

## DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND POLITICS

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The mission of the Department of History and Politics for both history and politics majors is to instill a love of learning and to enable students to acquire the intellectual resources and analytical skills necessary to live meaningful lives in the ever-changing national and global community.

The department strives to enhance the intellectual capacity of Converse students and provide them with opportunities to develop analytical, conceptual, reading, writing, speaking, synthesizing, and thinking skills. To this end, the department has established substantive goals for both majors which include the ability to:

1. appreciate the past, understand the complex forces of change, and appreciate the relationships between past, present, and future
2. gain a factual and conceptual grasp of the discipline, its major areas of inquiry, and the basic questions to be asked in the study of the particular periods or subfields to which the student is exposed in her courses
3. understand how this discipline employs methodology to comprehend the nature of reality
4. evaluate varying interpretations of events, phenomena, or data
5. learn how to posit and articulate one's own views on particular subjects

### HISTORY

A major in history consists of a minimum of 30 semester hours, including HIS 100 and 27 hours above the 100 level. The requirements are as follows:

HIS 100 .....	3 hours
Three European history courses .....	9 hours
Two American history courses .....	6 hours
Additional history electives .....	12 hours
<b>TOTAL HOURS .....</b>	<b>30 hours</b>

Internships do not count toward the 30-hour minimum major requirements. The department also strongly urges that majors take at least three hours of non-Western history (HIS 315, 375, 402, 470). A history major will write a research paper in one of her advanced courses in the department prior to her senior year and one during her senior year. The paper may be in either history or politics. Students who double major in history and politics may count no more than two department crosslisted courses toward each major.

The requirements for a minor in history are the same as for the major, except that the student must take a minimum of only 21 semester hours and is not required to write the research papers.

For graduate course listings, refer to the *Graduate Catalog*.

### Introductory

**\*100. MAJOR TOPICS IN MODERN EUROPEAN HISTORY/THREE CREDITS**  
Examination of key issues in modern European history, such as the French Revolution, the Industrial Revolution, Marxism, Imperialism, the Russian Revolution, Stalin, Fascism, and the Cold War. *Multiple sections offered during fall and spring terms. Students who receive advanced placement exam credit with a score of three or better may not enroll in HIS 100. AP hours do not count toward the minimum hours for a major or a minor. Offered every term.*

### **\*199H. FRESHMAN HONORS SEMINAR/ THREE CREDITS**

A study of a selected subject within the discipline which will vary from term to term. The course is designed to encourage student participation in the intellectual processes through class discussion, research and writing, special projects, problem solving, and evaluation and defense of positions. When the subject matter duplicates that of another course, credit toward graduation will be granted for only one of the courses. *Offered periodically in rotation with seminars in other disciplines. Offered in fall.*

### **299H. INTERDISCIPLINARY HONORS COURSE**

This course is team taught by members in two departments and is open to Nisbet Honors Program members and to others who meet Honors Program guidelines. All students registering for these courses must register not only through the Honors Program but also with their adviser and the Registrar's Office.

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### AMERICAN HISTORY

#### \*201, 202. AMERICAN HISTORY/THREE OR SIX CREDITS

A survey of U. S. History from colonial times to the present. History 201 deals with the period before 1877; History 202, the period since 1877. *The Department accepts AP credit. See current AP Policy Brochure. AP credits do not count toward minimum hours for a major or minor.*

#### \*306. AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY/THREE CREDITS

A survey of African-American history from colonial times to the present. *Offered alternate years.*

#### \*345. WOMEN IN AMERICAN HISTORY/THREE CREDITS

A study of women in American history from The Colonial Era to the present. *Offered alternate years.*

#### \*375. THE VIETNAM EXPERIENCE/THREE CREDITS

A study of the historical background of the Vietnam War with assessment of the American experience in Vietnam. Emphasis is on Vietnam as a case study in the American foreign policy/ national security process. Attention is given to the "lessons of Vietnam" and to continuing contemporary events in Southeast Asia. *Cross-listed with POL 375. Also qualifies as non-Western. Offered alternate years.*

