

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 majors in Psychology (BA), History (BA) and a concentration in American Civilization (BA).

History (BA)

First awarded in 2014

[TBA](#), 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

The following minimum requirements will need to be accomplished for successful admission to the History BA program:

- Completion of 36 hours within the general education requirements, including the ENC sequence, math, and SPC 1608 – Minimum GPA 2.00.
- Selection and assigning of a History BA program academic advisor.

General Education Requirements

Each student must complete 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 take the freshman Bible sequence in their Junior year.

Total Semester Hours

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

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 Bible 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. Twelve upper-division hours in Biblical Literature 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, unless exceptions are granted by the department chair.

Prerequisites (12 hours)

AMH 2010	American History: 1607-1877
AMH 2020	American History: 1877-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 or Biblical Literature. 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 upper-division 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.

Graduation Ceremony

Candidates must participate in graduation exercises in the year of completing their other requirements. Any exception must be cleared through the Provost.

RECOMMENDED PLAN FOR BA DEGREE IN HISTORY (122 HOURS shown)

Fall – Year One	Hours	Spring – Year One	Hours
ENC 1101 – Freshman Composition I	3	Behavioral Science Elective	3
EUH 1000 – Western Civilization I	3	ENC 1102 – Freshman Composition II	3
Math	3	EUH 1001 – Western Civilization II	3
PE activity	1	Math	3
SPC 1608 Public Speaking	3	PE Activity	1
REL 1210 – Hist. & Geog.: OT	2	REL 1240 – Hist. & Geog.: NT	2
TR Daily Bible	1	TR Daily Bible	1
Total	16	Total	16
Fall – Year Two	Hours	Spring – Year Two	Hours
AMH 2010 – American History I	3	AMH 2020 – American History II	3
Foreign Language	4	Foreign Language	4
Humanities Elective	3	LIT 2371 – OT Poetry & Wisdom	3
MWF Daily Bible	2	TR Daily Bible	1
TR Daily Bible	1	Elective	3
Prereq. for minor	3		
Total	16	Total	14
Fall – Year Three	Hours	Spring – Year Three	Hours
MWF Daily Bible	2	MWF Daily Bible	2
TR Daily Bible	1	TR Daily Bible	1
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		
Total	16	Total	15
Fall – Year Four	Hours	Spring – Year Four	Hours
MWF Daily Bible	2	MWF Daily Bible	2
TR Daily Bible	1	TR Daily Bible	1
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
Total	15	Total	14

History with a Specialization in American Civilization (BA)

First awarded in 2015

TBA, Program Coordinator

This concentration is an interdisciplinary program of study that aims to ground students in the values and virtues of our American civilization, animating its basic elements and solidifying its foundations. Students graduating from the College with a degree in History with a Specialization in American Civilization will be trained in research, writing, and critical/analytical thinking, while studying the contextual foundation for our society.

Entrance Requirements

The following minimum requirements will need to be accomplished for successful admission to the History with a Specialization in American Civilization BA program:

- Completion of 6 hours within the general education requirements, including the ENC sequence, math, and SPC 1608 – Minimum GPA 2.00
- Selection and assigning of a History with a Specialization in American Civilization BA program academic advisor.

General Education Requirements

Each student must complete the 36-hour general education core and three (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 take the freshman Bible sequence in their Junior year.

Total Semester Hours

Candidates for the BA in History with a Specialization in American Civilization 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.

Language Requirement

The History with a Specialization in American Civilization concentration 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.

Prerequisites

AMH 2010 American History: 1607-1877

EUH 1000 Western Civilization: Beginnings-1660

AMH 2020 American History: 1877-Present **or** EUH 1001 Western Civilization: 1660-Present

Two semesters of foreign language

A 2.50 grade point average

Core Program Requirements

While prerequisite course work may include transfer or AP/CLEP credit, all required upper division course work in History with a Specialization in American Civilization must be completed at Florida College, unless exceptions are granted by the department chair.

Biblical Literature (12 hours)

12 hours of 3000-4000 level courses (no P/F option courses)

Great Books (3 hours)

Any Great Books course from the College Catalog may satisfy this requirement.

American Civilization core (36 hours)

AMH 3130	Revolutionary America, 1765-1789
AMH 3170	The American Civil War and Reconstruction
AMH 3201	TR's America, 1880-1912
AMH 3270	Post-1945 America
AMH 3510	U.S. Diplomatic History, 1765-1898
AMH 3543	The Pacific War
AMH 4254	America and the WWII Experience, 1939-1945
AMS 4811	American Intellectual History: 1607-1865
AMS 4812	American Intellectual History: 1865-present
EUH 3401	Ancient Greece
EUH 3411	Ancient Rome
HIS 3051	Historical Methods (one hour)
HIS 4053	Historical Writing Seminar (two hours)

Electives (9 hours)

AMH 3511	U. S. Diplomatic History II: 1898-present
AMH 3621	History of Christianity in America
AMH 3622	History of the Restoration Movement
AMH 4172	The Civil War Era, 1861-1865
AML 2010	American Literature, Colonial to 1865
AML 2020	American Literature, 1865-Present
ASH 3223	The Modern Middle East
EUH 3245	Europe from 1914 to 1945
EUH 4453	Age of the French Revolution and Napoleon
REL 3503	Church History: Ancient and Medieval
REL 3504	Church History: Reformation and Modern

*At the discretion of the department chair, electives may also include UD Education courses, additional study in Great Books, American and British Literature, Political Science, or a directed Internship.

