

WAR, STATECRAFT AND STRATEGY

The War, Statecraft and Strategy (WSS) program offers students interdisciplinary training so that they can gain a practical and theoretical understanding of intelligence, diplomacy, international relations, military strategy, defense policy, homeland security, conflict resolution, and the related tools of statecraft to national defense policy formulation and power projection. The WSS curriculum focuses especially on four areas: War; Statecraft and Strategy; Contemporary Challenges; and Theories and Structures.

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 of 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 of 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
- Great Books and Ideas Minor
- Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law
- Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law Minor
- War, Statecraft and Strategy
- War, Statecraft and Strategy Minor

The WSS program prepares students to enter some of the fastest growing occupations in Florida and the nation. By integrating the study of intelligence, diplomacy, military power, and statecraft, the program prepares graduates to engage thoughtfully in the challenges of citizenship and leadership in a diverse society. Students will develop critical thinking, analytical, and communication skills essential for careers in government, public policy, and consulting.

Required Courses

Intellectual Foundations | 15 credits

These five courses provide the intellectual foundation of the interdisciplinary WSS major.

Code	Title	Credits
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
ISS 2XXX	Grand Strategy: I	3
ISS 2XXX	Grand Strategy: II	3

ISS 2XXX	Theories and Structures	3
Total Credits		15

Breadth of Exposure | 24 credits

Eight courses provide WSS majors broad exposure to the interconnected histories of war, statecraft, and strategy.

Code	Title	Credits
ISS 3XXX	War (take twice)	6
ISS 3XXX	Statecraft & Strategy (take twice)	6
ISS 3XXX	Contemporary Challenges (take twice)	6
ISS 3XXX	Theories & Structures (take twice)	6
Total Credits		24

Senior Thesis | 3 credits

A substantial capstone project completes the WSS major.

Code	Title	Credits
ISS 4XXX	War, Statecraft and Strategy 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 one required American Government, History, Literature, and Law course at the 2000 level or higher
- 2.25 UF GPA required

Semester 4

- Complete one additional required American Government, History, Literature, and Law course at the 2000 level or higher with 2.5 Critical tracking GPA
- 2.5 UF GPA required

Semester 5

- Complete one additional required American Government, History, Literature, and Law course at the 3000 level or higher (1 of 3 courses must be at the 3000 level) with 2.5 Critical tracking GPA
- 2.5 UF GPA required

Semester 6

- Complete one additional required American Government, History, Literature, and Law course at the 3000 level or higher (2 of 4 courses must be at the 3000 level) with 2.5 Critical tracking GPA
- 2.5 UF GPA required

Semester 7

- Complete two additional required American Government, History, Literature, and Law courses at the 3000 level or higher (4 of 6 courses must be at the 3000 level) with 2.5 Critical tracking GPA
- 2.5 UF GPA required

Semester 8

- Complete two additional required American Government, History, Literature, and Law courses at the 3000 level or higher (6 of 8 courses must be at the 3000 level) with 2.5 Critical tracking GPA
- 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	Origins of the Contemporary West I	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
Elective		3
Credits		15
Semester Two		
INR 2001	Introduction to International Relations (Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences; Gen Ed International)	3
ISS 2106	The Origins of the Contemporary West: II (Enlightenment to Modernity)	3
State Core Gen Ed Humanities (https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext)		3
Gen Ed Composition; Writing Requirement 6,000 words		3
Gen Ed Mathematics		3
Credits		15
Semester Three		
AMH 2020	United States Since 1877 (State Core Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences (https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext))	3
AMS 2010	Civil Discourse and the American Political Order (Gen Ed Humanities)	3
ISS 2XXX	Grand Strategy I (Critical Tracking)	3
Gen Ed Biological and Physical Sciences		3
Elective		3
Credits		15
Semester Four		
Quest 2 (Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences)		3
ISS 2XXX	Grand Strategy II (Critical Tracking)	3
ISS 2XXX	Theories and Structures (Critical Tracking)	3
State Core Gen Ed Composition; Writing Requirement 6,000 words		3
Elective		3
Credits		15
Semester Five		
ISS 3XXX	Contemporary Challenges (Critical Tracking)	3
ISS 3XXX	Statecraft & Strategy (Critical Tracking)	3
ISS 3XXX	War (Critical Tracking)	3
Elective (Writing Requirement 6,000 words)		3
Elective		3
Credits		15
Semester Six		
ISS 3XXX	Statecraft & Strategy (Critical Tracking)	3
ISS 3XXX	Theoretical Frameworks (Critical Tracking)	3
Elective (Writing Requirement 6,000 words)		3
Electives		6
Credits		15
Semester Seven		
ISS 3XXX	Theoretical Frameworks (Critical Tracking)	3
ISS 3XXX	War (Critical Tracking)	3

Electives (3000 level or higher)		9
	Credits	15
Semester Eight		
ISS 3XXX	Contemporary Challenges (Critical Tracking)	3
ISS 4XXX	War, Statecraft and Strategy Research Seminar (Critical Tracking)	3
Electives (3000 level or higher)		9
	Credits	15
	Total Credits	120