conflicting theories and issues of the antebellum period, interprets the coming of the Civil War, the conduct of the government, military operations and foreign relations during the war and problems of the Reconstruction Period.

American Ideas

A study of political, religious, social and other aspects of American life. Among the issues to be emphasized are Puritanism, the Enlightenment, the Federalist/Anti-Federalist controversy, 19th century democratic ideas, Social Darwinism, the progressive era, Humanism, New Deal thought, the New Conservatism of the Fifties and the New Left movement.

Roots of U.S. Reform

Industrialization, Populism and Progressivism as the basis of reform. Then continuing with the culmination of Reform in the New Deal.

The History of Missouri

A brief survey of the Spanish and French rule followed by a study of the history and development of Missouri from the acquisition of the territory by the United States to the present day. Special emphasis is placed on its historical significance, important figures, government, constitution, current problems and local history.

The History of American Foreign Relations

An introduction to the history of U.S. foreign policy. This course will concentrate on the key episodes in U. S. foreign policy with an emphasis on the assumptions that formed the context for power relationships in the European, Asian and American worlds from the time of American independence to the present.

Frontiers in American History

A study of America's territorial expansion from the colonial period to the close of the 19th century, including the impact on the nation's people, institutions, policies and ideas. Special emphasis will be devoted to the conflict between settlers and native people.

Europe in the Age of Nationalism

An examination of the impact of nationalism upon Europe since the French Revolution.

Historical Resources Internship

On-site activity in libraries, museums, historic sites and parks. Credit will vary according to time spent and type of activity. Instructor's permission and prearrangement are required.

HUMANITIES

Western Civilization I: The Ancient World to 1500

An introduction to the development of Western Culture from the Ancient World through the Renaissance.

Western Civilization II: 1500 to the Present

An introduction to the development of Western Culture from 1500 to the present.

The Humanities, The Eastern World

An introductory survey covering the literary, artistic, philosophical and religious traditions of selected Eastern cultures with special emphasis on China and Japan.

Information Technology and Culture

How contemporary technology shapes, positively and negatively, our interactions with the world, and the ability to understand and use contemporary information technology in that world.

Comparative Religions

An introduction to and a comparative analysis of selected religious traditions.

Greek Civilization

A broad study of the major trends, events and personalities in Greek history until the decline of the Hellenistic monarchies before the rising power of Rome. Special stress is laid upon those controlling concepts of Greek life and thought which form the roots of our modern artistic and intellectual culture.

Roman Civilization

The study of the major trends, events and personalities in Rome's history from its origin to its decline.

Senior Seminar

An intensive study of an issue in humanities of the student's choice, in consultation with a faculty advisor, concluding with a research paper and a formal presentation.

PHILOSOPHY

Introduction to Philosophy

Basic problems and ideas encountered in the moral and intellectual life of humankind are analyzed in a systematic, rather than an historical manner. Attention is devoted to the philosophies and theories of knowledge, metaphysics, religion, morals, politics and science.

Introduction to Logic

A consideration of the principal techniques of traditional and symbolic logic—syllogistic logic, sentential logic, and predicate logic—and their relationship to language.

Introduction to Ethics: Historical/Theoretical Ethics

An examination of the fundamental concepts, principles and major theoretical approaches of ethics used to determine the moral demands of human conduct with applications to important ethical questions of contemporary interests. This course takes a historical/theoretical approach to ethics.

Introduction to Ethics: Professional Ethics

An examination of the fundamental concepts, principles and major theoretical approaches of ethics used to determine the moral demands of human conduct with applications to ethical questions of contemporary interests. This course focuses on Professional Ethics.

Introduction to Ethics: Bio-Medical

An examination of the fundamental concepts, principles and major theoretical approaches of ethics used to determine the moral demands of human conduct with applications to ethical questions of contemporary interests. This course focuses on Bio-Medical Ethics.

Philosophy of Religion

Philosophical inquiry into the nature and function of religion with special emphasis on the problems of the existence and essence of deity.

History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy

A survey of the main strands of Western philosophy from the beginnings in Ancient Greece and Rome to the dawn of the Modern era.

History of Modern and Contemporary Philosophy

A survey of the main strands of Western philosophy from the rise of Modernism to the present day.

Senior Seminar

Intensive study of a philosophical issue of the student's choice, in consultation with a faculty advisor, concluding with a research paper and a formal presentation.

Philosophical Anthropology

A study of various philosophical understandings of the nature and functioning of the human mind and their implications.

Philosophy of the Sciences

An introduction to the fundamental concepts, methods, and models of science, and how they shape the content of the various scientific disciplines.

Aesthetics

A consideration of the major concepts and theories of aesthetics, dealing with questions concerning the value of art, the nature of artistic creation and the appropriate criteria for the evaluation of artistic works.

Metaphysics

A study of the nature of reality, including a consideration of questions concerning what constitutes the unity of a thing, the nature of causation, the relationship between mind and matter and the nature of God.

