

# DAEMEN

## History & Political Science

Degree Offered:

**BA in History & Political Science**

**History and Political Science (H&P)** is a unique, interdisciplinary major that combines coursework in History and in Political Science. In addition to providing a solid grounding in both disciplines, the major offers you the flexibility to focus your coursework in either History or Political Science. Two other variations of this degree program are the **Adolescent Education: Social Studies** major for students pursuing a teaching career at the high school level, and the **History & Political Science: Environmental Studies Specialization** for students pursuing a career in the area of environmental policy.

### Career Options:

Our graduates are working in education (teaching and administration), library and archival science, museums, historical societies, historic preservation, law, law enforcement, business, government and community agencies, and many other areas. Studying history and political science develops intellectual skills that are in high demand in the workplace and that prepare our alumni for success in graduate and professional school. Students learn to analyze and explain complex material. They develop strong research, writing, and presentation skills, and are prepared for dynamic and changing career environments.

### History and Political Science at Daemen:

- The History & Political Science major is ideal for the student who loves both history and political science and wants to continue to learn more about both.
- Our faculty prepare students for a range of career options.
- Required courses give you broad exposure to US and World history, and American, comparative, and international areas of political science.
- You will work directly with faculty members who are committed to teaching excellence.
- The capstone senior research project requirement provides an opportunity to do in-depth research on a topic of your choice, applying the knowledge and skills you have acquired from your coursework.
- Students in the **Adolescent Education: Social Studies** major enjoy a close working relationship with our Education Department and receive mentorship and guidance from faculty in both the Education and History & Political Science Departments.

### Our recent graduates include:

- Executive Director of the Somali Bantu Community Organization of Buffalo
- Customs Analyst at FedEx Trade Networks
- Operations Supervisor at Rich Products Corporation
- School Counselor at Pembroke High School
- Administrators at several local colleges
- Lieutenant in the Marine Corps
- Social Studies teachers in public and private high schools
- Lawyers working in private practice, governmental agencies, and in business
- Homeland Security (Enforcement and Removal)
- Director of Communications (Diocese of Ogdensburg)

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## Related Minors Offered in:

Criminal Justice, Pre-Law, Public History, Public Administration, History, Political Science, Political Communications, Women's Studies, Black Studies, Refugee & Migration Studies, Global Studies, and Atlantic Studies

## History & Political Science students gain real-world EXPERIENCE:

- The program stresses preparation for your future. All students are required to complete an internship to apply skills outside of the academic setting.
- The department will work closely with you and the Career Services office to develop an internship related to your academic interests and career goals.
- A variety of opportunities are available from local and state organizations, with internships in American locations from Buffalo to Washington, D.C., as well as internationally.
- Students are also strongly encouraged to study abroad in an area of interest. The department will work with you and the Global Programs office to explore opportunities abroad.

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## Did you know...

Our majors have completed internships at the Smithsonian Institution, Franklin D. Roosevelt Home (National Park Service), Kaleida Health Systems, and Erie County Legislature, U.S. Senate offices (including those of Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirstin Gillibrand), and at the offices of a number of other local elected officials.



Daemen College students on study-abroad trip to Poland, coordinated by the department's Center for Polish Studies.

Ryan is on the far right.

### Ryan, History and Political Science '18

"My experience at Daemen College in the History & Political Science Department can be described in one word: unparalleled. Professors like Dr. Wise, Dr. Messinger, and Dr. Wendland have gone above and beyond what is expected to help me excel here. I have had many exceptional opportunities, including a month studying abroad in Poland. As a high school student, I would never have thought that I would spend a whole month in a foreign country, studying and experiencing a different culture. The trip was an experience unlike any other for me and I am currently considering going abroad a second time. Besides my experiences so far, the History & Political Science Department has done an excellent job of preparing me for my possible future career plans, which include graduate studies in History or pursuing a career in public service. My opportunities and experiences as a History & Political Science major have without a doubt helped me achieve much more than I could have ever expected."

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## For more information...

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