

History and Government, B.A.

Degree Offered

- Bachelor of Arts

Nature of the Program

The History and Government program has three essential purposes. First, it is designed to provide the student with insights into historical time periods of the nation and the world, with special emphasis upon political, social, economic, and technological changes. Secondly, it provides a strong background for graduate study in history and related fields, careers in government, services, and some areas of business, and positions with historical societies and museums. Thirdly, for students interested in attending law school, the program meets and exceeds the criteria for pre-law curricula established by the American Association of Law Schools.

General Education Foundations

Please use this link to view a list of courses that meet each GEF requirement. (<http://registrar.wvu.edu/gef/>)

NOTE: Some major requirements will fulfill specific GEF requirements. Please see the curriculum requirements listed below for details on which GEFs you will need to select.

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Foundations		
F1 - Composition & Rhetoric		3-6
ENGL 101 & ENGL 102 or ENGL 103	Introduction to Composition and Rhetoric and Composition, Rhetoric, and Research Accelerated Academic Writing	
F2A/F2B - Science & Technology		4-6
F3 - Math & Quantitative Reasoning		3-4
F4 - Society & Connections		3
F5 - Human Inquiry & the Past		3
F6 - The Arts & Creativity		3
F7 - Global Studies & Diversity		3
F8 - Focus (may be satisfied by completion of a minor, double major, or dual degree)		9
Total Hours		31-37

Please note that not all of the GEF courses are offered at all campuses. Students should consult with their advisor or academic department regarding the GEF course offerings available at their campus.

Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
University Requirements		36
Program Requirements		15
History and Government Major Requirements		69
Total Hours		120

University Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Foundations (GEF) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 (31-37 Credits)		
Outstanding GEF Requirements 1, 2, 3, and 6		18
WVUE 191	First Year Seminar	1
General Electives		17
Total Hours		36

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
HUMS 480	Grant Writing and Documentation	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology (GEF 4)	3
MDS 270	Effective Public Speaking (GEF 8)	3
Literature or Foreign Language Elective		3
PSYC or SOC Elective (must be 300 or 400 level)		3
Total Hours		15

History and Government Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 106	East Asia: An Introduction (GEF 7)	3
HIST 152	Growth of the American Nation to 1865 (GEF 5)	3
HIST 153	Making of Modern America: 1865 to the Present (GEF 8)	3
HIST 179	World History to 1500	3
HIST 180	World History Since 1500	3
HIST 209	Twentieth Century Europe	3
HIST 261	Recent America: The United States since 1918	3
HIST 277	Revolutions in Science and Technology	3
HIST 484	Historical Research-Capstone	3
POLS 102	Introduction to American Government (GEF 8)	3
POLS 260	Introduction to International Relations	3
Economics Elective (must be 300 or 400 level)		3
English Elective (must be 300 or 400 level)		3
History Elective (must be 300 or 400 level)		15
Political Science Elective (must be 300 or 400 level) *		6
Restricted Electives from the College of Business, Humanities and Social Sciences (must be at the 300 or 400 level) **		9
Total Hours		69

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Students pursuing a minor in Political Science are not required to fulfill these hours and must only complete 6 or the 9 hours of Restricted Electives.

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Students pursuing a minor from the College of Business, or in Humanities or Social Sciences are not required to fulfill this requirement. This includes minors in Accounting, Business Administration, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Fraud Examination, Human Resources Administration, Marketing, English, Political Science, Psychology, Criminal Justice, Economics, Forensic Investigation, Health Services Administration, Sociology, and Sport Management.

Suggested Plan of Study

First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
History Program Entrance Exam		ENGL 102 (GEF 1)	3
ENGL 101 (GEF 1)		3 HIST 153 (GEF 8)	3
HIST 152 (GEF 5)		3 POLS 102 (GEF 8)	3
WVUE 191		1 GEF 2 or General Elective	3
General Elective		1 GEF 6	3
GEF 2		4	
GEF 3		3	
		15	15

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
HIST 106 (GEF 7)		3 HIST 180	3
HIST 179		3 HIST 277	3
General Elective		3 POLS 260	3

General Elective		3 SOC 101 (GEF 4)	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
		15	15
Third Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
HIST 209		3 HIST 261	3
MDS 270 (GEF 8)		3 English Elective (must be 300 or 400 level)	3
Literature or Foreign Language Elective		3 Political Science Elective (must be 300 or 400 level)*	3
Political Science Elective (must be 300 or 400 level)*		3 PSYC or SOCA Elective (must be 300 or 400 level)	3
Minor or Restricted Elective (must be 300 or 400 level)		3 Minor or Restricted Elective (must be 300 or 400 level)	3
		15	15
Fourth Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Economics Elective (must be 300 or 400 level)		3 HIST 484**	3
History Electives (must be 300 or 400 level)		6 HUMS 480	3
History Elective (must be 400 level)		3 History Elective (must be 300 or 400 level)	6
General Elective or Minor		3 Minor or Restricted Elective (must be 300 or 400 level)	3
		Assessment Exam***	
		15	15

Total credit hours: 120

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Student's minoring in Political Science are not required to take the Political Science Elective. They will replace this requirement with courses used toward their Political Science Minor.

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Courses such as History 484 are offered once every four-semester cycle.

The Assessment Exam must be taken in the student's last semester prior to graduation.

Major Learning Outcomes

HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT

Graduates of this program should be able to:

- Demonstrate a general knowledge of the facts, concepts, and approaches of history
- Critically analyze and assess primary sources
- Critically analyze and assess secondary sources
- Conduct original historical research and report results orally and in writing
- Produce historical essays that are coherent, grammatically correct, and use proper historical documentation