History, Political Science, and Pre-Law Framework

The mission of the History, Political Science and Pre-Law AA Program is to introduce students to the concept of thinking and working as historians and political scientists through the foundational context of US and world history. The program provides instruction on the critical and analytical review of both primary and secondary sources and offers techniques to investigate historical and political problems/questions and effectively communicate the results.

Curricular Goals:

- Introduce the philosophy and work of historical and political scientists.
- Provide a foundational context of US and world history.
- Provide instruction on the critical and analytical review of both primary and secondary sources.
- Provide techniques to investigate historical and political problems/questions and effectively communicate the results.

Program Outcomes:

Upon completion of the program, the student will relate key elements in the development of Western Civilizations to the historical development of the United States and to the framework of the US government.

- A. Recognize the key elements/periods in the development of Western Civilization
- B. Connect the components of early western civilization that were pulled to the framework of the United Stated government
- C. Interpret how this framework is protected through the US Constitution

Upon completion of the program, the student will apply the principles of the US Constitution to historical and contemporary issues.

- A. Identify historical and contemporary issues that relate to the US Constitution
- B. Discuss how these issues were impacted by the US Constitution
- C. Explain how the Constitution impacts everyday life in America

Upon completion of the program, the student will analyze both primary and secondary sources in the field of study.

- A. Distinguish between a primary and secondary source
- B. Connect sources to historical events
- C. Apply logic to the documents/sources