

B.A. History, International Relations, and Public Policy

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This is the degree for students who like history, government, foreign affairs, and policymaking, but who don't necessarily want to teach. While the mix of topics in this degree may seem eclectic, it really is not. Political history is made of policy decisions, whether in the foreign policy realm or domestic. In this major, students get to study all types of policies at the federal, state, and local levels. Internships give them a chance to get actual experience in government, non-profit, NGO, and even political campaign situations. (And you never know, you might decide you want to teach!)

Job Market

There are many job opportunities under the umbrella of this major. Depending on what type of career you choose might --

- Analyze relations between the United States and foreign countries
- Use qualitative sources, such as historical documents, to develop theories
- Use quantitative methods, such as statistical analysis, to test theories
- Evaluate the effects of policies and laws on government, businesses, and people
- Work for local, state, or federal government agencies
- Manage non-profit or non-governmental organizations

Job Outlook

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics groups job options for this major under "Social Sciences and Related Fields." That confirms that there are all kinds of choices out there. Job growth ranges from 10% to 14% per year.

Earnings

Yearly earnings vary widely. Again from the U.S. BLS, here are some examples: federal executive branch jobs, \$85,284; colleges and universities, \$60,000; public policy professionals, \$57,000; international affairs professionals, \$52,000-\$100,000.



Required Courses

Item #	Title	Credits
HIST 112	United States History from 1865	3
HIST 201	Historical Methods: Research and Historiography	3
HIST 226	World Civilizations II	3
HIST 242	Historical and Political Geography	3
HIST 320	American International Relations	3
HIST 425	Executive Leadership	3
	Topical Histories	6
	Sub-Total Credits	24

Political Science

Item #	Title	Credits
POLS 211	National and Texas Constitutions	3
POLS 220	Introduction to Public Policy	3
	Sub-Total Credits	6

Internship

Item #	Title	Credits
	HIST 492 or POLS 492	3
	Sub-Total Credits	3

Portfolio

Item #	Title	Credits
HIST 475	Portfolio Development	1
	Sub-Total Credits	1

Required Cognates

Item #	Title	Credits
ECON 211	Macroeconomics	3
	BUAD 211 or BUAD 453	3
	BUAD 460 or COMM 431	3
SOCI 111	Introduction to Sociology	3
	Sub-Total Credits	12

Sample 4 Year Curriculum

General Education Requirements

To view general education requirements for this major please visit: <https://catalog.swau.edu/core-curriculum-for-a-bachelors-degree>

First Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	Beginning Language Requirement	4
ENGL 121	Freshman Composition	3
HIST 111	United States History to 1865	3
	Mathematics GE Curriculum Guide	3
UNIV 111	Wellness for Life	2
	Sub-Total Credits	15

First Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	Beginning Language Requirement	4
	Fine Arts GE Curriculum Guide	3
HIST 112	United States History from 1865	3
	Religion GE Curriculum Guide	3
	Sub-Total Credits	13

Second Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ECON 211	Macroeconomics	3
ENGL 220	Research Writing	3
HIST 225	World Civilizations I	3
	Intermediate Language Requirement	3
	Kinesiology GE Curriculum Guide	1
POLS 220	Introduction to Public Policy	3
	Sub-Total Credits	16

Second Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
COMM 111	Speech	3
HIST 201	Historical Methods: Research and Historiography	3
HIST 226	World Civilizations II	3
	Intermediate Language Requirement	3
	Life and Physical Science GE Curriculum Guide	4
	Sub-Total Credits	16

Third Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
HIST 320	American International Relations	3
	Life and Physical Science GE Curriculum Guide	4
	Literature GE Curriculum Guide	3
POLS 211	National and Texas Constitutions	3
	Religion GE Curriculum Guide	3
	Sub-Total Credits	16

Third Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
HIST 242	Historical and Political Geography	3
	HIST Electives for Curriculum Guides	3
	Kinesiology GE Curriculum Guide	1
	Minor Elective	3
	Minor Elective	3
SOCI 111	Introduction to Sociology	3
	Sub-Total Credits	16

Fourth Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
BUAD 453	Cross-Cultural Studies	3
HIST 475	Portfolio Development	1
	HIST Electives for Curriculum Guides	3
	Minor Elective	3
	Minor Elective	3
	Religion GE Curriculum Guide	3
	Sub-Total Credits	16

Fourth Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
BUAD 211	Profiles of Entrepreneurship	3
HIST 425	Executive Leadership	3
HIST 492	History/Social Science Internship	1-3
	Minor Elective	3
	Minor Elective	3
	Religion GE Curriculum Guide	3
	Sub-Total Credits	16-18

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