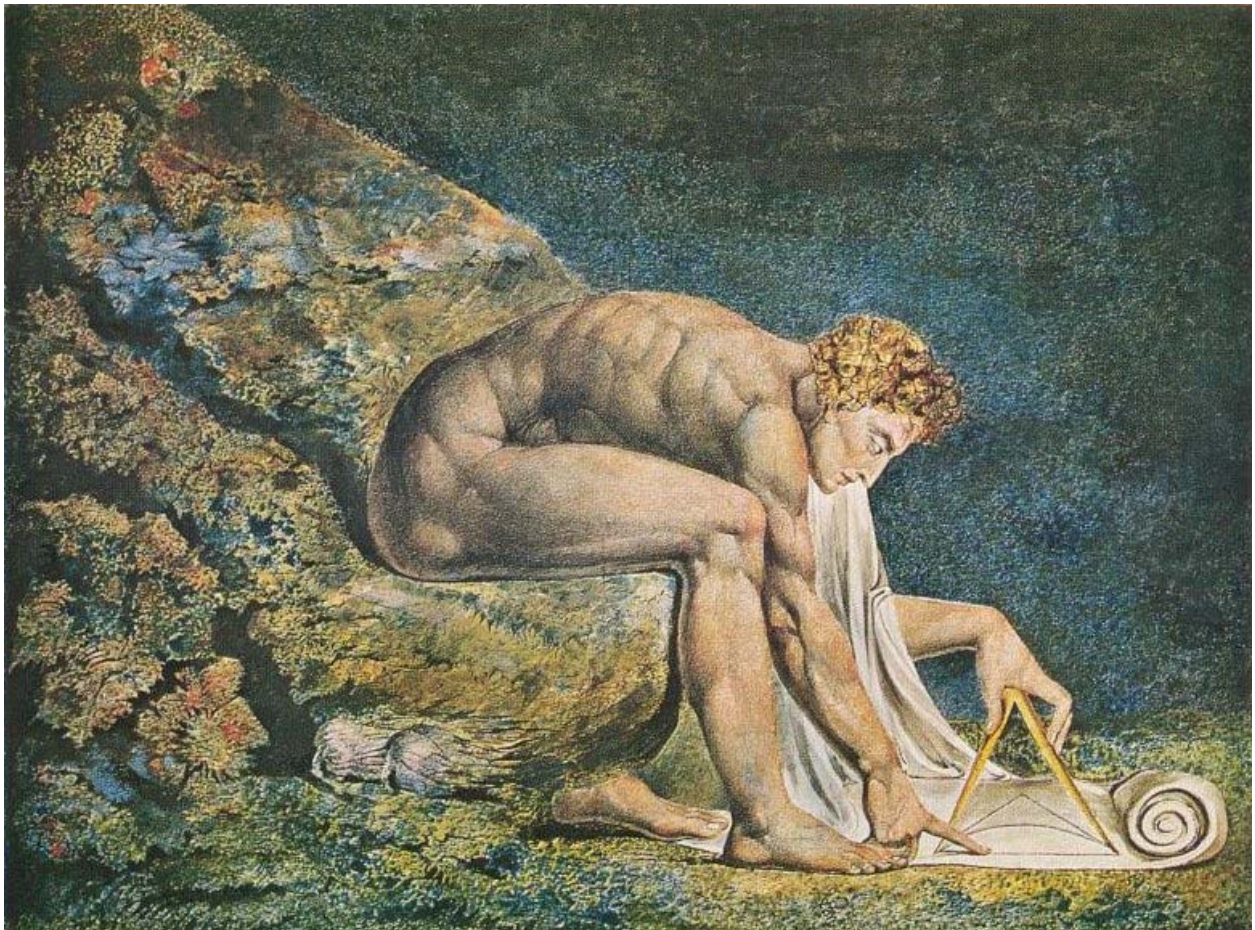


ASPECT Certificate Information Handbook



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ASPECT Certificate: An Interdisciplinary Teaching and Research Graduate Certificate Program

The certificate in Social, Political, Ethical and Cultural Thought (ASPECT) enables graduate students to take graduate courses that may later help them to undertake problem-centered interdisciplinary analysis informed by social, political, ethical and cultural thought. ASPECT is designed to be of particular interest to those seeking a program of study with a framework wider than that of a specialized department or a particular discipline. It follows an emerging national and international trend in offering training in interdisciplinary subject clusters that involve both department-based and program specific courses. ASPECT research and teaching are centered on questions that span concerns articulated in a number of disciplines or fields of study and whose complexity requires the entire tool kit of knowledge offered by the program. Participating faculty and ASPECT courses come from the core contributing departments of History, Philosophy, Political Science, and Religion and Culture, as well as from many other departments and programs in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences (CLAHS) and across the University.