#### \*408. THE COLONIAL AND REVOLUTIONARY ERA, 1607-1783/THREE CREDITS

A study of the founding and development of America. *Offered alternate years.*

#### \*412. THE NEW NATION, 1783-1840/THREE CREDITS

A study of the United States from the end of the Revolution through the Jacksonian Era. *Offered alternate years.*

#### \*421. THE ERA OF THE CIVIL WAR, 1840-1876/THREE CREDITS

A study of Westward expansion, the Old South, the abolitionist crusade, the Civil War, and Reconstruction. *Offered alternate years.*

#### \*422. THE AGE OF REFORM, 1876-1920/THREE CREDITS

A study of the United States from 1876 to 1920. Topics covered include the growth of big business, the Populist Movement, Imperialism, Progressivism, and World War I. *Offered alternate years.*

#### \*440. AMERICA BETWEEN THE WARS, 1919-1945/THREE CREDITS

A study of the United States from the end of World War I through the end of World War II. *Offered alternate years.*

#### \*441. RECENT UNITED STATES, 1945 TO THE PRESENT/THREE CREDITS

A study of the United States from the end of World War II to the present. *Cross-listed with POL 441. Offered alternate years.*

#### 442. THE CIVIL RIGHTS ERA/THREE CREDITS

A study of the black civil rights movement from the early 1950s through the 1970s and beyond. *Cross-listed with HIS 442. Offered alternate years.*

#### \*455. AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY/THREE CREDITS

A study of the institutions and functioning of foreign policy/ national security decision-making as well as of selected topics of the Cold War and contemporary events. *Cross-listed with Politics 455. Offered alternate years.*

### EUROPEAN HISTORY

#### \*310. TSARIST RUSSIA/THREE CREDITS

A study of the beginnings of Russian history and of the Tsarist period to 1894. *Offered alternate years.*

#### \*311. THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION AND THE SOVIET UNION/THREE CREDITS

A study of the background and progress of the 1917 revolutions and the origins and history of the Soviet Union. Course begins in 1894. *Offered alternate years.*

#### \*318. ENGLISH HISTORY TO 1714/THREE CREDITS

A survey of the history of England from its beginning through the end of the Stuart Dynasty. *Offered alternate years.*

#### \*319. ENGLISH HISTORY SINCE 1714/THREE CREDITS

A survey of the history of England from the beginning of the Hanoverian Dynasty to the present. *Offered alternate years.*

#### \*330. THE AGE OF SHAKESPEARE/THREE CREDITS

A study of a selection of Shakespeare's plays within the context of Tudor and early Stuart history. In addition to class lectures and discussions, students will attend productions of the Royal Shakespeare Company in London and Stratford and visit sites connected with the history of the time. *Cross-listed with ENG 330. Offered in the London term.*

#### \*351. RENAISSANCE AND REFORMATION/THREE CREDITS

*Major credit, elective credit.* A survey of European history from 1350 to 1648. *Offered alternate years.*

#### \*352. THE AGE OF THE ENLIGHTENMENT/THREE CREDITS

A survey of European history from 1648 to 1789. *Offered alternate years.*

#### \*361. THE MIDDLE AGES/THREE CREDITS

A general survey of the Middle Ages from the fall of Rome to the Renaissance. Emphasis will be upon political, institutional, ecclesiastical, and cultural history. *Offered alternate years.*

#### \*362. EUROPE: 1870-1918/THREE CREDITS

A study of the major countries and trends in Europe in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Coverage ends with the background and significance of World War I. *Offered on demand.*

#### \*363, 364. TWENTIETH-CENTURY EUROPE/THREE OR SIX CREDITS

Lectures, readings, and discussion of the political, diplomatic, social, and intellectual history of Europe in the twentieth century. The first part covers the period from the Paris Peace Conference (1919) to 1939. The second part covers the period from 1939 to the present. *Offered alternate years.*

#### \*365. PROBLEMS IN BRITISH HISTORY/THREE CREDITS

Several topics will be selected for study in depth. Among these will be the historical evolution of the British parliamentary system, the Irish question in British history, and an investigation of the current political and economic situation. The selection of topics will vary during successive offerings. *Offered on demand in the winter term or in the London term.*

#### \*385. IRISH HISTORY/THREE CREDITS

A survey of Irish history from Celtic times to the present. The emphasis is upon understanding the current troubles. *Offered in the winter term on demand. Offered alternate years.*