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 complete the BA in History.

Graduation Ceremony

Candidates must participate in graduation exercises in the year of completing their other requirements. Any exception must be cleared through the Provost.

RECOMMENDED PLAN FOR BA DEGREE IN HISTORY/AMERICAN CIVILIZATION (121 HOURS shown)

Fall – Year One	Hours	Spring – Year One	Hours
ENC 1101 – Freshman Composition I	3	ENC 1102 – Freshman Composition II	3
EUH 1000 – Western Civilization I	3	EUH 1001 – Western Civilization II	3
Math	3	Humanities	3
PE activity	1	Math	3
SPC 1608	3	PE Activity	1
REL 1210 – Hist. & Geog.: OT	2	REL 1240 – Hist. & Geog.: NT	2
TR Daily Bible	1	TR Daily Bible	1
Total	16	Total	16
Fall – Year Two	Hours	Spring – Year Two	Hours
AMH 2010 – American History I	3	AMH 2020 – American History II	3
Behavioral Science	3	Foreign Language	4
Foreign Language	4	LIT 2371 – OT Poetry & Wisdom	3
MWF Daily Bible	2	TR Daily Bible	1
TR Daily Bible	1	Elective	3
Elective	3		
Total	16	Total	14
Fall – Year Three (odd)	Hours	Spring – Year Three (even)	Hours
MWF Daily UL Bible	2	MWF Daily UL Bible	2
TR Daily UL Bible	1	TR Daily UL Bible	1
AMS 4811 – Am. Intellectual Hist	3	AMH 3130 - Revolutionary America	3
AMH 3543 – Pacific War	3	AMH 3170- Civil War & Reconst.	3
EUH 3411- Ancient Rome	3	AMH 4254 – WWII Experience	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total	15	Total	15
Fall – Year Four (even)	Hours	Spring – Year Four (odd)	Hours
MWF Daily UL Bible	2	MWF Daily UL Bible	2
TR Daily UL Bible	1	TR Daily UL Bible	1
AMS 4812 – Am. Intellectual Hist.	3	AMH 3201 – T. Roosevelt’s America	3
EUH 3245/Elective	3	AMH 3270 – Post-1945 America	3
EUH 3401 – Ancient Greece	3	Great Books	3
Elective	3	Senior Seminar	2
Total	15	Total	14
Fall – Year Three (even)	Hours	Spring – Year Three (odd)	Hours
MWF Daily UL Bible	2	MWF Daily UL Bible	2
TR Daily UL Bible	1	TR Daily UL Bible	1
AMS 4812 – Am. Intellectual Hist.	3	AMH 3270 - Post-1945 America	3
EUH 3401 – Ancient Greece	3	AMH 3201 - T. Roosevelt’s America	3
EUH 3245/Elective	3	Great Books	3
Elective	3	Senior Seminar	2
Total	15	Total	14
Fall – Year Four (odd)	Hours	Spring – Year Four (even)	Hours
MWF Daily UL Bible	2	MWF Daily UL Bible	2
TR Daily UL Bible	1	TR Daily UL Bible	1
AMH 3543 – Pacific War	3	AMH 3130 - Rev. America	3
AMS 4811	3	AMH 3170 – Civil War & Reconst.	3
EUH 3411 – Ancient Rome	3	AMH 4254 – WWII Experience	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total	15	Total	15

Psychology (BA)

First awarded in 2024

Dr. Dickey, Program Coordinator

As a systematic study of human behavior and mental processes, psychology seeks to understand the fundamental questions of who we are as humans and why we do the things that we do by studying a variety of topics (e.g., personality, cognition, perception, learning, motivation, emotion) and applying them to diverse settings in health, business, education, counseling, and the community at large. In addition to objectively studying the varieties of human behavior, these topics also tend to self-reflection. As such, it is important that the study of psychology be grounded in the eternal truth of God as the Creator and man as the creature made in His image. At Florida College, each psychology course is embedded in a biblical worldview while also aiming at accurate, scientific knowledge. The BA in Psychology prepares students for graduate study and/or careers in a wide range of people-oriented professions (e.g., psychology, business, health services, law, business), which benefit from the important skills required by the study of psychology in a liberal arts college. These skills include problem-solving, critical thinking, introspection, empathy, and interpersonal communication as well as developing a systematic understanding of the causes of human behavior. To complete the BA in psychology students are required to satisfy both the daily Bible and the general education requirements including language. Taking lab courses in Biology is strongly recommended.