Epistemology

An inquiry into the nature and function of knowledge claims, the validity of induction and deduction, theories of justification and truth.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Introduction to American Government and Politics

Attention is directed toward the fundamental principles, institutions, and problems of American Constitutional Government—national, state, and local. Particular stress is given to the Missouri Constitution, as well as to national Constitutional growth.

Introduction to Political Economy

An examination of the interaction of political and economic systems in the U.S. and other countries, how groups in societies are helped and harmed by this interaction and the decision-making processes used.

The African World

An introduction into Africa's rich histories and cultures, as well as its complex social, economic and political realities.

Missouri Politics

The provisions and principles of the Constitution of the State of Missouri will be examined.

State and Local Government

A study of the functions and structures of state, county and city governments.

Introduction to Criminal Justice

A study of the agencies and processes involved in the criminal justice system: legislature, the police, the prosecutor, the public defender, the courts and corrections.

Parties and Interest Groups

This course will examine, compare and contrast the development, organization and function of both political parties and interest groups in American politics within the context of elections at all levels of government.

The American Presidency

This course will encompass the political, legal, organizational and policy-making aspects of the American Presidency.

The American Congress

This course will examine the political and institutional development of Congress. The study will span both the formal legal powers and the internal dynamics of this major national policy-making institution.

Comparative Government

A study of the various types of political and governmental structures operative in the contemporary world as well as the various types of political functions performed within national systems. Emphasis is placed on the comparative study of national political systems.

Practicum in Political Science

A course designed to provide structure and academic focus to non-traditional work by students within the curricular structure of the department.

Juvenile Justice System in America

An investigation of the American criminal justice system's response to socially dysfunctional youth: prevention, diversion, law enforcement, the courts, probation, parole, schools, correctional institutions and alternative placement.

Propaganda in the Movies

An investigation into the definition and use of motion pictures as a means of spreading political propaganda. Feature movies, cartoons and documentaries will be studied to illustrate the varied themes used as propaganda in both domestic and international contexts. The course studies the environment within which the movies were made and the techniques used by the moviemakers that enhance their value as propaganda.

American Legal System

A critical analysis of the judicial process from pre-trial through final appellate review, including the activities and motivations of the major participants in the legal system. Consideration is given to the judiciary's policymaking capabilities as well as the legal system's role in the greater political and social context.

Principles of Public Administration

A study of decision-making processes in public organizations.

Law and Politics

This course serves as an introduction to the American legal system— its functions, constituting elements, and role in our democratic system. Emphasis will be placed on the judiciary's role as policy maker and the implications— both theoretical and practical— of this policymaking role. In addressing these topics, students will be introduced to the study of law and courts within the Political Science discipline, as well as that of the legal profession.

Courts and Rights of the Accused

This course examines the American judicial system's treatment of the criminally accused. Topics include fundamentals of the trial and appeal process, procedural and evidentiary rules, and the rights guaranteed to the criminally accused by the U.S. Constitution— the 4th, 5th, 6th and 8th Amendments, habeas corpus and privacy rights.

Economic Development

Examines the theories and strategies for state and community economic development. The focus is on strategies that guide decisions and policies toward the goal of creating and maintaining a sustainable community. Specific attention will be placed upon the creation and encouragement of economic health within the constraints of local values, government regulations and the potential for participation in the national and global economies.

News Media and Politics

An examination of the theories and studies of how public opinion is formed, measured and related to the behavior of public officials. The final third of the course focuses on the politics of the relations between public officials and journalists during the news-gathering process.

International Relations

This course presents a beginning study of the legal and political aspects of relations between the sovereign nations which make up the world community. Primary emphasis will be placed on the development of the system of legal relationships and on the elements of national power which underlie these relations.

Modern Organizational Theory

An examination of the evolution of organizational theory in the public sector. Emphasis will be placed upon the public organization's role in society, as well as theory of public management, organizational goals, structure and behavior.

Constitutional Law

A study of the constitutional structure of the U.S. government, with particular emphasis on the Supreme Court's role in interpreting the Constitution. Topics include Presidential, Congressional, and Judicial power; federal-state relations; and the electoral system.

Civil Liberties

A study of the U.S. Constitution's protection of fundamental rights, particularly those reflected in the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment, and the legal and political context of their exercise. Topics include freedom of speech and expression, religious freedom, privacy, economic rights, and equal protection.

Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations

Investigation and analysis of the American federal system, including its constitutional, political and administrative characteristics.

Early Western Political Thought

Main currents of political thought in their historical setting from Plato to the 17th century, with a critical evaluation of those elements of continuing worth.

Modern Western Political Thought

Main currents of political thought from the 17th century to the present, with a critical evaluation of the elements of continuing worth.

Senior Seminar

A one hour course designed to give pre-graduation students the opportunity to 1) integrate diverse elements of the substance of the major in a meaningful way; and 2) to review key skills targeted by the major and departmental mentor.

Field Problems in Public Administration

A supervised internship in an approved local, state or federal governmental agency including the preparation of a formal written report. Award of credit hours will vary according to the nature of the project undertaken.

