We know that Jesus humbled Himself to serve—we so often forget that He first humbled Himself to learn.

Christ’s life provides an example to strive after, but we can be so eager to get busy that it’s easy to overlook the value of understanding others. Within this conviction lies the goal of Grace’s Department of History and Political Science – when students study the people and cultures of the past, they develop keen understanding of others; when they observe current events and analyze modern political and social climates, they gain competence in addressing culture and society today. As they prepare to enter the working world through engaging internships, they develop a service-minded attitude toward the future.

Through a highly interactive student-teacher apprenticeship model, students will develop critical thinking skills alongside an appreciation for a Christ-centered understanding of what it means to be a part of God’s humanity.

Grace College Mission
Grace College is an evangelical Christian community of higher education which applies biblical values in strengthening character, sharpening competence, and preparing for service.
Areas of Study

History
In the History major, students can choose from a wide range of American, western, public, and world history courses. Through research and discussion, students will learn how to examine diverse historical contexts in order to interpret the past for themselves. Professors are dedicated to their field, both inside and outside the classroom, and students will be given the opportunity to participate in intercollegiate conferences in their areas of study. Internships are also available in local and state museums and archives, including the Winona History Center.

Political Science
The Political Science major encourages students to take an interactive approach to political science that balances classroom experience and a range of internship possibilities. Students may intern with local political leaders or apply for internships at the state or federal level.

Pre-Law
The Pre-Law program is designed to prepare students for ministry in a profession that is in need of lawyers who will readily serve those whom Christ called "the least of these"—the hurting, alienated, and abused. The pre-professional program prepares students for further studies in law and consists of the following: (1) any major, (2) a Pre-Law minor, (3) a Pre-Law advisor, and (4) internship opportunities.

Social Studies Education
The Social Studies Education major prepares students to teach history and political science, as well as at least one of the following subjects in public or private middle and high schools: psychology, economics, sociology, and geography.

Get Involved

Relics Club
Students may also be interested in participating in the student-run club Relics, a group dedicated to the study and discussion of historical topics ranging from the ancient to the recent. Members enjoy trips to various historical attractions, consistent venues for discussion, and interaction with professors in a casual, relational context.

Mediation Team
The department also facilitates the Mediation Team which competes nationally and is open to all students for credit or no credit.

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Check it out here: www.winonahistorycenter.com

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