Entrance Requirements

The following minimum requirements will need to be accomplished for successful admission to the Psychology BA program:

- Completion of the 36-hour general education core, including Statistics, General Psychology, and the foreign language requirement – Minimum GPA 3.00; junior standing.
- Selection and assigning of a Psychology BA program academic advisor.

General Education Requirements

Each student will complete the 36-hour general education core, and two (2) hours of physical education classes. Two semesters of foreign language are required. Students should also complete at least one college level Biology course equivalent to BSC 2010. (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 PE activities courses.)

Language Requirement

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

Total Semester Hours

Completion of the BA in Psychology requires a total of 124 credit hours, 54 at the upper division level with at least a “C” in each course applied to the major.

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 Psychology majors this requirement may not be fulfilled with pass/fail courses.

Requirement for the Major in Psychology

This degree requires 36 hours of psychology courses (which may count the lower-level courses of PSY 1012 and CLP 2001) and which must include both PSY 3213 and PSY 3604 and at least two additional courses from each cluster of electives: a (applied) and b (theoretical).

Prerequisites (6 hours)

PSY 1012	General Psychology
STA 2023	Elementary Statistics

Recommended (4 hours)

BSC 2010 Biology I w/Lab

Required Core Courses (6 hours)

PSY 3213 Research Methods

PSY 3604 History and Systems

Upper Division Elective Courses (24 hours)

Applied (Minimum of 6 hours required)

CLP 3314 Health Psychology
CLP 4143 Abnormal Psychology
CLP 4414 Behavior Modification
DEP 4054 Developmental Psychology
INP 4004 Industrial/Organizational Psychology
PSY 3680 Positive Psychology
PSY 4832 Sport Psychology
PSY 4905 Independent Directed Study in Psychology
PSY 4930 Special Topics in Psychology
SOP 4004 Social Psychology
SOP 4450 Psychology of Religion
SOP 4723 Cultural Psychology
SPS 3004 Psychology in Schools

Theoretical/Experimental (Minimum of 6 hours required)

CLP 4433 Psychological Tests and Measurements
EXP 3404 Psychology of Learning
EXP 4204 Perception
EXP 4304 Motivation and Emotion
EXP 4680 Cognitive Psychology
PPE 4003 Psychology of Personality
PSB 3002 Physiological Psychology

Minor

Completion of the psychology degree also requires satisfactory completion of one of the approved minors at Florida College. All minors must be reviewed by either the program coordinator or department chair.

Quality of Work

A minimum grade point average of 2.5 overall on all upper-level work and at least a C in each course applied to the minor 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 Psychology.

Graduation Ceremony

Candidates must participate in graduation exercises in the year of completing their other requirements. Any exception must be cleared through the Provost.

RECOMMENDED PLAN FOR BA DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY (124 HOURS shown)

Fall – Year One	Hours	Spring – Year One	Hours
ENC 1101 – Freshman Composition I	3	ENC 1102 – Freshman Composition II	3
MAC 1105 – College Algebra	3	PE activity	1
PE activity	1	Social Science Elective	3
PSY 1012 – General Psychology	3	STA 2023 – Elementary Statistics	3
SPC 1608 – Public Speaking	3	SYG 2000 – Introduction to Sociology	3
REL 1210 – Hist. & Geog.: OT	2	REL 1240 – Hist. & Geog.: NT	2
TR Daily Bible	1	TR Daily Bible	1
Total	16	Total	16
Fall – Year Two	Hours	Spring – Year Two	Hours
BSC 2010 – General Biology I w/Lab	4	Foreign Language	4
Foreign Language	4	HLP 2081 – Health and Wellness	1
Humanities	3	LIT 2371 – OT Poetry & Wisdom	3
MWF Daily Bible	2	TR Daily Bible	1
TR Daily Bible	1	PSY 3213 – Research Methods	3
Minor - Prerequisite	3	Minor - Prerequisite	3
Total	17	Total	15
Fall – Year Three	Hours	Spring – Year Three	Hours
MWF Daily Bible	2	MWF Daily Bible	2
TR Daily Bible	1	TR Daily Bible	1
CLP 4433 – Psych Tests and Measure	3	CLP 4143 – Abnormal Psychology	3
EXP 4680 – Cognitive Psychology	3	INP 4004 – Ind/Org Psychology	3
SOP 4004 – Social Psychology	3	SOP 4450 Psychology of Religion	3
Minor	3	Minor	3
Total	15	Total	15
Fall – Year Four	Hours	Spring – Year Four	Hours
MWF Daily Bible	2	MWF Daily Bible	2
TR Daily Bible	1	TR Daily Bible	1
EXP 4204 - Perception	3	CLP 4414 – Behavior Modification	3
PPE 4003 – Psychology of Personality	3	PSB 3002 – Physiological Psychology	3
PSY 3604 – History and Systems	3	Minor	3
Minor	3	Elective	3
Total	15	Total	15