

**First Semester Blueprint**  
**Department of History, Politics and International Relations**

When planning your first semester...

- Students should register for a minimum of 12 credits and no more than 16.
- All First-Year students are required to take First Year Seminar their first term. This is a required writing course, and each section focuses on a different topic for students to explore.
- **QuEST** (Qualities Essential for Student Transformation) courses are Messiah University's general education program completed by all students. Specific recommendations for your first semester are included on the blueprint.
- Students who have earned AP, CLEP, or IB credit should refer to the information provided here: [AP, CLEP, IB Credit](#).
- You can view the most up-to-date version of the schedule of classes by accessing [The View](#).

The First Semester Blueprint is your guide to course registration in your first semester. Click on your major to view the recommended courses (developed by your faculty) for your first semester at Messiah.

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**History (B.A.)**

Students <b>MUST</b> register for the following courses:		<u>Credits</u>
IDFY 101	First Year Seminar	3
HIST 201	Introduction to History	1
Students <b>SHOULD</b> register for <b>ONE</b> of the following courses:		
<a href="#">Language Course</a> (CHIN, GERM, FREN, SPAN)		3
HIST 205*	Ancient Greece <b>OR</b>	3
HIST 206	Ancient Rome <b>OR</b>	3
HIST 212	Medieval Europe <b>OR</b>	3
HIST 244*	Civil War America	3
<b>*There are seats reserved for your major in these courses. See <a href="#">The View</a> for CRN (CRN required to register for HIST 205, 206, 212, OR 244). Follow <a href="#">registration instructions</a> (page 6) to add courses to your schedule by CRN.</b>		
Students may <b>CONSIDER</b> registering for the following courses:		
COMM 105	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3
ENGL 124-176**	QuEST/GenEd: Literature	3

<b>Select</b> from the following <b>QuEST</b> options to complete your schedule:	<u>Credits</u>
Laboratory Science** (QuEST/GenEd: Lab Science)	3 or 4
Mathematical Science** (QuEST/GenEd: Math)	3 or 4

<b>Recommended total credits your first semester:</b>	<b>12-16 credits</b>
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**History with Secondary Social Studies Teaching Certification (B.A.)**

Students <b>MUST</b> register for the following courses:		<u>Credits</u>
IDFY 101	First Year Seminar	3
HIST 201	Introduction to History	1
Students <b>SHOULD</b> register for <b>ONE</b> of the following courses:		
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HIST 205*	Ancient Greece <b>OR</b>	3
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**Politics and International Relations (B.A.)**

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IDFY 101	First Year Seminar	3
COMM 105	Foundations of Oral Communication	3
POLI 212	International Politics	3
POLI 213	Comparative Politics	3
Students <b>SHOULD</b> register for:		
<a href="#">Language Course</a>	(CHIN, FREN, GERM, SPAN)	3

<b>Select</b> from the following <b>QuEST</b> options to complete your schedule:		<u>Credits</u>
European History or U.S. History* (QuEST/GenEd: Euro History or U.S. History)		3
Laboratory Science* (QuEST/GenEd: Lab Science)		3 or 4

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**Public History (B.A.)**

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IDFY 101	First Year Seminar	3
HIST 201	Introduction to History	1
Students <b>SHOULD</b> register for <b>ONE</b> of the following courses:		
<a href="#">Language Course</a> (CHIN, FREN, GERM, SPAN)		3
HIST 205*	Ancient Greece <b>OR</b>	3
HIST 206	Ancient Rome <b>OR</b>	3
HIST 212	Medieval Europe <b>OR</b>	
HIST 244*	Civil War America	3
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