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### NON-WESTERN HISTORY

#### \*315. MODERN CHINA/THREE CREDITS

A survey of modern Chinese history with emphasis upon the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. *Offered alternate years.*

#### \*375. THE VIETNAM EXPERIENCE/THREE CREDITS

A study of the historical background of the Vietnam War with assessment of the American experience in Vietnam. Emphasis is on Vietnam as a case study in the American foreign policy/national security process. Attention is given to the "lessons of Vietnam" and to continuing contemporary events in Southeast Asia. *Cross-listed with POL 375. Also qualifies as American History. Offered alternate years.*

#### \*402. WOMEN'S LIVES IN ASIAN AND AFRICAN CULTURES/THREE CREDITS

A readings course on women's lives in various non-Western traditional cultures. *Cross-listed with POL 402. Offered alternate years.*

#### \*470. ISLAMIC AND MIDDLE EAST POLITICS/THREE CREDITS

An introduction to Islamic politics and to the comparative and developmental issues of the Arab world and the larger Middle East. The approach will be historical as well as contemporary. *Cross-listed with POL 470. Offered alternate years.*

### INTERNSHIPS, ADVANCED INDIVIDUAL STUDY, AND SPECIAL TOPICS

#### 480. JUNIOR-SENIOR SEMINAR/THREE CREDITS

A course in methodology, research, and writing for history and politics majors. *Cross-listed with POL 480. Offered on demand.*

#### 490. DIRECTED INDEPENDENT STUDY IN SPECIAL TOPICS/THREE CREDITS

*Prerequisite: permission of instructor.* An independent course of study on selected topics. *Offered on demand.*

#### \*491. SPECIAL TOPICS IN HISTORY/THREE CREDITS

A course on a special topic not in the regular curriculum. If the topic is different, the course may be taken more than once for credit. *Offered on demand.*

#### 496. INTERNSHIP IN APPLIED HISTORY/THREE OR SIX CREDITS

*Prerequisite: Permission of the department.* Internships in archival administration, museum curatorship, management of historic properties, and historical restoration. *Offered on demand.*

### POLITICS

A major in politics consists of a minimum of 33 hours of course work. Internships do not apply to the 33-hour minimum. The major requirements are as follows:

- POL 101: American Government ..... 3 hours  
 National Affairs (choose two) (one must consist of the study of an institution) ..... 6 hours  
     POL 301: The Congress  
     POL 308: Special Topics

- POL 311: The Presidency  
 POL 335: Constitutional Law  
 POL 336: Civil Liberties  
 POL 350: Elections and Political Parties  
 POL 441: Recent US History  
 POL 442: The Civil Rights Era  
 POL 448: Public Administration  
 Political Theory (choose two, one of which must be POL 310 or 312) ..... 6 hours  
     POL 310: Ancient, Medieval, and Renaissance Political Theory  
     POL 312: Early Modern and Modern Political Theory  
 POL 316: American Political Thought  
 POL 317: Gender and Politics  
 POL 415: Special Topics in Political Theory  
 Foreign Policy & International Relations/Comparative Government (choose three with at least one from each of the two categories. See below for a listing of which courses correspond to each category) ..... 9 hours  
     POL 375: The Vietnam Experience  
     POL 402: Women's Lives in Asian and African Cultures  
     POL 405: Studies in World Affairs  
     POL 421: The Politics of Russia and the Former Soviet Union  
     POL 455: American Foreign Policy  
     POL 465: Comparative Government and Politics  
     POL 470: Islamic and Middle Eastern Politics  
 Additional Electives ..... 9 hours  
**TOTAL HOURS** ..... 33 hours

A politics major will write a research paper in one of her advanced courses in the department prior to her senior year and one during her senior year. The paper may be in either history or politics. Students who double major in history and politics may count no more than two department cross-listed courses toward each major.

A politics minor consists of a minimum of 21 hours of course work. Students minoring in politics must take at least one course in National Affairs, Political Theory, and at least two courses in Foreign Policy & International Relations/Comparative Government. The two research papers are not required.

