

# 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 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
Bankstown City Campus	Internal	enquiriesHCA@uws.edu.au
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Internal	enquiriesHCA@uws.edu.au
Penrith Campus	Internal	enquiriesHCA@uws.edu.au

## Minor Structure Current

This structure applies to students who commenced in 2024 or later. If you commenced prior to 2024 please refer to the Structure 2023 tab for details.

Students must complete four subjects (40 credit points).

Complete two of the 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 may also complete up to 2 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
<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

### 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 3035	Enlightenment and Revolution	10
HUMN 3036	Ethics in Historical Perspective	10
HUMN 3040	From Vindication to Liberation: A Comparative History of Feminism	10
HUMN 3042	Global Politics	10
HUMN 3046	History of Modern China to 1949	10
HUMN 3047	History of Muslim Civilisations and Ideas	10
HUMN 3105	History of Religion	10
HUMN 3048	History of Genders and Sexualities	10
HUMN 3111	History of the People's Republic of China	10
HUMN 3051	Human Rights and Culture	10
POLI 3006	International Organisations and Global Governance	10
POLI 3007	International Relations of Southeast Asia	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 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 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 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

## Minor Structure 2023

If you commenced in 2024 or later please refer to the Structure Current tab for details.

Students must successfully complete 40 credit points as follows.

Select two of the following subjects:

Subject	Title	Credit Points
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
<b>Level 2 Subject Pool</b>		
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 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
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 Genders and Sexualities	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/2024-2025/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/2024-2025/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/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts/>)

Bachelor of Arts (Dean's Scholars) (1655) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-deans-scholars/>)

Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Primary) (1651) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-primary/>)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Business (1818) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-business/>)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Creative Industries (1842) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-creative-industries/>)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Social Science (1808) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-social-science/>)

Bachelor of Communication (1696) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-communication/>)

Bachelor of Information and Communications Technology/Bachelor of Arts (3654) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-information-communications-technology-bachelor-arts/>)

Diploma in Arts/Bachelor of Arts (6005) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/diploma-arts-bachelor-arts/>)