HISTORY, POLICY AND SOCIETY (B.A.)

ABOUT THE PROGRAM
The major in history, policy and society will draw on Delaware Valley University’s long-time commitment to experiential learning, our location in historic Bucks County, a region rich in history and culture, as well as our mission to prepare students to take leadership roles in addressing key issues which impact our communities. Students may select one of two specializations: public history or policy.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
With 100 percent of our students having real-world, hands-on experience, graduates with a degree in history, policy and society are able to:

• Work as researchers in museums and historical organizations, cultural resources management and historic preservation or think tanks
• Work as communicators, such as writers and editors, journalists, documentary editors or producers of multimedia material
• Work as information managers, such as archivists, records managers or librarians
• Work as advocates, such as lawyers and paralegals, litigation support, legislative staff work or foundations
• Work in businesses and associations as historians in corporations, contract historians or as historians in nonprofit associations

FACILITIES
The Roth Center for Sustainable Agriculture provides students enrolled in the public history specialization the opportunity to gain real-world experience at a working museum where they will design and implement exhibits as well as present educational programs for the community. Local museums, Michener Art Museum and Mercer Museum, serve as hands-on learning opportunities.

SPECIALIZATIONS

PUBLIC HISTORY
The public history specialization examines the ways in which stories of our past are presented to the general public.

POLICY
Students enrolled in the policy specialization will be grounded not only in theories and research methods but will focus on applying policy solutions to key issues relating to agriculture and food production as well as devising programs to ensure a sustainable environment.

SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
The degree has been specially designed so that courses in the history, policy and society major overlap with requirements for the social studies education degree, allowing students enrolled in the major to add a secondary education certification.

4+1 POLICY STUDIES PROGRAM
The 4+1 program provides a path to a Master of Arts in Policy Studies that reduces the total time required to obtain an undergraduate degree and the M.A. By participating in this program, students will receive both a bachelor’s degree in history, policy and society from DelVal and the master’s degree in policy studies. Students will apply 12 graduate credits toward their undergraduate degree, permitting them to complete the M.A. within a single calendar year after receiving a bachelor’s degree.

ABOUT DELVAL
Delaware Valley University, an independent, comprehensive university of more than 1,000 acres in Bucks and Montgomery counties, features individualized attention and emphasizes experiential and interdisciplinary learning. Located in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, DelVal offers more than 25 undergraduate majors, six master’s programs, a doctoral program, and a variety of adult education courses.
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CURRICULUM

This is not a complete course listing and is subject to change.

College Writing I  3 credits
Computer Literacy  3 credits
Scientific Literacy I  3 credits
Mathematic Literacy I  3 credits
US History I  3 credits
DelVal Experience I  1 credit
College Writing II  3 credits
Scientific Literacy II  3 credits
Mathematic Literacy II  3 credits
US History II  3 credits
Oral Communication  3 credits
DelVal Experience II  1 credit
World Civilization I  3 credits
Cultural Studies  3 credits
Arts Core Elective  3 credits
History of Pennsylvania  3 credits
Intro to Museums  3 credits
Intro to Policy Studies  3 credits
World Civilization II  3 credits
Cultural, Social Awareness Core  3 credits
Memories, Histories, Identities  3 credits
Economics Core Elective  3 credits
Literature Core Elective  3 credits
Regional or Specialty History  3 credits
Stats for Research  3 credits
Cultural Studies  3 credits
History of Technology/Material  3 credits
Intro to Public History  3 credits
Microeconomics  3 credits
Comparative Politics  3 credits
Social Science Research Meth.  3 credits
Senior Seminar  3 credits
Internship  2 credits

“Unlike programs at other institutions, the history, policy and society major at DelVal not only equips students with the analytical, research and communication skills typically associated with a history major, but provides hands-on experience and a flexible career-path which allows them to enter the workforce or attend graduate school immediately upon graduation. Whether you want to work with the National Park Service, a local museum, a government or community organization, or teach history at the secondary level, this major is designed for you. Our accomplished faculty members are dedicated to providing you with educational opportunities, both inside and outside of the classroom, which can lead to an exciting and fulfilling career.”

— Dr. Jack Schmidt
Chair, Department of Liberal Arts

THE EXPERIENCE360 PROGRAM

The Experience360 Program (E360) is central to a DelVal education and embraces a full range of activities and opportunities that give our students well-rounded experiences that can’t be found anywhere else. This approach prepares our students for a life of meaningful work, service and career growth. Integrating knowledge and experience, they’ll be prepared to put their skills into action as globally responsible citizens. One hundred percent of our students will gain real-world competencies through internships, career exploration, student research, study abroad, leadership development, community service or civic engagement.