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### INTRODUCTORY

#### \*101. INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT/THREE CREDITS

A survey of policy-making, institutions, and controversial issues in American National Government. *Offered fall & spring terms.*

#### \*102. INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS/THREE CREDITS

An introduction to foreign affairs and current world events. Special attention is given to the Post Cold War, Middle East conflicts, and Third World issues. *Offered winter & spring terms.*

#### \*199. FRESHMAN HONORS SEMINAR/THREE CREDITS

A study of a selected subject within the discipline which will vary from term to term. The course is designed to encourage student participation in the intellectual processes through class discussion, research and writing, special projects, problem solving, and evaluation and defense of positions. When the subject matter duplicates that of another course, credit toward graduation will be granted for only one of the courses. *Offered periodically in rotation with seminars in other disciplines. Offered fall term.*

#### \*205. INTRODUCTION TO LAW AND THE JUDICIAL PROCESS/THREE CREDITS

Appropriate for Pre-law students or those considering this area.

### NATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### \*301. THE CONGRESS/THREE CREDITS

A study of the legislative process and its relationship to the other branches of government, political parties, interest groups, and the electorate. *Offered alternate years.*

#### \*308. SPECIAL STUDIES IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS/THREE CREDITS

Selected topics in the American political process with particular attention to political participation and public policy. Since the content will vary, it may be taken more than once for credit. *Offered alternate years.*

#### \*311. THE PRESIDENCY AND THE FEDERAL BUREAUCRACIES/THREE CREDITS

A study of presidential elections, presidential power, and the role of the federal bureaucracies. *Offered alternate years.*

#### \*335. CONSTITUTIONAL LAW/THREE CREDITS

*Prerequisite: POL 101.* A review of bench mark cases of the Supreme Court in the areas of the development of judicial review, federalism, the separation of powers, and the relationship between the government and the economy. *Offered alternate years.*

#### \*336. CIVIL LIBERTIES/THREE CREDITS

*Prerequisite: POL 101.* A review of bench mark cases of the Supreme Court in the areas of the separation of church and state, speech, racial equality, criminal justice, and privacy. *Offered alternate years.*

#### \*350. ELECTIONS AND POLITICAL PARTIES/THREE CREDITS

A study of the electoral process in the United States. Emphasis will be placed on political parties, voting decisions, and political campaigns. *Offered alternate years.*

#### \*441. RECENT UNITED STATES, 1945 TO THE PRESENT/THREE CREDITS

A study of the United States from the end of World War II to the present. *Cross-listed with HIS 441. Offered alternate years.*

#### 442. THE CIVIL RIGHTS ERA/THREE CREDITS

A study of the black civil rights movement from the early 1950s through the 1970s and beyond. *Cross-listed with POL 442. Offered alternate years.*

#### 448. PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION/THREE CREDITS

A study of the various aspects of public administration, i.e. organization theory, personnel policy, public finance and budgeting, policy analysis, and selected other topics such as ethics or administrative law. *Offered alternate years.*

### POLITICAL THEORY

#### \*310. ANCIENT, MEDIEVAL, AND RENAISSANCE POLITICAL THEORY/THREE CREDITS

A survey of the major works in the Western tradition of political thought from Plato to Machiavelli. *Offered alternate years.*

#### \*312. EARLY MODERN AND MODERN POLITICAL THEORY/THREE CREDITS

A survey of the major works in the Western tradition of political thought from Hobbes to Marx. *Offered alternate years.*

#### \*316. AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT/THREE CREDITS

A survey of the ideas and movements shaping the American political tradition. *Offered alternate years.*

#### \*317. GENDER AND POLITICS/THREE CREDITS

An examination of the issue of differences and similarities between the sexes as it bears upon the question of the political identity and role of women (and men) in political and social life from the Greek thinkers to the Bible to modern feminist movements and their critics. *Offered alternate years.*

#### \*415. SELECTED TOPICS IN POLITICAL THOUGHT/THREE CREDITS

A study of selected texts, concepts, doctrines, or ideologies. Since the content will vary, it may be taken more than once for credit. *Offered alternate years.*