Public Policy

An intensive, advanced course in American policy making processes and problems of policy development at the national level. The focus is on the analysis of current public policies and their consequences.

Comparative Political Systems

A study of the politics of various regions with an emphasis on a comparative analysis. Topics may vary as events and interests dictate.

Special Topics in Political Science

A variable topics course designed to meet curricular and student needs not fulfilled by the rest of the political science curriculum. Content of the course will be described in the title. The course may be repeated to earn no more than six credit hours in total, subject to the approval of the instructor.

Transnational Politics

An investigation of the structures and functions of international organizations of a political and economic nature. This is an interdisciplinary course that emphasizes the interdependency of international political and economic organizations of a governmental and non-governmental nature.

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Methods in Secondary School Social Sciences

A course for prospective teachers in the social sciences stressing materials, methods and techniques in teaching social studies in terms of the needs and problems of secondary education. This course must be taken before student teaching.

Introduction to Disaster Response and Recovery

This course provides a broad introduction to the field of emergency management. The course is focused on the different types of hazards, the individuals and agencies involved in response and recovery operations and methods for facilitating recovery and mitigation efforts.

Principles of Humanitarian Relief

An examination of the principles, practitioners, and practices of humanitarianism since 1863 with special emphasis on the United States. Divided into three sections, this course provides students with an historic, theoretical, and practical understanding of humanitarianism as applied in the modern world.

POST-GRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

RECENT GRADUATE SCHOOL ADMISSION

- Cambridge University
- University of Missouri
- Drake University
- Florida State University
- Georgetown University
- St. Louis University
- Iowa State University
- Kansas State University
- University of Kansas

RECENT LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION

- University of Missouri
- University of Missouri–Kansas City
- Creighton University
- George Washington University
- Drake University
- Washburn University
- St. Louis University
- The American University
- University of Iowa
- University of North Carolina
- College of William and Mary

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Public history** — Working in museums, archives, historic preservation and cultural resource management.
- **Business** — Preparing students for the corporate world, from management to research.
- **Archival and museum work** — Engaging in research, preservation, education, display and interpretation for public and private museums.
- **Government service** — Working for various government agencies in state, local and national research, analyzing cultural resource use and development, lobbying, institutional history and policy development.
- **Law school** — Degrees in history, humanities, philosophy and political science serve as excellent preparation for law school.
- **Historic preservation** — Supervision and administration of historic preservation projects and sites.
- **Law enforcement** — Preparing graduates for the ever-changing world of law enforcement, including, but not limited to, corrections, counseling and policing.
- **Teaching** — The B.S. Ed. in Social Science Education offers intensive preparation for a career in high school social studies teaching, along with an endorsement program in middle school education.
- **Crisis Management** — Work with government agencies, private firms and non-profit organizations in crisis management.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Political Science and Public Administration programs have placed interns in a variety of state and local agencies, including:

- The Federal Reserve
- "Larry King Live"
- NAACP
- The Peace Corps
- American Bar Association
- National Organization for Women
- Sierra Club

The Public History minor, and courses in state and local history, are augmented by hands-on experience and internship opportunities. In conjunction with these courses, students have worked in historical sites and museums like these:

- Fort Fetterman, Wyo.
- Watkins Mill, Excelsior Springs, Mo.
- Robidoux Row, St. Joseph, Mo.
- Patee House Museum, St. Joseph, Mo.
- Nodaway County Historical Museum, Maryville, Mo.
- University Archives, Maryville, Mo.
- Conservation Department, Dallas County, Iowa

UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE RESEARCH

Undergraduate and graduate studies in History, Humanities, Philosophy and Political Science provide students with many opportunities to engage in research projects, with funding support available, leading to presentations at conferences across the country. The opportunity to research, write and travel has produced award-winning work and enhanced learning experiences for students.

FOREIGN STUDY

Northwest sponsors foreign study tours which offer students opportunities to study and to experience firsthand the life and culture of other countries. In the past, these tours have included England, Mexico, Russia, China, Japan, Korea, Hungary, Italy, Greece, the Czech Republic and Egypt as well as shorter stays in various European countries.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The department sponsors numerous activities, clubs and organizations on campus including the following:

- Criminal Justice Club
- Pi Sigma Alpha (national political science honorary society)
- Political Science Club
- Pre-Law Society
- Young Democrats
- Young Republicans
- Economic Development Club

- Phi Alpha Theta (national history honorary society)
- Phi Sigma Tau (national philosophy honorary society)
- Alpha Chi (a national honor society for undergraduate juniors and seniors)
- Mock Trial

SCHOLARSHIPS

Alice Corley Scholarship

Entering freshman who is a prospective history/social science/pre-law major. Must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours. Contact Department at (660) 562-1290. Deadline: Feb. 1

History Day Scholarship

This departmental scholarship is provided by the University for winners in the Senior Division History Day. Students must enroll at Northwest Missouri State University as a history or social science major during his or her freshman academic year. This scholarship cannot be awarded until the state contest winners are announced. Must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours. Contact Department at (660) 562-1290. Award: Varies; Deadline: Feb. 1

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