

III. HISTORY, POLITICS, and INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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Guidelines for Mathematical Sciences Courses

History and Public History majors. There is no specific math course required for the History major. Familiarity with digital technology is increasingly important for students in the humanities with new developments in the digital humanities majors. Students interested in pursuing digital applications in the humanities should consider taking courses in CIS. The introductory CIS courses to consider include:

CIS 171 Problem Solving with Computers focuses on using computers and software to create reports, images, spreadsheets, web pages, and databases.

CIS 180 Introduction to Computer and Information Science covers both technical and social aspects of computing, including privacy, security, reliability, and ethics.

CIS 181 Introduction to Computer Programming in Python is the introductory programming course for both majors and non-majors.

We recommend students with a History or Public History major enroll in MATH 101, MATH 102, MATH 107, or CIS 171 in their first year, unless they have had a pre-calculus course; then they should consider MATH 108. Statistical literacy is another important area of mathematical study, and STAT 269 introduces statistical methods and meets the QuEST requirement.

Politics and International Relations majors. Students interested in pursuing digital applications in the humanities should consider taking courses in CIS (listed above). For students interested in math, we strongly recommend students enroll in STAT 269. Students may alternately students enroll in MATH 101, MATH 102, or MATH 107 in their first year, unless they have had a pre-calculus course; then they should consider MATH 108.

Students with Advanced Placement credit:

Requirements for courses in mathematical sciences can be met through Advanced Placement exam credit. Students who have taken AP exams in calculus, computer science, or statistics should go to the math department's website (www.messiah.edu/departments/mathsci/courses/ap_credit.html) to find out how credit is awarded for your scores.

8 semester plan
History (B.A.)

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Course #	Course Name	Credits
First Year – Fall			First Year – Spring		
IDFY 101	First year seminar*	3	IDCR 151	Created and Called for Community*	3
Varies	1 st language requirement*	3	Varies	2 nd language requirement*	3
COMM 105	Foundations of Oral Communication*	3	Varies	Laboratory Science meeting QuEST*	3
HIST 201	Introduction to History	1	HIST 202	Historical Methods	3
HIST 2xx	1 st 200-level course	3	HIST 203	Effective Historical Writing	1
ENGL xxx	QuEST Literature*	3	HIST 2xx	2 nd 200-level course	3
		Total			16
					Total
					16-17
Sophomore – Fall			Sophomore – Spring		
LANG	3 rd language requirement*	3	varies	Art, Music, Theatre meeting QuEST*	3
varies	Mathematical Science meeting QuEST*	3	varies	Phil/Religion meeting QuEST*	3
HIST 2xx	3 rd 200-level course	3	BIBL 2xx	Knowledge of the Bible*	3
HIST 2xx	4 th 200-level course	3	HIST 3xx	First 300-level Seminar	3
Varies	Free elective	3	Varies	Free elective	3
		Total			15
					Total
					15
Junior – Fall			Junior – Spring		
THEO 2xx	QuEST Christian Beliefs*	3	Varies	Non-Western Studies*	3
HIST 3xx	2 nd 300-level seminar	3	WELL 1xx	Wellness*	1
HIST 3xx	3 rd 300-level seminar	3	HIST 3xx	Fourth 300-level seminar	3
Varies	Free Elective	3	Varies	Experiential learning (encouraged here)	0-1
Varies	Free Elective	3	Varies	Free Elective	3
			Varies	Free Elective	3
		Total			15
					Total
					15-16
Senior – Fall			Senior – Spring		
HIST 401	Senior Seminar	3	Hist 3xx	Sixth 300-level seminar	3
Varies	QuEST Ethics, Pluralism or Ethics*	3	Varies	QuEST Science, Tech & the World	3
HIST 3xx	Fifth 300-level seminar	3	Varies	Free elective	3
Varies	Free elective	3	Varies	Free elective	3
Varies	Free elective	3	Varies	Free elective	3
		Total			15
					Total
					15