Admission Requirements

Applications for the Graduate Certificate in Social, Political, Ethical and Cultural Thought will be considered from non-degree post-baccalaureate students who have been permitted to take courses by the Graduate School. This includes Master's, professional and/or Ph.D. graduate students accepted in ASPECT or other programs at Virginia Tech who seek to enhance their training in interdisciplinary thought, methodology, and theory. Students new to Virginia Tech will be considered on the basis of transcripts, a statement of purpose, two letters of recommendation, and additional requirements specified by the Graduate School, as relevant. Students previously admitted by the Graduate School or accepted as graduate students in a cognate program will submit to the director a statement of purpose and at least one letter of recommendation.

Completion Requirements

The certificate provides entry level graduate training in interdisciplinary social, political, ethical, and cultural thought and theory. The certificate curriculum consists of 15 credit hours of course work and can be completed in one year of concentrated study. Alternatively, the certificate can be earned over the course of several years of part time study or while the student is working simultaneously towards completion of another degree. The certificate will be awarded following successful completion of all course requirements with an overall GPA of 3.4 or better.

Curriculum

1. ASPT 6004 or ASPT 6204
2. One other 5000 or 6000 level ASPT course (excluding ASPT 6004, ASPT 6104, ASPT 6204, and ASPT 6904)
3. Two 5000 or 6000 level courses in the candidate's major concentration (i.e., cultural, political, ethical or social thought)
4. One 5000 or 6000 level course in the candidate's minor concentration (i.e., cultural, political, ethical or social thought)

(Note: courses may not be offered every semester; please consult the ASPECT website and the listing of course offerings, updated each semester, prior to registration).

Courses available for the ASPECT Certificate

Each course listed here and below counts for three credit hours.

ASPT 5124 - Religion and Modernity in the West
ASPT 5134 (RLCL 5134) - Islamic Political Thought
ASPT 5214 (HIST 5214) - Topics in Global History
ASPT 5244 - Constitutionalism in Theory and Practice
ASPT 5414 - Topics in Cultural History and Theory
ASPT 5464 - Critical Security Studies
ASPT 6004 Interdisciplinary Approaches in Social, Political, Ethical, and Cultural Thought
ASPT 6014 - Theories of Globalization
ASPT 6024 - Contemporary Religious Thought
ASPT 6124 - Pre-Mod Christian & Islamic Political Theory
ASPT 6204 Interdisciplinary Frameworks in Social, Political, Ethical, and Political Thought
ASPT 6224 - Distributive Justice
ASPT 5984/6984 Special Study

Social Thought

AFST 5314 Theories in Africana Studies
HD 6114 Theory and Research in Aging
HIST 5114 U. S. to 1877
HIST 5124 U. S. Since 1877
HIST 5274 Topics in Latin American History
HIST 5424 Public History
HIST 5934 Gender in U.S. History
HIST / GEOG 5144 The Transatlantic World
HIST 5454 Topics in Public History

HIST 5504 Modern European History
HIST 5534 Imperialism, Nationalism and Decolonization
HIST 6224 Science, Technology and the Enlightenment
GEOG 5014 Geographic Theory & Research
GEOG 5564 Contemporary Thought in Human Geography
GEOG 5214 Health and the Global Environment
GEOG 5344 The Globalization of Nature
PAPA / SOC 5604 Organizations in Society
PHIL 6014 Special Topics in Philosophy
PSCI/GIA 5474 Global Governance
PSCI/GIA/WGS 5564 Women and Globalization
PSCI/GIA 6144 Topics in Global Governance
PSCI/GIA 6204/ASPT 6014 Theories of Globalization
PSCI / STS 6544 Science, Technology, and Labor
SOC 5104 History of Sociological Thought
SOC 5114 Contemporary Sociological Theory
SOC 5624 Women and Work
GEOG / SOC 5654 The Global Division of Labor
STS 6524 Critical Approaches to Science & Technology
STS 6614 Advanced Topics in Technology Studies
STS/ PAPA 6664 Advanced Topics in Science & Technology Policy
STS 6674 Advanced Topics in Alternate Perspectives on Science, Technology & Medicine
SOC / STS 6824 Normative Structuring of Science & Technology
STS/HIST 5205, 5206 History of Science & Technology
STS / PHIL 5305 / 5306 Philosophy of Modern Science and Technology
UAP 5354 Charity, Philanthropy, and Civil Society
UAP 5394 Nature, Society & the Global Economy
SOC / UAP 5524 International Development
UAP/GIA 5564 Information, Technology, Society, and Public Policy
WGS 5914 Feminist Theory

Political Thought

ASPT/HIST/RLCL 6124 /PSCI 6234 Pre-Modern Christian and Islamic Political Theory
AFST 5984 Political Consciousness and Agency: Minority Responses to Oppression
COMM 5474 International Communication
COMM 5544 Mass Media and U.S. Politics
GEOG 5424/GIA 5404 Topics in Political Geography
GEOG 5434 Topics in Regional Geography
HIST 5144 The Transatlantic World
HIST 5214/ASPT 6214 5214 Topics in Global History
HIST 5534 Imperialism, Nationalism, & Decolonization
ASPT/RLCL 5134 Islamic Political Thought
PAPA 6014 Public Administration Theory
PHIL 6324 Advanced Topics in Ethics & Political Philosophy
PSCI/GIA 5214 Contemporary Political Theory

