

HISTORY AND POLITICAL THOUGHT, MINOR (0013)

Western Sydney University Minor Code: 0013

Previous Code: SM1145.1

Available to students in other Western Sydney University

Programs: Yes. Check that your program has the available credit points required to complete the subjects in this field of study. Any requisite requirements must also be met. Consult your Program Advisor for further advice.

Since the revival of humanist thought in the Renaissance, universities have placed studies in history and political thought at the centre of intellectual inquiry. History and politics have always examined contentious issues. Students learn to deal with conflicting information, appreciate the different ways societies have resolved issues in the past and develop skills that enable them to become responsible and active citizens. The History and Political Thought minor requires students to select two of four compulsory subjects which introduce the student to historical periods from the Ancient World to the 20th century, culminating in a capstone subject that discusses the development of historical methodology from ancient times to the present. The remaining two subjects can be selected from a pool that encompasses political thought and historical developments across time and space, enabling students to select fields of particular interest.

Location

| Campus | Mode | Advice |
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| Bankstown Campus | Internal | enquiriesHCA@uws.edu.au |
| Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road | Internal | enquiriesHCA@uws.edu.au |
| Penrith Campus | Internal | enquiriesHCA@uws.edu.au |

Minor Structure

Students must successfully complete 40 credit points as follows.

Select two of the following subjects:

| Subject | Title | Credit Points |
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| HUMN 3104 | Historical Methodologies | 10 |
| HUMN 2067 | History of the Ancient World | 10 |
| HUMN 1039 | Modern European History and Politics | 10 |
| HUMN 1054 | When Worlds Collide: European Empires and the World, c.1600-1950 | 10 |

Students may also complete up to two subjects from the following subject pools.

Note: Not all Level 2 and 3 pool subjects will be offered each year. Subjects will be offered on a rotational basis.

| Subject | Title | Credit Points |
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| Level 2 Subject Pool | | |
| HUMN 2001 | A History of Modern Global Buddhism | 10 |
| HUMN 2011 | Ancient Western Culture: Periclean Athens | 10 |
| LANG 2015 | Cultural History of Books and Reading | 10 |
| HUMN 2034 | Keeping the Past | 10 |
| HUMN 2039 | Political Terror | 10 |
| HUMN 2040 | Politics of Sex and Gender | 10 |

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| PHIL 2010 | The Ethical Life | 10 |
| PHIL 2017 | Western Political Philosophy | 10 |
| Level 3 Subject Pool | | |
| POLI 3004 | American Foreign Policy Since 1945 | 10 |
| HUMN 3013 | Australian Colonial History | 10 |
| HUMN 3015 | Australian History Around Us | 10 |
| HUMN 3017 | Australian Indigenous History from Federation to Reconciliation | 10 |
| HUMN 3018 | Australian Indigenous History: From first contact to 'dying race' | 10 |
| HUMN 3019 | Britain in the Age of Botany Bay, 1760-1815 | 10 |
| HUMN 3109 | Catastrophe: The Environmental History of the Ancient World | 10 |
| HUMN 3024 | Comparative Nationalism | 10 |
| HUMN 3026 | Convicts and Settlers - Australian History 1788 - 1840 | 10 |
| POLI 3005 | Democracy in Asia | 10 |
| HUMN 3032 | Dictators, Democrats and Dreamers: Indonesia 1942 to now | 10 |
| HUMN 3035 | Enlightenment and Revolution | 10 |
| HUMN 3036 | Ethics in Historical Perspective | 10 |
| HUMN 3039 | Food: A Cultural History | 10 |
| HUMN 3040 | From Vindication to Liberation: A Comparative History of Feminism | 10 |
| HUMN 3042 | Global Politics | 10 |
| HUMN 3105 | History of Religion | 10 |
| HUMN 3048 | History of Sexuality | 10 |
| HUMN 3046 | History of Modern China to 1949 | 10 |
| HUMN 3047 | History of Muslim Civilisations and Ideas | 10 |
| HUMN 3111 | History of the People's Republic of China | 10 |
| HUMN 3051 | Human Rights and Culture | 10 |
| POLI 3009 | Looking at Global Politics Through Film | 10 |
| HUMN 3115 | Medieval Europe from the Fall of the Roman Empire to the Reformation | 10 |
| HUMN 3060 | Modern Japanese History | 10 |
| HUMN 3061 | Mystical Islam: The Emergence of Sufism in World History | 10 |
| HUMN 3062 | Napoleon: the Making of a Legend | 10 |
| PHIL 3015 | Philosophy of History | 10 |
| POLI 3010 | Politics of Post-War Japan | 10 |
| HUMN 3064 | Politics, Power and Resistance | 10 |
| HUMN 3076 | Sultans, Colonists and Nationalists: Indonesia C1200-1942 | 10 |
| HUMN 3080 | The History of Southeast Asia | 10 |
| HUMN 3081 | The International Relations of the Middle East Since 1945 | 10 |
| POLI 3012 | The Politics of Civilisation | 10 |
| CULT 3021 | Theories of Authority | 10 |
| HUMN 3084 | Theories of Conflict and Violence | 10 |
| HUMN 3087 | Twentieth Century Australia | 10 |
| HUMN 3088 | Understanding Freedom | 10 |
| HUMN 3090 | Understanding Power | 10 |
| HUMN 3093 | War | 10 |
| HUMN 3094 | War and Society in the Twentieth Century | 10 |
| HUMN 3092 | WWII in Asia and the Pacific | 10 |
| HUMN 3096 | What is the Human? | 10 |

Equivalent Minor Subjects

The subjects listed below count towards completion of this minor for students who successfully completed these subjects in 2021 or earlier.

HUMN 3010 - American History, 1898-1945, no longer offered.

HUMN 3038 - Exploring Local History, replaced by HUMN 3015 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2021-2022/search/?P=HUMN%203015>) Australian History Around Us

HUMN 2043 - Religion and the Origins of Modern Science, no longer offered.

HUMN 3074 - Social and Political Developments in Contemporary China, replaced by HUMN 3111 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2021-2022/search/?P=HUMN%203111>) History of the People's Republic of China

POLI 3013 - United States Government and Politics, no longer offered.

HUMN 3095 - Warlords, Artists and Emperors: Power and Authority in Japanese History, no longer offered.

Related Programs

Bachelor of Arts (1706) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2021-2022/programs/bachelor-arts/>)

Bachelor of Arts (Dean's Scholars) (1655) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2021-2022/programs/bachelor-arts-deans-scholars/>)

Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Primary) (1651) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2021-2022/programs/bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-primary/>)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Business (1818) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2021-2022/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-business/>)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Creative Industries (1842) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2021-2022/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-creative-industries/>)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Social Science (1808) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2021-2022/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-social-science/>)

Bachelor of Communication (1696) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2021-2022/programs/bachelor-communication/>)

Bachelor of Information and Communications Technology/Bachelor of Arts (3654) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2021-2022/programs/bachelor-information-communications-technology-bachelor-arts/>)

Diploma in Arts/Bachelor of Arts (6005) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2021-2022/programs/diploma-arts-bachelor-arts/>)