



**Political Science/History  
Bachelor of Arts  
Arts & Sciences  
Traditional**

**Program Coordinator: G. Helt**

The B.A. in Political Science/History offers students a broad-based education in both Political Science and History. Students will gain knowledge of American Government, the United States Constitution, World Politics, Comparative Politics, and the History of Political Thought, both ancient and modern. Furthermore, majors study American and European history, and are encouraged to take courses in the American Legal System and in non-Western topics.

This major offers good preparation for a wide range of careers in law, public service on the federal, state and local levels, international relations, intelligence work, public safety (ranging from the F.B.I. to local law enforcement), political campaign management, journalism, business (domestic and international), and many other areas. A particular area of strength in Political Science at King is intelligence studies, in both historical and contemporary geopolitical contexts.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

The mission of the department is to offer an excellent, broad-based introduction to Political Science and History within the tradition of a Christian liberal arts education, which prepares the students for a lifetime of learning and service. This academic program supports the following broad university goals: it is intellectually proficient and disciplined; it produces life-long learners; and it integrates faith and learning.

1. Students will demonstrate good knowledge of American Political Science.
2. Students will demonstrate good knowledge of World Politics or International Relations.
3. Students will demonstrate good knowledge of Comparative Politics.
4. Students will demonstrate good knowledge of Political Theory.

NOTE: Students majoring in Political Science and History may *not* also major in History.

**Technology Requirements**

Laptop computer, with minimum of Microsoft Office 2010 or later, wireless capability, and webcam

**Political Science/History Major Requirements**

PSCI 2010	
United States Government.....	4 s.h.
PSCI 2020	
World Politics .....	4 s.h.
PSCI 3500	
Comparative Politics.....	4 s.h.
PSCI 3710	
Ancient Political Thought.....	4 s.h.

PSCI 3720	
Modern Political Thought.....	4 s.h.
PSCI or HIST	
3000-level or above in either discipline.....	4 s.h.
HIST 3000	
The Professional Historian: Historical Study and Writing.....	4 s.h.
<i>Choose from the following courses</i> .....	8 s.h.
HIST 2161	
An American Nation: Beginnings to 1877 (4 s.h.)	
HIST 2162	
An American Nation: 1877 to the Present (4 s.h.)	
HIST 2710	
The Cold War: History and Politics (4 s.h.)	
HIST 3150	
African-American Experience Since 1895 (4 s.h.)	
HIST 3300	
Intellectual and Cultural History of the United States (4 s.h.)	
<i>Choose from the following courses</i> .....	8 s.h.
HIST 3110	
The Age of Revolutions: Europe 1789 to 1914 (4 s.h.)	
HIST 3120	
Europe, 1914 to the Present (4 s.h.)	
HIST 3440	
The European Mind since the Enlightenment (4 s.h.)	
HIST 3650	
Cultures in Contact: Islam, Christianity, and Colonialism in Africa (4 s.h.)	
HIST 4930	
History Capstone .....	1 s.h.
PSCI 4990	
Comprehensive Assessment .....	0 s.h.

Recommended Elective: Students planning graduate study in Political Science should consider taking PSYC 3100 Statistics for the Social Sciences.

**Summary of Total Credits**

Core Curriculum .....	42 s.h.
Major Requirements.....	45 s.h.
Electives/Minor/Second Major .....	37 s.h.
<b>Minimum to Earn Bachelor of Arts in Political Science/History ...</b>	<b>124 s.h.</b>

**Teacher Education - HISTORY WITH GOVERNMENT**

The B.A. in History and Government with Tennessee teaching licensure (dual licensure in History and Government, Grades 6-12) is available with modifications to the Political Science/History major and the King Core Curriculum as well as successful completion of the Secondary Education minor. An endorsement in geography may also be added to the history license. Licensed teachers in secondary education are in great demand in all fifty states.

Declaration of the Education minor and early and frequent advisement is essential to timely completion of both the bachelor’s degree and licensure requirements. Students seeking

teacher licensure will be assigned a secondary education advisor in the Department of Teacher Education, in addition to their major advisor. See the “Admission to the Teacher Education Program” section of this catalog or contact the Certification Advisor in the School of Education for eligibility criteria, admissions procedures, and timelines.