### FOREIGN POLICY & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

#### \*375. THE VIETNAM EXPERIENCE/THREE CREDITS

A study of the historical background of the Vietnam War with assessment of the American experience in Vietnam. Emphasis is on Vietnam as a case study in the American foreign policy/national security process. Attention is given to the "lessons of Vietnam" and to continuing contemporary events in Southeast Asia. *Cross-listed with HIS 375. Offered alternate years.*

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### \*405. STUDIES IN WORLD AFFAIRS/THREE CREDITS

A study of selected topics in foreign affairs and current events. Since the content will vary, it may be taken more than once for credit. *Offered on demand.*

### \*455. AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY/THREE CREDITS

A study of the institutions and functioning of the American foreign policy/national security decision-making as well as of selected topics of the Cold War and contemporary events. *Cross-listed with HIS 455. Offered alternate years.*

## COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

### \*402. WOMEN'S LIVES IN ASIAN AND AFRICAN CULTURES/THREE CREDITS

A readings course on women's lives in various non-Western traditional cultures. *Cross-listed with HIS 402. Offered alternate years.*

### \*421. THE POLITICS OF RUSSIA AND THE FORMER SOVIET STATES/THREE CREDITS

A study of the collapse of the Soviet Union and the ongoing process of political change in the former Soviet Union and Central/Eastern Europe. *Offered alternate years.*

### \*465. COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS/THREE CREDITS

A comparative political analysis of ideologies, systems, institutions, politics, and current affairs of selected western and non-western nations. *Offered alternate years.*

### \*470. ISLAMIC AND MIDDLE EAST POLITICS/THREE CREDITS

An introduction to Islamic politics and to the comparative and developmental issues of the Arab world and the larger Middle East. The approach will be historical as well as contemporary. *Cross-listed with POL 470. Offered alternate years.*

## INTERNSHIPS, ADVANCED INDIVIDUAL STUDY, AND SPECIAL TOPICS

### 480. JUNIOR-SENIOR SEMINAR/THREE CREDITS

A course in methodology, research, and writing for history and politics majors. *Cross-listed with HIS 480. Offered alternate years.*

### 490. DIRECTED INDEPENDENT STUDY IN SPECIAL TOPICS/ONE TO SIX CREDITS

*Prerequisite: permission of instructor.* An independent course of study on selected topics. *Offered on demand.*

### 492. MODEL LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES/ ONE TO THREE CREDITS PER YEAR

Preparation for and participation in the Model League of Arab States by members of the Converse delegation. *Offered annually during spring term.*

### 494. THE CONGRESSIONAL INTERNSHIP/ THREE OR SIX CREDITS

*Prerequisites: POL 101 completed with B- or better or POL 101 completed with a C- or better AND a B- or better in a 300 or 400 level National Affairs course; 2.5 G.P.A.; consent of instructor.* Graded on pass/fail basis. A program of work in the office of a U.S. Senator or Representative. Interested students should see the instructor early in the fall term. *Offered annually during winter term.*

### 495. STATE LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP/ THREE OR SIX CREDITS

*Prerequisites: POL 101 completed with B- or better or POL 101 completed with a C- or better AND a B- or better in a 300 or 400 level National Affairs course; 2.5 G.P.A.; consent of instructor.* Graded on pass/fail basis. A program of work in the office of a state legislator. Interested students should see the instructor early in the fall term. *Offered annually during winter term.*

### 496. PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC POLICY INTERNSHIP/THREE OR SIX CREDITS

*Prerequisites: POL 101 completed with B- or better or POL 101 completed with a C- or better AND a B- or better in a 300 or 400 level National Affairs course; one other relevant course as approved by the instructor; 2.5 G.P.A.; consent of instructor.* Graded on pass/fail basis. Work in a public agency or in a private organization with an interest in public policy. Interested students should see the instructor early in the fall term to arrange proper placement. *Offered annually in the winter term.*

### 498. COURT AND LAW OFFICE INTERNSHIP/ THREE OR SIX CREDITS

*Prerequisites: POL 101 completed with a B- or better, OR POL 101 completed with a C- or better AND a B- or better in a 300 or 400 level National Affairs course; 2.5 G.P.A.; consent of instructor or recommendation of a pre-law adviser.* Graded on pass/fail basis. A program of work in a local law office. Interested students should see the instructor early in the fall term to arrange proper placement. *Offered annually in the winter term.*