ENGLISH (EN)

The English and Writing Department believes in the importance of critical thinking, reading, and writing as a means of understanding the past and present and thinking wisely about the future. We believe that the imaginative exercise of reading and writing instills appreciation for beauty, connects us to the Franciscan tradition, and models lifelong learning for each other and for our students. The study of literature further enables students to expand their horizons, to understand the universals of the human condition, and to deepen their awareness of human nature in all its diversity.

MAJOR AND MINOR REQUIREMENTS

English and Writing program requirements apply to all students who have declared a major or minor in fall 2012 or later.

A minimum of a “C” (2.0) is required for each course in the English or Writing major or minor. A student earning a grade lower than the minimum acceptable grade in any course in the major or minor may repeat the course only once at Stritch. A student who receives a second unsatisfactory grade in any course in the major or minor will be dismissed from the major or minor field.

An English or Writing major or minor may only take a maximum of six OCICU credits in the major.

**English Major:** 36 credits (exclusive of EN 101 and 102)

Required courses for major: EN 208 or 228 or 317, 230, 235, 249, 250, 303, 325, 333, 402, 412 and two elective EN courses—EN 150, 205, 211, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 219, 220, 221, 243, 304, or 307.

Additional requirements for secondary teachers: EN 207, 317 and RLA 345.

**English Minor:** 18 credits

Required courses for minor: EN 249 or 250, 325, 230 or 235, 333, and two elective EN courses—EN 150, 205, 211, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 219, 220, 221, 243, 304, or 307.

**Film Studies Minor:** 18 credits
Required courses for minor: ART 210, EN 217, 219, 221, 308 or 318, 400 or ART 402.

**Secondary Teaching Minor:** 21 credits and RLA 345
Required courses for minor: EN 150, 207, 317, 249 or 250, 325, 230 or 235, 303, and RLA 345.

**Elementary Teaching Minor:** 18 credits

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**HISTORY (HS)**

History explores the long-range development through time, of every facet of human existence: society and culture, philosophy and religious beliefs, law and government, technology and economics. It is concerned with the lives of ordinary women and men, as well as heroes and leaders. It challenges students not only to accept change, but to anticipate it and deal with it creatively.

The study of history at Stritch prepares rather than programs students for professional life. Historical study evokes critical thinking and reasoned judgment. It leads students to see the human dimension of issues, to view contemporary events in perspective, to deal critically and positively with conflicting points of view, and to weigh alternatives. Historians bring to the business world the ability to cope effectively with a great deal of material, to distinguish what is important from what is inconsequential, and to synthesize data and represent it in a concise and clear fashion.

The department’s goals are pursued within the philosophical context of Stritch’s mission to enable students to integrate their learning into a purposeful value system that gives moral direction, professional viability and enrichment to their lives and the lives of others.

Students have an opportunity to enhance career skills through experience and training in the use of technology, including the internet, computer databases, presentation software and other appropriate technology, as well as internships and service learning.

Students may obtain a major, minor, teacher certification (elementary, minor, and secondary broad field social studies major), and pre-law preparation. It also provides an integral component of the liberal arts to all colleges at Stritch.

**MAJOR AND MINOR REQUIREMENTS**

**History Major:** 34 credits
Tracks in major (see social studies):
*Pre-Law Program
*Secondary Teaching (Broad Field Social Studies)
* Social Studies Minor for Elementary Teachers

Required courses for major: HS 241, 242 and 243, 103 or 104, 201, 202, two Intercultural History courses 261-266, 402, and four elective courses in history.

Additional requirements for Broad Field Social Studies teachers: Study of Cooperatives and Environmental Education designed to fulfill requirements of Wisconsin statutes 118.19 (6) and Wisconsin administrative code 3.03 (3) 5, for teachers of science and social studies. These requirements may be met by taking CH/BL 210, GE 101 or GE 102 (for environmental studies); and EC 400 (for cooperatives); or as directed study apart from the above courses.
**History Minor**: 18 credits  
Required courses for minor: HS 243, HS 202 and four electives courses with two in American History classes and two in Non-American (Global) history courses.

**Pre-law Certificate**: 15 credits  
Required courses for the certificate: CA 252, EN 317, PL 110, PS 308, and SC 201.

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**POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)**

The political science program challenges students to develop an analytical approach to political problems and to hone skills that serve as strong foundations for a wide variety of careers. Political science at Stritch aims to develop informed and active citizens who combine domestic and global perspectives with strong critical thinking skills to advance the understanding of American and international politics. In addition to studying the content and theory of politics, students gain practical experience in problem-solving, research, synthesis, analysis and communication. We nurture our students to be leaders who will shape the future of American democracy and the evolving world order.

Our courses elicit student participation in activities that translate into future employment opportunities. Political science majors at Stritch also enhance their career skills by gaining proficiency in the use of technology, including the internet for business applications and statistical software (such as SPSS), as well as our highly successful public affairs internship program. Our graduates are therefore prepared for a vast array of possibilities. Including careers in federal, state and municipal government, national security and foreign affairs, print and electronic media, interest groups and nonprofit organizations, domestic and international business, as well education and legal professions.

Students may obtain a major in political science with emphasis on one of two tracks: American politics or international politics.

**MAJOR AND MINOR REQUIREMENTS**

*Note: “auxiliary credits” are required courses that may be used for other degree requirements, such as for general education (core) or elective requirements.*

**Political science major**: 37 credits (34 department credits, 3 auxiliary credits in statistics MT 120)

Required courses: 16 credit minimum: POLS 102, 201, 206, 305, 401, 402

Possible tracks in political science major:
- International politics (required courses and electives that focus on international politics, proficiency in at least one foreign language, and a study abroad experience are encouraged): six courses from POLS 215, 220, 312, 314, 315, 316, 320, 341.
- General track: 18 credit minimum from six elective courses.

**Political Science Minor**: 18 credits  
Required courses for minor: POLS 102, 201, 206 and three elective courses in Political Science.

**Pre-law Certificate**: 15 credits
Required courses for the certificate: CA 252, EN 317, PL 110, PS 308, and SC 201.