The Department of History and Political Science offers courses that are designed to meet both cultural and professional objectives. The history courses attempt to give the student a discriminating knowledge of the past by encouraging an understanding of other times according to the standards of those times and by evaluating institutions and movements in the light of their effects upon later developments. The political science courses teach the student to analyze systems and structures of governments in the past and present. The geography courses provide the student with an understanding of the relationship between geographical elements and man’s life on earth.

Assessment of Majors

History 498 or 499 is the culmination of a history major’s study. After taking a balanced corps of content-oriented courses in American and world history, the student in this course demonstrates the use of the tools of historical research and writing by composing a major paper that includes primary sources. This course also requires the history major to discuss with fellow history students the methodological and historiographical problems that historians face and to share the findings of his research paper in a seminar setting.

All senior history majors must also take the Major Field Achievement Test in History. All senior history majors completing a teacher licensure program are required to take the specialty
exam of the PRAXIS (formerly National Teachers Exam). Political science majors will culminate their studies by taking Political Science 498 or 499. Pursuant to the completion of a well-rounded set of content courses in political theory, international politics, and U.S. government and politics, the political science major will demonstrate in this seminar the ability to write a quality, in-depth political science research paper using the methods of the discipline and the department’s designated style manual. The student will present his/her paper to fellow seminar members toward the end of the course. In addition, all senior political science majors must take the Major Field Achievement Test in Political Science.

**Majors and Minors**

Major and minor requirements are listed below:

**I. History Major—33 hours**

A. HIS 101-102, World Civilization to and from the 18th Century  
B. HIS 211-212, The United States to and from 1877  
C. HIS 245, History and Historians  
D. HIS 498 or 499, History seminar  
E. Eighteen hours must be junior- and senior-level courses.  
F. A minimum of 12 hours in American History and 12 hours in World History

**II. Political Science Major—33 Hours**

A. PSC 111, Introduction to Political Science  
B. PSC 211, Politics and Government of the United States  
C. PSC 214, Introduction to International Relations  
D. PSC 319, Western Political Thought  
E. PSC 498 or 499, Political Science Seminar  
F. Twenty-one hours must be junior- and senior-level courses.

**III. History Minor—21 hours**

A. HIS 101-102, World Civilization to and from the 18th Century  
B. HIS 211 or 212, The United States to or from 1877  
C. HIS 245, History and Historians  
D. Nine hours must be junior- and senior-level courses.

**IV. Political Science Minor—21 hours**

A. PSC 111, Introduction to Political Science  
B. PSC 211, Politics and Government of the United States  
C. PSC 212, State and Local Government  
D. Twelve hours must be junior- and senior-level courses

**V. Teacher Licensure (Grades 7-12)**

Consult the History Department or the Education Department for professional education requirements.

**Student Organizations**

The Andrew T. “Tip” Taylor Pre-Legal Society is composed of prelaw students interested in practical suggestions and instructive programs presented by lawyers and judges practicing law in the Jackson area.

Delta Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, (International Honor Society in History) is open to students who have had 12 semester hours of history and who have a minimum average of 3.1 in history and 3.0 in two-thirds of the remainder of their work. Union’s chapter, established in 1953, was the first in the state of Tennessee.

The Rutledge Honorary History Club was founded in 1929 to stimulate the study of history. Membership by invitation is offered to history majors and minors and a select number of students who have completed three semester hours of history with an average of 2.5, and who have expressed an interest in the study of history.

**Student Awards**

Academic Excellence Medals. Medals recognizing academic excellence are presented each year by the University on Awards Day. Awards are given to both the graduating history major and the graduating political science major who have the highest academic average in those subjects, provided the average grade in history or political science is not less than 3.5 and provided the student has completed, before Awards Day, a minimum of 15 credit hours in the discipline at Union University in courses for which precise grades are computed (as distinguished from courses graded pass or fail). If there is no major eligible for one of the medals, the award will be given to the minor with the highest average if the above qualifications are met.
Departmental Awards are given to graduating seniors for outstanding work in fulfilling a departmental major or minor.

