

Political History and Leadership, Certificate

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Description

The certificate program in political history and leadership provides students with a strong foundation in the history of politics and political thought, with a special emphasis on the role of leadership and citizenship. Students come to understand the complexities of real decision-making beyond the abstractions. The program prepares students for leadership in their careers.

Required courses combine academic study and mentoring contact with political, media and business leaders from the wider Phoenix area and Arizona communities, while electives drawn from a variety of disciplines are used to broaden the scope of emphasis.

The program offers scholarship and internship or job placement opportunities.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)

Program requirements

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The certificate requires 15 credit hours, of which at least 12 must be upper-division. At least six upper-division hours must be completed in courses offered by The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

All courses must be completed in residence at ASU and with a grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher.

Required Courses -- 6 credit hours

[HST 112 / POS 112: Foundations of Democracy \(CIVI OR HU\)](#) (3)

[HST 414 / POS 414: Political History and Leadership](#) (3)

Elective Courses (choose three) -- 9 credit hours

Choose 9 hours of upper-division electives from the list below.

[AFR 330 / JUS 330: Survey of African American Politics \(SB & H\)](#) (3)

[CEL 304 / ECN 304: Classical to Modern Economic Thought](#) (3)

[CEL 305: Classical Political Statecraft](#) (3)

[CEL 320: Modern Political Thought: Origins and Debates about Modern Liberty \(CIVI OR HU\)](#) (3)

[CEL 345: Modern Economic Classics](#) (3)

[CEL 350: Philosophy, Politics and Economics \(SOBE OR SB\)](#) (3)

[CEL 375: Politics and Leadership in the Age of Revolutions, 1776-1826](#) (3)

[HST 302: History of Money](#) (3)

[HST 306: American Political Conspiracy](#) (3)

[HST 306: Civil Rights to Black Lives Matter](#) (3)

[HST 306: Debating American Liberty](#) (3)

[HST 306: Debating the Constitution](#) (3)

[HST 306: Jacksonian America: Power & Politics in US 1828-61](#) (3)

[HST 306: Liberal Revolution](#) (3)

[HST 306: The Civil War in Global Perspective](#) (3)

[HST 306: The U.S. Presidency](#) (3)

[HST 315: Political History of the U. S.](#) (3)

[HST 317 / POS 317: History of Postwar U.S. Conservatism](#) (3)

[HST 321: Constitutional History/US to 1865 \(SB & H\)](#) (3)

[HST 322: Constitutional History of the United States Since 1865 \(H\)](#) (3)

[HST 323 / AFR 335 / TCL 335: Historical Studies in Race, Crime, and the Law](#) (3)

[HST 327: Women in U.S. History, 1600 to 1880 \(HUAD OR \(HU or SB\) & C & H\)](#) (3)

[HST 328: Women in U.S. History, 1880-1980 \(HUAD OR \(HU or SB\) & C & H\)](#) (3)

[HST 334 / AFR 364: African American History Since 1865 \(HUAD OR \(HU or SB\) & C & H\)](#) (3)

[HST 354: Revolutionary Europe \(GCSI OR SB & H\)](#) (3)

[HST 356: Europe since 1945 \(SB & G & H\)](#) (3)

[HST 370: Eastern Europe in Transition \(SB & G & H\)](#) (3)

[HST 374 / LAT 374 / SLC 374: Roman History II: The Roman Empire \(GCSI OR HU & H\)](#) (3)

[HST 405: Colonial American History to 1763 \(SB & H\)](#) (3)

[HST 406: American Revolution/1763-1789 \(SB & H\)](#) (3)

[HST 407: Early U.S. Republic/1789-1850 \(\(L or SB\) & H\)](#) (3)

[HST 408: Civil War and Reconstruction \(HUAD OR H\)](#) (3)

[HST 412: Contemporary U.S., 1973- Present \(SB & H\)](#) (3)

[HST 426: The British Empire \(H\)](#) (3)

[HST 427: French Revolution/Napoleonic Era \(SB & H\)](#) (3)

HST 435: Russian Empire: From Ivan the Terrible to 1917 (SB & H) (3)
HST 439: Athenian Democracy (CIVI OR H) (3)
PHI 307: Philosophy of Law (AMIT OR HU) (3)
PHI 328: History of Ancient Philosophy (GCSI OR HU & H) (3)
PHI 329: History of Modern Philosophy (GCSI OR HU & H) (3)
PHI 335: History of Ethics (GCSI OR HU) (3)
PHI 336: Social and Political Philosophy (HU) (3)
PHI 347: Philosophical Theories of Constitutional Law (3)
PHI 401: Rationalism (3)
PHI 402: Empiricism (3)
POS 310: American National Government (AMIT OR SB) (3)
POS 313: The Congress (AMIT OR SB) (3)
POS 314: The American Presidency (AMIT OR SB) (3)
POS 315: The Supreme Court (SB) (3)
POS 316: American Political Institutions (AMIT) (3)
POS 332: American Political Parties (SB) (3)
POS 340: History of Political Philosophy I (HU) (3)
POS 341: History of Political Philosophy II (HU) (3)
POS 342: Political Theory (HU or SB) (3)
POS 346: Problems of Democracy (HUAD OR HU) (3)
POS 352: European Democracies (3)
POS 356: European Union (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)
POS 417: Arizona Politics (SB) (3)
POS 435: Women and Politics (SOBE OR SB & C) (3)
POS 442: American Political Thought (HUAD OR HU) (3)
POS 470: Law and the Political Order (SB) (3)
POS 471: Constitutional Law I (AMIT OR SB) (3)
POS 472: Constitutional Law II (SB) (3)
POS 475: Morality and Politics (3)
POS 485: Political Economy (SOBE OR SB) (3)
REL 388 / POS 388: Religion, Ethics, and International Politics (CIVI) (3)
WST 440: Politics of Women's Health (CIVI OR SB & C) (3)

Additional upper-division courses with relevant content may be used with the approval of the certificate co-directors.

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

Enrollment requirements

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student

already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Students will analyze ideas and questions raised by major political thinkers writing about democracy.
- Students will analyze major themes and ideas found in an array of primary sources on a topic related to political leadership in history.
- Students will demonstrate the practical skills necessary in policy-making, administration and organization, informed all the while by fundamental principles of democracy and republicanism.

Career opportunities

Students become more marketable to employers and advance their career options when they have complemented their major program of study with this specialization in political history and leadership.

Students who complete this certificate often pursue employment as military officers, governor's office staff, members of congress, city council officials, county prosecutors, financial advisors and campaign strategists. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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