

Minor Requirements

History Major with ISS Minor

Requirements for the history major are on Page 203.

Degree Requirements

General Education ¹	41
Foreign Language classes (intermediate level required) ²	0-14
Philosophy course (in addition to General Education courses)	3
Major requirements	37
Minor requirements (listed below)	18
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 2 The foreign language requirement may be satisfied by successful completion of the second semester of the intermediate level of the student's chosen language (typically 232), or by placing out of that language through the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures's placement test.

Political Science Major with ISS Minor

Requirements for the political science major are on Page 268.

Degree Requirements

General Education ¹	41
Foreign Language classes (intermediate level required) ²	0-14
Philosophy course (in addition to General Education courses)	3
Major requirements	33-35
Minor requirements (listed below)	18
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ISS Minor Requirements

To be licensed to teach secondary school social studies, the student must satisfactorily complete requirements for a baccalaureate degree in either history or political science and complete the ISS minor that is paired with that major. Courses taken for General Education credit may be double counted.

ISS for History Majors

Complete all of the following:	9
<i>G</i> POSC 225. U.S. Government (Must be completed for GenEd credit)	
Choose one:	
<i>G</i> ECON 200. Macroeconomics (may double count)	
ECON 201. Microeconomics	
Choose one:	
GEOG 280. Human Geography: The Cultural Landscape (should double count)	
<i>G</i> GEOG 200. The Global Dimension	
Choose one:	
GEOG 300 or 400 level	
ECON 200, 300 or 400 level	
Complete three of the following:	9
POSC 302. State and Local Government	
POSC 385. The U.S. Congress	
POSC 362. Political Behavior	
POSC 369. Political Parties and Elections	
POSC 370. U.S. Foreign Policy	
Total credits	<hr/> 18

ISS for Political Science Majors

Complete all of the following:	9
<i>G</i> POSC 225. U.S. Government (Must be completed for GenEd credit)	
Choose one:	
<i>G</i> ECON 200. Macroeconomics (may double count)	
ECON 201. Microeconomics	
Choose one:	
GEOG 280. Human Geography: The Cultural Landscape (should double count)	
<i>G</i> GEOG 200. The Global Dimension	
Choose one:	
GEOG 300 or 400 level	
ECON 200, 300 or 400 level	
Complete three of the following:	9
HIST 350. Virginia History	
HIST 362. U.S. Religious History	
HIST 356. Afro-American History Since 1865	
HIST 405. Travel and Exploration	
HIST 453. Patterns of Global History	
HIST 456. The Global Economy and Nationalism	
Total credits	<hr/> 18

International Humanities

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The minor in international humanities encourages students to explore the cultural environments of civilizations outside of the English-speaking world of Great Britain and the United States. Emphasis is on literature, history, art and religion, with opportunities for additional studies in philosophy and music. Studies Abroad students are encouraged to discuss possible substitutions with the coordinator. The requirement for successful completion of the minor is 24 credit hours.

All students are required to complete six credit hours from the Gateway courses. Students then complete a minimum of nine credit hours in Concentration One. The remaining nine credit hours may be selected from among courses in Concentration One and/or Concentration Two. The courses selected must represent four disciplines. Only six credits from a student's major discipline may be double-counted in the minor concentrations. Students may select one 200 level course beyond the gateway requirement; all other courses must be at the 300-400 level. With the approval of the coordinator, one course from the electives list or a selected topics course from one of the participating disciplines may be substituted for a course in the concentrations.

For further information and a complete list of the courses in each concentration, contact the coordinator.

Required Courses	Credit Hours
Gateway Requirement¹	
Select one:	3
<i>G</i> ENG 239. Studies in World Literature	
<i>G</i> ARTH 205. Survey of World Art: Prehistoric to Renaissance	
<i>G</i> ARTH 206. Survey of World Art: Renaissance to Modern	
Select one:	3
<i>G</i> HIST 101. World History to 1500	
<i>G</i> HIST 102. World History Since 1500	
<i>G</i> REL 101. Religions of the World	
<i>G</i> PHIL 101. Introduction to Philosophy	

Concentration One

Select courses from the literature, history, art, philosophy and religion of Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America 9-18

Concentration Two

Select courses from the literature, history, art, philosophy and religion of Europe 0-9

Approved Elective 0-3
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¹ The two courses selected to complete the Gateway requirement may double-count in General Education Cluster Two.