**Student Learning Outcomes for Teacher Education**

In addition to the discipline specific student learning outcomes for History and/or Political Science/History, teacher candidates will demonstrate mastery of the following Student Learning Outcomes, which are aligned with the both Tennessee Teacher Licensure Standards: Professional Education and InTASC Standards: Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium.

1. The teacher understands the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures of the discipline(s) he or she teaches and creates learning experiences that make the discipline(s) accessible and meaningful for learners to assure mastery of the content.
2. The teacher uses understanding of individual differences and diverse cultures and communities to ensure inclusive learning environments that enable each learner to meet high standards.
3. The teacher understands and uses a variety of instructional strategies to encourage learners to develop deep understanding of content areas and their connections and to build skills to apply knowledge in meaningful ways.

**Core Curriculum Requirements**

Political Science/History majors seeking teaching licensure should fulfill the U.S. and Global Citizenship category of the King Core Curriculum by taking the course indicated below. See the “The Core Curriculum” section of the catalog for additional details on fulfilling other categories of the Core.

**U.S. and Global Citizenship**

IDST 2100  
 Cultural Identity..... 4 s.h.

**BA in History with Government Major Requirements for 6-12 Teaching Licensure**

ECON 2000  
 Introduction to Economic Principles ..... 4 s.h.  
 GEOG 2010  
 Physical Geography ..... 3 s.h.  
 HIST 2110  
 Twentieth Century Global History ..... 4 s.h.  
 HIST 2161  
 An American Nation: Beginnings to 1877 ..... 4 s.h.  
 HIST 2162  
 An American Nation: 1877 to the Present..... 4 s.h.  
 PSCI 2010  
 United States Government..... 4 s.h.  
 PSCI 2020  
 World Politics ..... 4 s.h.  
 PSCI 3500  
 Comparative Politics..... 4 s.h.  
*Choose from the following courses* ..... 4 s.h.  
 PSCI 3710  
 Ancient Political Thought (4 s.h.)

PSCI 3720	
Modern Political Thought (4 s.h.)	
<i>Choose from the following courses</i> .....	4 s.h.
HIST 3000	
The Professional Historian: Historical Study and Writing (4 s.h.)	
HIST 4001	
History Seminar (4 s.h.)	
<i>Choose from the following courses</i> .....	4 s.h.
HIST 3110	
Age of Revolutions: Europe 1789-1914 (4 s.h.)	
HIST 3120	
Europe, 1914 to the Present (4 s.h.)	
<i>Choose from the following courses</i> .....	4 s.h.
PSCI 3250	
Politics and History of China (4 s.h.)	
HIST 3650	
A Survey of Modern African History (4 s.h.)	
PSCI or HIST	
Elective at the 3000 or 4000 level (4 s.h.)	

**Secondary Education Minor**

EDUC 2030	
Introduction to Teaching: Grades K-12 .....	2 s.h.
EDUC 2031	
Introduction to Teaching Practicum: Grades PreK-12 .....	1 s.h.
EDUC 2100	
Survey of Exceptional Children .....	4 s.h.
EDUC 2370	
Reflective Teaching: Planning for Classroom Instruction.....	3 s.h.
EDUC 2900	
Foundations of Education .....	3 s.h.
EDUC 2950	
Technology for Teachers .....	2 s.h.
EDUC 3390*	
Secondary Curriculum and Methods .....	3 s.h.
EDUC 3590*	
Content Area Reading .....	3 s.h.
EDUC 3600*	
Assessment and Evaluation .....	3 s.h.
EDUC 4490*	
Student Teaching: Grades 6-10 .....	5 s.h.
EDUC 4500*	
Student Teaching: Grades 9-12 .....	5 s.h.
EDUC 4940	
Introduction to edTPA .....	1 s.h.
EDUC 4950*	
Capstone Seminar: Grades K-12 .....	2 s.h.
PSCI 2120	
Cultural Diversity in America .....	4 s.h.
PSYC 3320	
Adolescent Development.....	4 s.h.

EDUC 4990

Comprehensive Assessment (passing state-required Praxis II exams,  
successful portfolio completion, successful portfolio defense)..... 0 s.h.

\*Requires admittance to the Teacher Education Program

**Summary of Total Credits for History + Government 6-12 Licensure**

Core Curriculum ..... 42 s.h.

Major Requirements..... 55 s.h.

Secondary Education Minor..... 45 s.h.

**Minimum to Complete BA History+Government w/Licensure..... 142 s.h.**