

Social and Behavioral Science Department

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Aims of Social and Behavioral Sciences

The aim of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Department is to assist students in becoming more well-rounded American citizens and disciples in the Lord's kingdom, based on a thorough consideration of individuals, civilizations, and events both past and present. Students pursuing studies in this department will develop as more effective servants of God and mankind, as they grow in their understanding of the social world and their own academic development—which includes reading broadly, thinking critically, and honing vital communication skills.

Social Science helps students understand the present by focusing on the people and events of the past that have shaped it, as well as the institutions, values, and interactions of contemporary society. The cultural, economic, sociological, and political aspects of global affairs are discussed through academic disciplines including history, economics, sociology, and political science.

Behavioral Science encompasses the study of the motivations, limitations, and potential of human activity, through such disciplines as psychology, social work and sociology. In seeking to understand the dynamics of individual choices that, collectively, become societal norms, students are brought to a better understanding of the “how” and “why” of human behavior and social activities.

The Social and Behavioral Science Department currently offers a major in Psychology (BA), History (BA) and a concentration in American Civilization (BA).

History (BA)

First awarded in 2014

Dr. Crispell, *Program Coordinator*

Studying the past, especially the history of the Western Civilization and the United States, is foundational to an American liberal arts education. Focusing on social values, political institutions, intellectual forces, religious movements, and individuals constituting our exceptional heritage comprises an academic endeavor simply essential to helping our students understand how all disciplines of learning are interrelated.

While this degree has traditionally been acknowledged as a strong foundation for teaching, studies in law and other professional fields, as well as museum and archival work, it also equips students for work and service in other fields. The development of analytical and critical thinking, as well as research, writing and oral communication skills—so central to scholarly life and, certainly, to the completion of this degree program—are just as valuable for employment outside the academy.

Entrance Requirements

Entrance requirements for Upper Division study leading to a bachelor's degree include completion of at least 45 hours within the general education core, including the ENC sequence, math, and SPC 1608. The academic background and preparation of each potential major is carefully considered, and an interview or writing sample may be required.

Total Semester Hours

Candidates for the BA in History must complete at least 120 semester hours of accredited college work, excluding physical education activities courses. At least 51 hours must be completed at the 3000-4000 level, including major, minor, and elective courses.

General Education Requirements

Fulfillment of this requirement will be achieved by earning the Associate's degree as the prerequisite for the B.A. This includes each student completing the 36-hour general education core and two (2) hours of physical education classes.

Transfer students who have completed at least 60 semester hours, including courses that satisfy the 36-hour general education core at Florida College, will not be required to complete the preceding requirements, but may have transcripts examined to ensure thorough prerequisite study.

Language Requirement

The History major requires that a student complete two semesters of a foreign language.

Daily Bible Requirement

All students living on campus and off-campus students enrolled in more than six credit hours must take a Biblical Literature course each day that they take classes on the Florida College campus. For history majors this requirement may not be fulfilled with pass/fail courses. 12 UD hours in Biblical Studies are required for this degree.

Requirement for the Major in History

History majors will complete the 12 hours of history prerequisites, 30 hours of 3000-4000 history courses, and an approved minor area of study. While prerequisite course work may include transfer or AP/CLEP credit, all required upper division course work in History must be completed at Florida College.

Prerequisites (12 hours)

AMH 2010	American History: 1607-1865
AMH 2020	American History: 1865-present
EUH 1000	Western Civilization: Beginnings-1660
EUH 1001	Western Civilization: 1660-present

Required Core Courses (12 hours)

All of the following:

AMS 4811	American Intellectual History: 1607-1865
AMS 4812	American Intellectual History: 1865-present
HIS 3051	Historical Methods (one hour)
HIS 4053	Historical Writing Seminar (two hours)

One of the following:

AMH 4172	Civil War (Senior Seminar)
AMH 4254	America and the Second World War (Senior Seminar)
EUH 4453	Age of the French Revolution and Napoleon
HIS 4930	Specific Senior Seminar

Core Electives (18 hours)

Select any six (6) of the following courses:

AMH 3130	Revolutionary Era, 1765-1789
AMH 3170	The American Civil War and Reconstruction
AMH 3201	Theodore Roosevelt's America, 1880-1912
AMH 3270	Post-1945 America
AMH 3510	U.S. Diplomatic History I, 1765-1898
AMH 3511	U.S. Diplomatic History II, 1900-present
AMH 3543	The Pacific War
AMH 3621	History of Christianity in America
AMH 3622	History of the Restoration Movement
AMH 4930	Special Topics in American History
AMH 4940	Directed Internship
AMS 4905	Directed Study in American History
ASH 3223	The Modern Middle East

EUH 3245	Europe from 1914 to 1945
EUH 3401	Ancient Greece
EUH 3411	Ancient Rome
HIS 4930	Special Topics in History
REL 3503	Church History: Ancient and Medieval
REL 3504	Church History: Reformation and Modern

Minor

Each student must complete an approved minor in an area of study other than History. Minors available for History majors include the following areas: Christian Apologetics; Church History/Religious Thought; Biblical Languages; Behavioral Science; Business; Communication; Education; English; Humanities; Music; and Old Testament. Biblical Literature is not a qualified minor, but a foundational piece of this degree; academically, all majors take a total of 12 UD hours in Bible and thus, incidentally, earn that minor.

Quality of Work

A minimum grade point average of 2.5 overall and on all upper-level work is required.

Residency

Students must complete a minimum of 36 hours of their upper-level work at Florida College in order to receive the BA in History. For all students, on-line course work is not permitted unless express permission is granted by the department chair.

Graduation Ceremony

Candidates for the BA in History must participate in graduation exercises.

RECOMMENDED PLAN FOR BA DEGREE IN HISTORY (123 hours)

Fall - Year One	Hours	Spring - Year One	Hours
ENC 1101 - Freshman Composition I	3	ENC 1102 - Freshman Composition II	3
College-level Math	3	College-level Math	3
SPC 1608 Public Speaking	3	EUH 1001 - Western Civilization II	3
REL 1210 - Hist. & Geog.: OT	2	REL 1240 - Hist. & Geog.: NT	2
REL 1273 - Biblical Worldview	1	REL 1780 - Evidences	1
EUH 1000 - Western Civilization I	3	Behavioral Science Elective	3
PE activity	1	PE Activity	1
Total	16	Total	16
Fall - Year Two	Hours	Spring - Year Two	Hours
Foreign Language	4	Foreign Language	4
REL 2264/sophomore bible	2	REL 2257/sophomore bible	1
REL 2223/sophomore bible	1	LIT 2371 - OT Poetry & Wisdom	3
Prereq. for minor	3	AMH 2020 - American History II	3
AMH 2010 - American History I	3	Elective	3
Humanities Elective	3	PE activity	1
Total	16	Total	15
Fall - Year Three	Hours	Spring - Year Three	Hours
AMS 4811/4812	3	Upper Division History/Seminar	3
HIS 3051	1	Upper Division History	3
Upper Division History	3	Minor	3
Minor	3	Minor	3
Minor	3	Bible	3
Bible	3		
Total	16	Total	15
Fall - Year Four	Hours	Spring - Year Four	Hours
AMS 4811/4812	3	HIS 4053	2
Upper Division History	3	Upper Division History/Seminar	3
Upper Division History	3	Upper Division History	3
Minor	3	Minor	3
Bible	3	Bible	3
Total	15	Total	14