History, Political Science, and Criminal Justice

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Requirements

Prerequisites:
- CJS: MAT115 or MAT144; CJS113 is strongly recommended as a prerequisite to upper division CJS coursework
- POL: POL213
- HIS: none

Core:
- Lower Division (100 and 200 level courses which should be taken Freshman year or ASAP)
- Upper Division (300 and 400 level courses)
- Major Electives (courses which may be chosen from a list or another specific set of options)

Concentration:
- Not required for any of these 3 majors; Political Science offers an optional concentration in Public Administration.
History: Course Order

• The lower division coursework will provide a foundation for the upper division coursework and it is recommended, though not required, that you complete the lower division courses first.

• Most upper division History courses are offered on a two year rotating basis. If you have specific areas of interest that you want to study, it will be worth your while to check when the classes that you want to take will be offered and plan to take them then. (Course offering schedules can be found in the course descriptions).
Note:

HIS490 and HIS499 should NOT be taken at the same time!

HIS499 is your Senior Project and should be taken in your final semester. HIS490 is offered in Fall semesters so plan to take it before your final semester. (If you have questions about this, it is recommended that you speak with Dr. Anacker, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences).
If I’m considering the **HISTORY** major, which classes would also work as General Education (GE) requirements?

- Your General Education requirements include two History courses: one U.S. History and one Non-U.S. History.

- Good U.S. History options:
  - HIS213, 223, 311, 383, 393, 443, 472, 474, 476, 478

- Good Non-U.S. History options:
  - HUM213, 223, HIS315, 325, 415, 423
Tip…

Both the History major and the History GE requirements allow for flexibility in the courses you take. Look at course descriptions to be sure you are choosing courses that look interesting to you. Many of these listed are not “easy” courses but are enjoyable if you are interested in them.
Political Science: Course Order

• POL213 & POL223 are prerequisite to some upper division Political Science courses and provide foundational information for majors. It is strongly recommended that you complete POL213 and POL223 before beginning your upper division major courses.
• POL majors not doing the optional Public Administration Concentration must take 12.0 units from POL390, 423, 425, 427, 429, and 483.

**NOTE:** Each of these courses is only offered once every two years! In order to complete this requirement in a timely manner it is recommended that you take one course from this list each semester beginning no later than the Fall of your Junior year.

• POL Majors with the optional Public Administration concentration must take 12.0 units from POL 425, 451, 453, 491, and 493.
• When considering what to take for the 12.0 units of upper division POL or “SOC383 or 385,” please note that the SOC options should read “BEH383 or 385.” If you are considering taking one or both of these courses, be aware that BEH385 has a prerequisite of BEH383 and that BEH383 has a prerequisite of MAT115. The benefit of taking BEH383 & 385 is that they will also meet Behavioral Science units in your GE.
If I’m considering the **POLITICAL SCIENCE** major, which classes would also work as General Education requirements?

- You are required to take 3.0 units of POL coursework in your General Education (GE).
- Good GE options are: POL213, 223, 323, 443.
- Others that are good but require either strong interest or background in Political Science are: POL330, 390, 395, 452, 483, 490.
- POL courses that **WILL NOT** meet the GE Political Science requirement: POL399, 400, 415, 440-441, 451, 491.
Criminal Justice: Course Order

• CJS113 is recommended FIRST - before taking any upper division CJS coursework.

• While most CJS classes are offered once a year, many are only offered once every two years. Be sure to check the course descriptions section of the most current catalog so that you are aware of when the classes you need are scheduled to be offered. Otherwise you may miss taking a vital class.
The CJS major changed significantly in the 2005-2006 catalog. It has been updated to be more convenient for Traditional students as well as to be more current with the Criminal Justice field. If you are under an older catalog you will need to see Dr. Hinrichs to replace courses which are in your requirements but no longer offered!
Note:
If you are under an older catalog and would like to consider changing catalogs in order to benefit from the redesigned major, first compare the difference between how much you have already completed and how much you have left to complete under your catalog vs. the 05-06 catalog. You can find all of the current catalogs on CBU’s website under Academics.
If I’m considering the **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** major, which classes would also work as General Education requirements?

- Criminal Justice courses will NOT fulfill any General Education requirements.
- If you choose to take CJS coursework but do not ultimately declare the CJUS major, the CJS coursework will count toward elective units only.
- If you need elective units and are interested in taking a CJS course to meet those requirements, some recommended courses are: CJS113, CJS301, CJS341, CJS441, CJS497.
- If you are a Sociology major needing an elective course, CJS401 is recommended.
Tips for Criminal Justice Majors Under Catalogs Prior to 05-06:

• CJS499 has been expanded into 2 courses: CJS480 & CJS485. *Both* must be taken to replace the content in CJS499!

• CJS401 uses the same text as CJS433 but will not automatically meet the CJS433 requirement for students under older catalogs. If you have taken CJS433 it is not recommended to take CJS401.

• Students under catalogs prior to 2005-2006 will need to variance, or replace, some courses that are major requirements in your catalog but are no longer offered by CBU. Speak with Dr. Hinrichs to discuss course variance options or with Enrollment Advising to discuss the variance process.
Planning Ahead:

- **Graduate School:** Every graduate program is different. Research different programs to see what field/expertise they prepare you for and what the prerequisites are. If you would like to discuss the different programs out there and which might be best for you, talk to the department faculty or the Dean.

- **Credential Program:** If you would like to teach after earning one of these majors, discuss teaching options with the Dean or faculty. You should also research credential programs so that you know what prerequisites are required for that program in addition to your CBU degree requirements. For information regarding CBU’s Credential program contact Graduate Admissions at (951) 343-4249. The Graduate Admissions office is located in YCTR B142.
Who should I contact with questions?

- **Catalog:**
  - *Your catalog year for your academic requirements (major, concentration, GE)*
  - *The most recent catalog for current course offerings and updated course descriptions including prerequisites.*
- **Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences:** Dr. Anacker
- **Department Secretary:** Sandra Guerrero:
  - (951) 343-4656; James Building Room 248
- **Dr. Brook** for the Single Subject Matter Competency program in Social Science
- **Dr. Hinrichs** for CJS
- **Dr. Luther** for the Pre-Law Program
- **Dr. Kircher** for the Certificate in Public Administration
- **Enrollment Advising:** Yeager Center Room B150
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