History Research Awards are given for the best original research papers presented as part of the requirements for any political science or history course.

The John W. Burgess Award is granted to a graduating senior for meritorious work in political science.

The Phi Alpha Theta Scholarship Key is presented to a graduating senior member of the society who has a major in history and who has an average of 3.5 or better in that discipline.

Course Offerings in History (HIS)

( ) Hours Credit; F-Fall; W-Winter; S-Spring; Su-Summer

101. World Civilization to the 18th Century (3) F, W, S, Su
A study of the social, economic, political, and intellectual characteristics of human society. Emphasis is given to people, movements, and ideas influencing the development of world civilization.

102. World Civilization from the 18th Century (3) F, W, S, Su
A continuation of History 101 with emphasis on people, events, and issues of the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries.

211. The United States to 1877 (3) F, S
A survey of United States history emphasizing English colonization, the American Revolution, the adoption of the Constitution, the growth of nationalism and sectionalism, the Civil War, and reconstruction.

212. The United States from 1877 (3) F, S
A survey of United States history emphasizing new social and industrial problems, the rise of progressivism, America’s emergence as a world power, World War I, postwar reaction and the New Deal, World War II, and contemporary America.

245. History and Historians (3) F
An introduction to the nature of historical research and to various schools and philosophies of history. This course is normally taken during one’s sophomore year.

300. American Church History (3) S — Odd Years
A survey of religious and church developments in America from the Puritans to the present.

301. Ancient History (3) F — Odd Years
A survey of the Mediterranean-based civilization of the ancient world. Emphasis will be given to the Near East, Greece, and Rome. Prerequisite: HIS 101 or consent of the instructor.

311. England to 1714 (3) F — Even Years
A study of the origin and growth of the English people from ancient times to the 18th century. Emphasis is placed on constitutional developments. Prerequisite: HIS 101 or consent of the instructor.

312. Modern Britain and the Empire (3) S — Odd Years
Stress is placed upon main currents of thought, constitutional changes, the rise of parliament, and foreign policy. Prerequisite: HIS 102 or consent of the instructor.

*315. History and Government of Tennessee (3) F, S
The political, constitutional, social, and economic history of Tennessee from 1796 to the present.

**316. Renaissance and Reformation (3) S — Even Years
Northern and Southern Renaissance; Reformation, Counter-reformation, and Protestantism.

317. The French Revolution and Napoleon I (3) F — Odd Years, or W — Even Years
A study of the background, personalities, and events of the Revolution, the Napoleonic Wars, and the Congress of Vienna.

320. Latin American History (3) F — Odd Years
An introduction to the history of Latin America beginning with pre-colonial and colonial history, but emphasizing the period since independence.

322. Twentieth Century Europe (3) S — Even Years
The history of the economic, social, and political developments since 1914 with an emphasis on international relations. Prerequisite: HIS 102 or consent of the instructor.

330. Colonial America, 1607-1763 (3) S — Even Years
Political, economic, cultural, and military developments in the thirteen colonies.

331. The American Revolution, 1763-1815 (3) F — Even Years
Political, intellectual, economic, and military developments in the formation of a permanent American union.

332. Civil War and Reconstruction, 1848-1877 (3) W or S — Even Years
Crisis, secession, social and economic conditions, and military campaigns, during period 1848-
1865; reconstruction problems, political, social, and economic changes in the South from 1865-1877.

*411. American Foreign Policy (3) F — Odd Years
A survey of the most significant developments of American foreign policy with an emphasis on problems arising from the emergence of the United States as a world power. Prerequisite: HIS 211 or 212.

417. The South (3) W or S — Odd Years
The Old and New South, 1607 to the present. Prerequisite: HIS 211 and 212 or consent of the instructor.

420. Russia Since 1547 (3) F — Even Years or W — Odd Years
A study of the social, cultural, and political developments of Russia from the 16th century to the present.

422. United States Since World War II (3) F — Even Years
A survey of recent political, social, and economic changes in the United States. Emphasis is placed on domestic reforms, foreign policies, the Korean War, the war in Viet Nam, and the Cold War. Prerequisite: HIS 212 or consent of the instructor.