PSCI/GIA 5224 Alternative Perspectives in Political Theory
PSCI 5244/ASPT 5244 Constitutionalism in Theory and Practice
PSCI / UAP / GIA 5254 Global Conflicts
PSCI 5464/ASPT 5464 Critical Security Studies
PSCI/GIA 5444 International Politics
PSCI/GIA 5474 Global Governance
PSCI/GIA 5514 Global Security
PSCI 5524 US Foreign Policy after 9/11
PSCI / WGS 5564 Women and Globalization
PSCI/GIA/UAP/STS 5584 Environmental Politics and Policy
PSCI 5634 International Human Rights
PSCI / WGS 5644 Women's Rights as Human Rights
PSCI / GIA 6114 Critical Geopolitics
UAP 5104 Urban & Regional Development Theory

Ethical Thought

ASPT / RLCL 6024 Contemporary Religious Thought
ASPT / PHIL 6224 Distributive Justice
HIST 5694 American Environmental History
HIST 5914 Race and Slavery in Comparative Perspective
STS / HIST 6234 Advanced Topics in Modern Science, Technology and Medicine
MGT 5664 Ethical Leadership in a Global Context
PAPA 6414 Normative Foundations of Public Administration
PAPA 6454 Advanced Topics in Ethics & The Public Sector
PAPA 6494 Capstone Seminar in Ethics & The Public Sector
PHIL 5204 Topics in the History of Philosophy
PHIL 5324 Metaethics
PHIL 5334 Normative Ethics
PHIL 5344 History of Ethics
PHIL 5614 Philosophy of Science
PHIL 6204 Advanced Topics in the History of Philosophy
PHIL / STS 6314 History of the Philosophy of Science
PHIL 6324 Advanced Topics in Ethics and Political Philosophy
PHIL 6334 Advanced Topics in Philosophy of Science
PSCI 5254 Global Conflicts
PSCI/GIA/UAP 5364 Public Ecology
STS 5444 Issues in Bioethics
SOC/STS 6824 Normative Structuring of Science & Technology
UAP 5364 Non-Governmental Organizations in International Development

Cultural Thought

AINS 5984 Critical Indigenous Theory
ARCH 5134 Topics in Architecture History and Theory

ARCH 5614 Theory of Urban Form
ARCH 5644 Comparative Urbanism
ARCH 6006 Movements in Architecture and Western Thought
ART 5854 Advanced Theories of Processes of Contemporary Art
COMM 5414 Mass Media Effects
COMM 5454 Mass Media Theory
COMM 5614 Rhetorical Theory and Criticism
ENGL 5024 Critical Theory
ENGL 5074 Digital Humanities
ENGL 5314 Genre Studies
ENGL 5354 Comparative Studies in Literature
ENGL 5454 Studies in Theory
ENGL 5544 Current Topics in Literary Study
ENGL 5614 Visual Rhetoric
ENGL 6334 Rhetoric in Society
ENGL 6514 Studies in Rhetoric
FL 5024 Area Studies Methods
FL 5334 Topics in Foreign Language Cinema
FR 5344 Writing in the Francophone World
FR 5404 Topics in French Studies
HIST 5414/ASPT 5414 Topics in Cultural History and Theory
HIST 5504 Modern European History
HIST 6224 Science, Technology, and the Enlightenment
ASPT/RLCL 5124 Religion and Modernity in the West
ASPT /RLCL 6024 Contemporary Religious Thought
PSCI / GIA / UAP 5284 Transnational Migration
PSCI 5384 / WGS 5424 Identity, Migration and Place
PSCI 5454 Advanced Topics in Information Technology
PSCI/GIA 5504 Discourse Analysis
PSCI/GIA 5554 Culture, Politics & Society in Network Environments
PSCI/GIA 5574 Arts, Culture, & Civil Society
PSCI/GIA/UAP/PAPA 5374 E-Governance
UAP 5574 Arts, Culture and Society
PSCI 6244 History, Culture, and Politics of the Internet
RLCL / HUM 5304 Material Culture and Humanities in the Public Sphere
RLCL / HUM 5584 Topics in Public Humanities
SPAN 5234 Spanish-American Institutions and Concepts
SPAN 5344 Spanish-American Literature and the Representation of History
SOC 6504 The Sociology of Culture
STS 6534 Cultural Studies of Science, Technology, & Medicine
WGS 6004 Topics in Women's and Gender Studies

Note: As is a well instituted practice at Virginia Tech, Ph.D. students who enroll in 5000 level are expected to undertake and are responsible for doctoral level assignments for the course.