

# HISTORY AND POLITICAL THOUGHT, MAJOR (0013)

Western Sydney University Major Code: 0013

Previous Code: M1137.1

## 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 exploring what it is to be human. At the heart of the History and Political Thought major are four compulsory subjects which introduce the student to the modern (since 1500) history of humanity. Although Europe is very prominent in the Major, the student will be invited to compare its history to the histories of Asia, Africa and the Americas. The Major culminates in a capstone subject in students' final semester discussing historical theories and methods. A wide range of elective subjects covers European, American, Australian and Asian history and political thought and includes thematic subjects which range widely over time and place.

## Location

Campus	Mode	Advice	Credit Points
Bankstown City Campus	Internal	enquiriesHCA@uws.edu.au	10
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Internal	enquiriesHCA@uws.edu.au	10
Penrith Campus	Internal	enquiriesHCA@uws.edu.au	10

## Major Structure 2023

Students must successfully complete 80 credit points from the subjects listed below.

Students must complete the following compulsory subjects.

Subject	Title	Credit Points	
HUMN 3104	Historical Methodologies	10	HUMN 3051 Human Rights and Culture
HUMN 2067	History of the Ancient World	10	POLI 3009 Looking at Global Politics Through Film
HUMN 1039	Modern European History and Politics	10	HUMN 3115 Medieval Europe from the Fall of the Roman Empire to the Reformation
HUMN 1054	When Worlds Collide: European Empires and the World, c.1600-1950	10	HUMN 3060 Modern Japanese History

<b>Total Credit Points</b>	<b>40</b>	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

Students must also complete four subjects from the following pools with a minimum of two subjects at Level 3.	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

HUMN 2001	A History of Modern Global Buddhism	10	CULT 3021 Theories of Authority	10
HUMN 2011	Ancient Western Culture: Periclean Athens	10	HUMN 3084 Theories of Conflict and Violence	10
LANG 2015	Cultural History of Books and Reading	10	HUMN 3087 Twentieth Century Australia	10
HUMN 2034	Keeping the Past	10	HUMN 3088 Understanding Freedom	10

HUMN 3090	Understanding Power	10	HUMN 3017	Australian Indigenous History from Federation to Reconciliation	10
HUMN 3093	War	10	HUMN 3018	Australian Indigenous History: From first contact to 'dying race'	10
HUMN 3094	War and Society in the Twentieth Century	10	HUMN 3019	Britain in the Age of Botany Bay, 1760-1815	10
HUMN 3092	WWII in Asia and the Pacific	10	HUMN 3109	Catastrophe: The Environmental History of the Ancient World	10
HUMN 3096	What is the Human?	10	HUMN 3024	Comparative Nationalism	10

### Equivalent Major Subjects

The subjects listed below count towards completion of this major for students who successfully completed the subjects in 2019 or earlier.

HUMN 3010 - American History, 1898-1945, no longer offered.  
 HUMN 3038 - Exploring Local History, replaced by HUMN 3015 Australian History Around Us  
 BEHV 3013 - Humanities Internship, no longer offered as part of this major.  
 HUMN 3053 - International Study Tours, no longer offered as part of this major.  
 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/2023-2024/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.

## Major Structure 2024

Students must complete eight subjects (80 credit points) as follows

Students must complete the following compulsory subjects.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
HUMN 1054	When Worlds Collide: European Empires and the World, c.1600-1950	10
HUMN 1039	Modern European History and Politics	10
HUMN 2067	History of the Ancient World	10
HUMN 3104	Historical Methodologies	10
<b>Total Credit Points</b>	<b>40</b>	

Students must also complete four subjects from the following pools with a minimum of two subjects at Level 3.

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
<b>Level 2 Subject Pool</b>		
HUMN 2011	Ancient Western Culture: Periclean Athens	10
LANG 2015	Cultural History of Books and Reading	10
HUMN 2034	Keeping the Past	10
HUMN 2074	Origins of the Secular West	10
HUMN 2039	Political Terror	10
HUMN 2040	Politics of Sex and Gender	10
HUMN 2075	Sports History in Global Perspective	10
PHIL 2010	The Ethical Life	10
PHIL 2017	Western Political Philosophy	10
<b>Level 3 Subject Pool</b>		
POLI 3004	American Foreign Policy Since 1945	10
HUMN 3013	Australian Colonial History	10
HUMN 3015	Australian History Around Us	10

## Related Programs

Bachelor of Arts (1706) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/programs/bachelor-arts/>)

Bachelor of Arts (Dean's Scholars) (1655) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/programs/bachelor-arts-deans-scholars/>)

Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Birth - 5/Birth - 12) (1708) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/programs/bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-birth-5-birth-12/>)

Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Primary) (1651) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/programs/bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-primary/>)

Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Primary) Dean's Scholars (1822) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/programs/bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-primary-deans-scholars/>)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Business (1818) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-business/>)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Creative Industries (1842) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-creative-industries/>)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws (2537) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-laws/>)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Social Science (1808) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-social-science/>)

Bachelor of Information and Communications Technology/Bachelor of Arts (3654) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/programs/bachelor-information-communications-technology-bachelor-arts/>)

Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts (3763) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/programs/bachelor-science-bachelor-arts/>)

Diploma in Arts/Bachelor of Arts (6005) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/programs/diploma-arts-bachelor-arts/>)