* QuEST requirement

History (B.A.) with Secondary Social Studies Teaching Certification

Course #	Course name	Credits	Course #	Course name	Credits
First Year – Fall			First Year – Spring		
HIST 201	Introduction to History	1	HIST 202	Historical Methods	3
HIST 2xx	First 200-level course	3	HIST 203	Effective Historical Writing	1
IDFY 101	First Year Seminar*	3	HIST 2xx	Second 200-level course	3
COMM 105	Foundations of Oral Communication*	3	varies	1 st QuEST Mathematical Science*	3-4
varies	1 st semester foreign language*	3	IDCR 151	Created and Called for Community*	3
ENGL 1xx	ENGL 122 to ENGL 175*	3	varies	2 nd semester foreign language*	3
TOTAL			TOTAL		
16			16-17		
<i>Submit the three required security clearances (FBI, Child Abuse, Criminal) by 3/31. Complete Basic Skills requirement (PAPA or ETS CORE), if not exempt based on SAT/ACT scores, by end of summer after first year.</i>					
Sophomore – Fall			Sophomore – Spring		
HIST 2xx	3 rd 200-level course	3	HIST 3xx	1 st 300-level Seminar	3
HIST 2xx	4 th 200-level course	3	HIST 3xx	2 nd 300-level seminar	3
EDUC 203	Educational Psychology+	3	ECON 110/120	Principles of Macro OR Microeconomics	3
EDSP 207	Introduction to Special Education+	3	HDFS 311	Adolescent Develop (EDUC 203 prereq)	3
TEP 210	Sophomore Field Experience+	0	BIBL 20x	Bible*	3
varies	3 rd semester language*	3	Varies	2 nd QuEST Mathematical Science	3
WELL 1xx	Wellness*	1			
TOTAL			TOTAL		
16			18		
<i>These courses also offered in spring</i>			<i>Submit TEP application electronically by 3/31. Clearances completed last year must be <1 yr old.</i>		
Junior – Fall			Junior – Spring		
HIST 3xx	3 rd 300-level seminar	3	HIST 3xx	4 th 300-level seminar	3
HIST 390	Teaching History and Social Studies	3	Varies	QuEST Laboratory Science*	3-4
EDUC 208	Teaching English Language Learners+	3	Varies	QuEST Philosophy or Religion*	3
EDUC 331	Instructional Design and Assessment+	3	GEOG 103	Regional Geography of the World	3
EDSP 307	Inclusion Practice+	3	POLI 113	American Government	3
TEP 310	Junior Field Experience+	0	EDUC 346	Sociocultural Perspectives in Educ	3
TOTAL			TOTAL		
15			15		
<i>Submit Professional Semester application electronically by 1/15.</i>					
Senior – Fall			Senior – Spring		
HIST 401	Historiography and Philosophy of History	3	TEP 407	Student Teaching Seminar+	1
HIST 3xx	Fifth 300-level history	3	EDUC 420	Professional Issues in Education+	2
Varies	QuEST Science, Tech, & World*	3	TEP 410	Secondary Pre-Student Teaching Exp.+	0
Varies	QuEST Arts (ART, MUGE, THEA)*	3	TEP 435/439	Student Teaching: Secondary +	9
THEO 2xx	Christian Beliefs*	3			
<i>Take Praxis II exam summer prior to senior year and up to six weeks prior to graduation date.</i>					
TOTAL			TOTAL		
15			12		
<i>Apply for PA certification on or after May 1. No other courses may be taken in the Professional Semester.</i>					

* QuEST requirement

+ Note that these courses are co-requisite and should be taken during the same semester:

Public History (B.A.)

Course #	Course name	Credits	Course #	Course name	Credits
First Year – Fall			First Year – Spring		
HIST 201	Introduction to History	1	HIST 202	Historical Methods	3
HIST 2xx	First 200-level course	3	HIST 203	Effective Historical Writing	1
IDFY 101	First Year Seminar*	3	HIST 2xx	Second 200-level course	3
COMM 105	Foundations of Oral Communication*	3	varies	2 nd semester foreign language*	3
ENGL 1xx	QuEST Literature*	3	IDCR 151	Created and Called for Community*	3
varies	1 st semester foreign language*	3	Varies	QuEST Laboratory Science*	3-4
TOTAL		16	TOTAL		16-17
Sophomore – Fall			Sophomore – Spring		
HIST 2xx	Third 200-level course	3	HIST 393	Public History (1 st 300-level seminar)	3
HIST 294	Digital History (Fourth 200-level course)	3	Varies	QuEST Arts (ART, THEA, MUGE)*	3
Varies	QuEST non-western*	3	BIBL 20x	Knowledge of the Bible*	3
varies	3 rd semester language*	3	PHIL/RELI	QuEST Philosophy or Religion*	3
Varies	QuEST Mathematical Science	3-4	Varies	Free elective	3
TOTAL		15-16	TOTAL		15
Junior – Fall			Junior – Spring		
HIST 3xx	Second 300-level seminar	3	HIST 3xx	Fourth 300-level seminar	3
HIST 3xx	Third 300-level seminar	3	varies	Applied course for Public History major	3
WELL 1xx	Wellness*	1	Varies	1 st Experiential Learning/Internship	1
THEO 2xx	QuEST Christian Beliefs*	3	WELL 1xx	Wellness*	1
Varies	Free elective	3	Varies	Free elective	3
Varies	Free elective	3	Varies	Free elective	3
TOTAL		16	TOTAL		14
Senior – Fall			Senior – Spring		
HIST 401	Historiography and Philosophy of History	3	HIST 3xx	Fifth 300-level seminar	3
Varies	2 nd Experiential Learning/Internship	4	Varies	Science, Tech, & World*	3
Varies	Ethics, World View, or Pluralism*	3	Varies	Free elective	3
Varies	Free elective	3	Varies	Free elective	3
Varies	Free elective	3	Varies	Free elective	3
			Varies	Free elective (if needed to get to 123)	1
TOTAL		16	TOTAL		16

