This program's name has changed effective Fall 2019. The previous name was Political Thought and Leadership.

Be a leader in your chosen field. Come to understand the complexities of real decision-making beyond the abstractions as you explore the foundational principles underlying the nature of democracy and representative and constitutional government. The program is open to students of all majors at ASU.

**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. It prepares students for leadership in their own careers, political or otherwise. 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.

**At a Glance**

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

**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 (HU & H) (3)
- HST 414 / POS 414: Political History and Leadership (3)

**Elective Courses -- 9 credit hours**

Choose electives from at least two different disciplines. Available disciplines are African and African American studies, economics, history, justice studies, philosophy, political science, religious studies and women and gender studies. A cross-listed course (such as HST 317 and POS 317) may be applied under either discipline, but not both.  
Upper Division Discipline Elective (9)

**African and African American Studies**

- AFR 330: Survey of African American Politics (SB & H) (3)

**Economics**

- ECN 312: Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (SB) (3)
- ECN 313: Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory (SB) (3)
- ECN 315: Money & Banking (3)
- ECN 360: Economic Development (SB & G) (3)
- ECN 404: History of Economic Thought (SB) (3)

**History**

- HST 302: History of Money ((HU or SB) & G & H) (3)
- HST 302: War and Political Thought ((HU or SB) & G & H) (3)
- HST 304: Ancient Political Thought (SB & H) (3)
- HST 304: Classical Political Thought (SB & H) (3)
- HST 304: Marxism and Its Critics (SB & H) (3)
- HST 304: Modern Political and Social Thought (SB & H) (3)
- HST 304: Modern Political Economy (SB & H) (3)
- HST 304: Political Thought in Early-Modern Europe (SB & H) (3)
- HST 304: Revolutions & Reactions in Mod Political Thought (SB & H) (3)
- HST 305: History of Latin American Political Thought (SB & H) (3)
- HST 306: American Political Conspiracy ((HU or SB) & H) (3)
- HST 306: American Political Thought I: to 1865 ((HU or SB) & H) (3)
- HST 306: American Political Thought II: Since 1865 ((HU or SB) & H) (3)
- HST 306: Debating American Liberty ((HU or SB) & H) (3)
- HST 306: Debating the Constitution ((HU or SB) & H) (3)
HST 306: Political Thought and the American Revolution ((HU or SB) & H) (3)
HST 306: Terrorism in U.S. Political History ((HU or SB) & H) (3)
HST 306: The Wealth and Poverty of Nations ((HU or SB) & H) (3)
HST 315: Political History of the U.S. (SB & H) (3)
HST 317: History of Postwar U.S. Conservatism (3)

Justice Studies

JUS 308: Courts and Society (3)
JUS 321: Wealth Distribution and Poverty (SB & C) (3)
JUS 330: Survey of African American Politics (SB & H) (3)
JUS 332: Politics of Energy Policy and Justice (3)
JUS 360: Law and Social Control (SB) (3)

Philosophy

PHI 307: Philosophy of Law (HU) (3)
PHI 336: Social and Political Philosophy (HU) (3)
PHI 347: Philosophical Theories of Constitutional Law (3)

Political Science

POS 310: American National Government (SB) (3)
POS 313: The Congress (SB) (3)
POS 314: The American Presidency (SB) (3)
POS 315: The Supreme Court (SB) (3)
POS 317: History of Postwar U.S. Conservatism (3)
POS 340: History of Political Philosophy I (HU & H) (3)
POS 341: History of Political Philosophy II (HU & H) (3)
POS 342: Political Theory (HU or SB) (3)
POS 346: Problems of Democracy (HU) (3)
POS 352: European Democracies (3)
POS 356: European Union (SB & G) (3)
POS 417: Arizona Politics (SB) (3)
POS 435: Women and Politics (SB & C) (3)
POS 442: American Political Thought (HU) (3)
POS 470: Law and the Political Order (SB) (3)
POS 471: Constitutional Law I (SB) (3)
POS 472: Constitutional Law II (SB) (3)
POS 485: Political Economy (SB) (3)

Religious Studies

REL 388: Religion, Ethics, and International Politics (3)
REL 420: Religion in American Life and Thought (HU) (3)
Women and Gender Studies

WST 377: History of American Feminist Thought (H & C) (3)
WST 440: Politics of Women's Health (SB & C) (3)

Additional upper-division courses from disciplines such as economics, history, justice studies, philosophy, public service and public policy, and religious studies may be used with the approval of the certificate co-directors.

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

Enrollment Requirements

Students wishing to declare the certificate must meet with an academic advisor in the School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies.

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.

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