423. Social and Intellectual History of the United States (3) W or S — Odd Years
Social and intellectual crosscurrents in American history beginning with colonial America occupations, recreation, religious movements, utopias, reform movements, immigration, labor, and social Darwinism. Prerequisite: HIS 211 or 212.

424. The Age of Jackson, 1815-1848 (3) F — Odd Years
A study of the political, diplomatic, economic, and intellectual history from 1815-1848, with emphasis on Jacksonian Democracy. *Reciprocal credit in Political Science. **Reciprocal credit in Christian Studies

Course Offerings in Political Science (PSC)

( ) Hours Credit: F-Fall; W-Winter; S-Spring; S-Summer

111. Introduction to Political Science (3) F
An introduction to the concepts and concerns of political science: the power relationships among men, between men and the state, and among nations.

211. Politics and Government of the United States (3) F, S
A study of the development, structure, and operation of our national government.

212. State and Local Government (3) F
A continuation of Political Science 211, including a survey of the constitutional status of the states, their internal structure, and processes of operation. The functions of the country and municipality are examined in the light of present trends toward centralization.

214. Introduction to International Relations (3) S
A study of the basic concepts of international politics, national power, diplomacy and warfare, and other vital interests of nations.

311. Political Parties in the United States (3) F Even Years
A study of the nature, development, and functioning of political parties in the United States. Attention is given to leaders, issues, and problems of our party system. Prerequisite: PSC 211 or consent of instructor.

***315. History and Government of Tennessee (3) F,S
The political, constitutional, social, and economic history of Tennessee from 1796 to the present.

318. Politics and Governments of Europe (3) F Odd Years
Comparative analysis of current political and governmental systems with an emphasis on the United Kingdom, France, Germany, and Russia. The course includes study of the European Union and its impact on the politics and governments of Europe.

319. Western Political Theory (3) S
An examination of the basic political philosophies which form the foundation for the study of political science. Emphasis is placed on major philosophers who have shaped western political thought from ancient times to the twentieth century. Prerequisite: 6 hours of political science or consent of the instructor.

325. Politics and Governments of Asia (3) S Even Years
A study of East Asia in modern times with emphasis on China, Japan, and one additional state selected on the basis of political conditions in Asia at the time of the course.

330. Public Administration and Policy Making (3) S — Odd Years
A study of the “fourth branch” of government of the United States with a focus on the development of public policy and its administration. The
relationship among the executive, legislative, and judicial branches is also emphasized.

331. Congress and the Presidency (3) F — Odd Years
A study of the relationship between the executive and legislative branches of the federal government with an emphasis on the checks and balances that operate to keep the balance of power consistent with the theory of democratic government.

332. Comparative Political Systems (3) F — Even Years
An analysis of the primary political systems that form the basis of modern nation-states, namely, liberal democratic systems, communist and post-communist systems, and the developing systems of the post-colonial international community. This course does not deal with particular governmental structures.

333. International Organizations and Law (3) F — Odd Years
A study of international organizations, both governmental and non-governmental, as they interact with the international community. International law and its development are also examined.

410. United States Constitutional Law (3) S — Even Years
A study of the law and judicial process in the United States with an emphasis on the role of the courts in the governance of the United States. Course includes extensive use of court cases and precedents.

411. American Foreign Policy (3) F — Odd Years
A survey of the most significant developments of American foreign policy with an emphasis on problems arising from the emergence of the United States as a world power. Prerequisite: HIS 211 or 212.

395-6-7. Special Studies (1-4) On Demand
Lower-level group studies which do not appear in the regular departmental offerings.

395-6-7. Special Studies (1-4) On Demand
Upper-level group studies which do not appear in the regular departmental offerings.

495-6-7. Independent Study (1-4) On Demand
Individual research under the guidance of a faculty member.

498-9. Seminar (1-3) F
To be used at the discretion of the department. Prerequisite for history seminar: HIS 245 or consent of instructor; prerequisite for political science seminar: consent of instructor.