*Quest Requirement

Politics and International Relations with American Studies Concentration - EVEN
Even year start

Course #	Course name	Credits	Course #	Course name	Credits
First Year – Fall			First Year – Spring		
IDFY 101	First Year Seminar*	3	IDCR 151	Created and Called for Community*	3
COMM 105	Foundations of Oral Communication*	3	varies	2 nd semester foreign language*	3
varies	1 st semester foreign language*	3	Varies	QuEST Mathematical Science	3-4
POLI 212	International Politics	3	HIST xxx	QuEST U.S. History*	3
POLI 213	Comparative Politics	3	WELL 1xx	Wellness*	1
			POLI 113	American Government	3
TOTAL		15	TOTAL		16-17
Sophomore – Fall			Sophomore – Spring		
varies	3 rd semester language*	3	Varies	QuEST Laboratory Science*	3-4
ENGL 1xx	QuEST Literature*	3	PHIL/RELI	QuEST Philosophy or Religion*	3
BIBL 20x	Knowledge of the Bible*	3	POLI xxx	Politics elective	3
POLI 332	Congress	3	POLI 220	Parties and Elections**	3
Varies	Free elective	3	Varies	Free elective	3
Varies	Free elective	3			
TOTAL		18	TOTAL		15-16
Junior – Fall			Junior – Spring		
Varies	QuEST Christian Beliefs*	3	Varies	QuEST non-western*	3
Varies	QuEST Arts (ART, THEA, MUGE)*	3	POLI 243	Political Research Methods	3
POLI 240	American Presidency	3	POLI 334	Public Opinion & Political Socialization**	3
POLI 323	Public Policy	3	POLI 372 or INTE 391	Preparing for Public Service or Internship	3
Varies	Free elective	3	Varies	Free elective	3
TOTAL		18	TOTAL		15
Senior – Fall			Senior – Spring		
POLI 314	Constitutional Law* (Pluralism)	3	Varies	Science, Tech, & World*	3
Varies	Free elective	3	POLI 494	Politics Seminar	3
Varies	Free elective	3	Varies	Free elective	3
Varies	Free elective	3	Varies	Free elective	3
Varies	Free elective	3	Varies	Free elective	3
TOTAL		15	TOTAL		15

*QuEST requirement

**Take either POLI 220 OR POLI 334 to meet Political Forces requirement

Politics & International Relations with International Relations concentration ODD
Odd Year start

Course #	Course name	Credits	Course #	Course name	Credits
First Year – Fall			First Year – Spring		
IDFY 101	First Year Seminar*	3	IDCR 151	Created and Called for Community*	3
COMM 105	Foundations of Oral Communication*	3	varies	2 nd semester foreign language*	3
varies	1 st semester foreign language*	3	WELL 1xx	Wellness*	1
HIST xxx	QuEST History*	3	POLI 212	International Politics	3
Varies	QuEST Mathematical Science	3-4	POLI 213	Comparative Politics	3
			POLI 243	Political Research Methods	3
		TOTAL			15-16
					TOTAL
					16
Sophomore – Fall			Sophomore – Spring		
varies	3 rd semester language*	3	PHIL/RELI	QuEST Philosophy or Religion*	3
BIBL 20x	Knowledge of the Bible*	3	ENGL 1xx	QuEST Literature*	3
Varies	QuEST Laboratory Science*	3-4	ECON 220	Principles of Microeconomics	3
POLI xxx	1 st POLI regional expertise course	3	POLI 113	American Government	3
ECON 120	Principles of Macroeconomics	3	POLI 362	Theories of International Relations	3
Varies	Free elective	3			
		TOTAL			18
					TOTAL
					15
Junior – Fall			Junior – Spring		
Varies	QuEST Christian Beliefs*	3	Varies	QuEST non-western*	3
Varies	QuEST Arts (ART, THEA, MUGE)*	3	POLI xxx	3 rd POLI regional expertise course	3
POLI xxx	2 nd POLI regional expertise course	3	POLI xxx	2 nd POLI issue expertise course ¹	3
POLI xxx	1 st POLI issue expertise course ¹	3	Varies	Free elective	3
Varies	Free elective	3	Varies	Free elective	3
		TOTAL			15
					TOTAL
					15
Senior – Fall			Senior – Spring		
POLI xxx	3 rd POLI issue expertise course ¹	3	Varies	Science, Tech, & World*	3
Varies	Free elective	3	POLI 494	Politics Seminar	3
Varies	Free elective	3	Varies	Free elective	3
Varies	Free elective	3	Varies	Free elective	3
Varies	Free elective	3	Varies	Free elective	3
		TOTAL			15
					TOTAL
					15

*QuEST requirement

¹ Politics and International Relations majors may take any approved course that meets QuEST Ethics, Worldviews or Pluralism. However, within the issue area expertise block for the IR concentration, POLI 330 and POLI 366 meet QuEST Ethics.