Latin American Studies

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This interdisciplinary minor helps students to acquire a deeper understanding of Latin America. All Latin American studies minors must attain proficiency in Spanish at or above the intermediate level (SPAN 232 or equivalent). In addition to the language requirement, the Latin American studies minor consists of 18 approved credit hours. Across those 18 credits, students must select courses in at least three different disciplines. Participants in the minor are encouraged to explore the possibility of studying in a Latin American country for a semester or summer session. See <https://caal.jmu.edu/latinamerica/LASminor.htm> for changes in required courses.

Credit Hours

Complete two courses from among the following: 6

ANTH 265. Peoples and Cultures of Latin America and the Caribbean

GHUM 252. Cross Cultural Perspectives: Latin American Cultures

GEOG 337. Geography of Latin America

POSC 350. Latin American Politics

SPAN 308. Latin American Civilization

Complete four additional courses from among the following: 12

ANTH 265. Peoples and Cultures of Latin America and the Caribbean

ANTH 325. Aztec, Maya and Their Predecessors

ANTH/SOCI 352. Birth, Death, Sex: Exploring Demography

ANTH 364. U.S./Latin American Borders

ANTH 391. Study Abroad¹

ANTH 395. Special Topics in Anthropology¹

ANTH/HIST 436. Afro-Latin America

ANTH 490. Special Studies in Anthropology¹

ARTH 484. Art of the Americas

ECON 270. International Economics

ECON 312. Comparative Economic Systems

ECON 365. Economic Development

ECON 372. International Finance and Payments

ECON 490. Special Studies in Economics¹

GEOG 337. Geography of Latin America

GEOG 490. Senior Project II¹

GHUM 252. Cross Cultural Perspectives: Latin American Cultures

HIST 341. Selected Themes in World History¹

HIST 391. Travel Studies Seminar¹

HIST 395. History Seminar¹

HIST 399. Special Studies in History¹

HIST 444. Revolution and Social Change in Latin America

HIST 445. Latin America and the United States

HIST 447. South America

HIST 448. Colonial Gender in Latin America

HIST 489. Selected Topics in World History¹

POSC 350. Latin American Politics

POSC 371. Topics in Comparative Politics¹

POSC 397. The Politics of International Economic Relations

REL 380. Contemporary Theologies

REL 450. Religion and Society

SOCI 391. Study Abroad¹

SOCI 490. Special Studies in Sociology¹

SPAN 300. Spanish Grammar and Communication

SPAN 308. Latin American Civilization

SPAN 320. Spanish Oral and Written Communication

SPAN 330. Business Spanish

SPAN 385. Latin American Drama and Short Stories

SPAN 395. Latin American Poetry of the 20th Century

SPAN 408. Aspects of Latin American Civilization

SPAN 415. The Spanish-American Novel

SPAN 465. Cinema and Literature

SPAN 446. Special Topics in Linguistics, Literature or Civilization¹

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¹ This is a special topics or special studies course. It may count for the minor, but only if it deals with Latin America. Contact the coordinator for approval if you are interested in taking this course as part of the Latin American studies minor.

Medieval and Renaissance Studies

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The Medieval and Renaissance Studies minor focuses on the period from the fall of Rome (5th century C.E.) to 1700. The minor allows students to take courses in art history, English, history, music, philosophy, political science, religion, and a range of languages (Arabic, French, Spanish, German, Italian and Latin as well as medieval languages such as Old English and Middle English) in the original or in the translation. Students focus on either the Medieval or the Renaissance periods or combine course work from both periods.

The minor requires 18 credits total from the list below, with the following restrictions. First, the 18 credit hours must include courses from at least three distinct disciplines. Note that all foreign language courses (ARAB, FR, GER, ITAL and LAT) fall into the single discipline of Foreign Languages and Literatures. Second, at least four of the six required classes must be taken from the intermediate or advanced categories. It is recommended that students take one introductory course before taking the 300 or 400 level classes.

Other courses with significant medieval and/or renaissance content may be counted toward the minor with the approval of the minor adviser. In addition, students interested in pursuing a three credit hour focused individual research project should contact individual faculty members with whom they might wish to work to determine the feasibility of the option in their particular cases. Only one such independent study will count toward the minor.

Approval of the minor adviser will also be required in the following two cases. First, courses preceded by an asterisk (ENG 302, ENG 410, ENG 412, FR 446, GHUM 200, GHUM 250, GHUM 252, HIST 489, ITAL/ENG 437, PHIL 460 and REL 300) will count toward the minor only if their content is focused on the medieval and/or renaissance periods. Second, because the content of GHUM 200, GHUM 250 and GHUM 252 will vary, the minor adviser will determine the appropriate disciplinary category for such courses.

Introductory Courses