AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, HISTORY, LITERATURE, AND LAW

American Government, History, Literature, and Law (AGHLL) is a multidisciplinary program that provides a comprehensive understanding of the history, society, politics, culture and economics of the United States and its pre-Columbian and colonial predecessors and including the flow of immigrants from other societies.

About this Program

- **School:** Hamilton School for Classical and Civic Education
- **Degree:** Bachelor of Arts
- **Credits for Degree:** 120

To graduate with this major, students must complete all university, college, and major requirements.

School Information

The Hamilton School for Classical and Civic Education is devoted to research and teaching on Western civilization and the principles of a free society. Here students can see beyond their horizons to prepare for lifetimes of leadership by studying the greatest works of the Western tradition and beyond. Open inquiry and the pursuit of excellence, grounded in Western civilization and the American experience, are the foundation of an education that will lead our students to thrive, not just while at the University of Florida, but throughout their lives and careers. Liberal education promises to be a transformative experience and at the university, the "meeting place of the greats." The Hamilton School for Classical and Civic Education fulfills that promise.

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Curriculum

- American Government, History, Literature, and Law
- American History, Government, Literature, and Law Minor
- Christian Thought and Culture Minor
- Great Books and Ideas
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- Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law
- Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law Minor
- War, Statecraft and Strategy
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The American Government, History, Literature and Law (AGHLL) program prepares students to enter some of the fastest growing occupations in Florida and the entire country. At the local and state levels, graduates will be able to fill roles in education, public service, and non-profit organizations. On an international scale, graduates will be equipped to engage in global dialogues around governance, cultural heritage, and law, enhancing their employability in multinational organizations and NGOs. Coursework rooted in reading and analyzing difficult texts with upper-level writing requirements in articulating logical and clear arguments makes graduates valuable in a workforce needing excellent writing, communication, and analytical skills.

Students are encouraged to use elective coursework for a double major or minor.

Required Courses

Intellectual Foundations | 12 credits

These four required courses provide the intellectual foundation of the interdisciplinary major.

Code	Title	Credits
AMS 2813	Classics of American Thought I: English Settlement to the Civil War	3
AMS 2814	Classics of American Thought II: Reconstruction through the Twentieth Century	3

ISS 2105	The Origins of the Contemporary West: I (Ancients to the Scientific Revolution)	3
ISS 2106	The Origins of the Contemporary West: II (Enlightenment to Modernity)	3
Total Credits		**12**

Themes in American Civilization | 27 Credits

Nine variable topics courses provide students with multidisciplinary coverage of themes in American Civilization.

Code	Title	Credits
AMS 4043	American Law (take twice)	6
AMS 4334	American Conflicts (take twice)	6
AMS 4523	American Cultural Movements (take twice)	6
AMS 4607	American Characters	3
AMS 4806	American Ideas (take twice)	6
Total Credits		**27**

Senior Thesis | 3 credits

Code	Title	Credits
AMS 4970	American Government, History, Literature, and Law Research Seminar	3
Total Credits		**3**

Critical Tracking

Critical Tracking records each student's progress in courses that are required for entry to each major. Please note the critical-tracking requirements below on a per-semester basis.

Equivalent critical-tracking courses as determined by the State of Florida Common Course Prerequisites (https://cpm.flvc.org/advance-search/) may be used for transfer students.

Semester 1

- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 2

- 2.25 UF GPA required

Semester 3

- Complete AMS 2813
- 2.5 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 2.25 UF GPA required

Semester 4

- Complete AMS 2814
- Complete one required American Government, History, Literature, and Law course at the 3000 level or higher
- 2.5 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 2.5 UF GPA required

Semester 5

- Complete one additional required American Government, History, Literature, and Law course at the 3000 level or higher
- 2.5 UF GPA required
- 2.5 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses

Semester 6

- Complete one additional required American Government, History, Literature, and Law course at the 3000 level or higher
- 2.5 UF GPA required
- 2.5 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses

Semester 7

- Complete one additional required American Government, History, Literature, and Law course at the 3000 level or higher
- 2.5 UF GPA required
- 2.5 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses

Semester 8

- Complete AMS 4970
- 2.5 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 2.5 UF GPA required

Model Semester Plan

To remain on track, students must complete the appropriate critical-tracking courses, which appear in bold. These courses must be completed by the terms as listed above in the Critical Tracking criteria.

This semester plan represents an example progression through the major. Actual courses and course order may be different depending on the student's academic record and scheduling availability of courses. Prerequisites still apply.

Course	Title	Credits
Semester One		
Quest 1 (Gen Ed Humanities)		3
ISS 2105	The Origins of the Contemporary West: I (Ancients to the Scientific Revolution)	3
State Core Gen Ed Biological and Physical Sciences (https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext)		3
State Core Gen Ed Mathematics (https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext)		3
Gen Ed Composition; Writing Requirement 6,000 words		3
	Credits	**15**
Semester Two		
ISS 2106	The Origins of the Contemporary West: II (Enlightenment to Modernity)	3
State Core Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences (https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext)		3
State Core Gen Ed Humanities (https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext)		
Gen Ed Mathematics		3
Elective		3
	Credits	**12**
Semester Three		
AMS 2813	Classics of American Thought I: English Settlement to the Civil War (**Critical Tracking**)	3
State Core Gen Ed Composition; Writing Requirement 6,000 words		3
State Core Gen Ed Biological and Physical Sciences (https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext)		3
Electives		6
	Credits	**15**
Semester Four		
Quest 2 (Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences)		3
AMS 2814	Classics of American Thought II: Reconstruction through the Twentieth Century (**Critical Tracking**)	3
Themes in American Civilization: American Characters		3
Electives		6
	Credits	**15**
Semester Five		
Themes in American Civilization: American Cultural Movements #1		3
Themes in American Civilization: American Ideas #1		3
Themes in American Civilization: American Law #1		3
Elective (Writing Requirement 6,000 words)		3
Elective		3
	Credits	**15**
Semester Six		
Themes in American Civilization: American Conflicts #1		3
Themes in American Civilization: American Cultural Movements #2		3
Elective (Writing Requirement 6,000 words)		3

Electives		6
	Credits	**15**
Semester Seven		
Themes in American Civilization: American Conflicts #2		3
Themes in American Civilization: American Ideas #2		3
Themes in American Civilization: American Law #2		3
Electives		6
	Credits	**15**
Semester Eight		
AMS 4970	American Government, History, Literature, and Law Research Seminar (**Critical Tracking**)	3
Electives (3000 level or higher)		12
	Credits	**15**
	Total Credits	**117**