



Alignment of Degree Programs

CIP Code & Title: 45.1001 Political Science and Government, General

Level: Bachelor's

Area of Strategic Emphasis: None

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The undergraduate program leading to a B.A. degree in Political Science offers a general purpose degree with a number of more specialized areas of focus. The program is designed for students interested in and seeking to understand political problems, issues, and the nature of the political process, as well as the philosophical and legal basis of political structures and processes at local, state, national, and international levels. Satisfying the degree requirements prepares students for positions in the public and private sectors, for law school, for graduate work in political science, international relations, public administration, and related disciplines, for positions in education, and for applied political activity.

CURRICULUM:

A. Student Learning Outcomes:

Goal 1: Discipline Specific Knowledge

- 1a. Outcome: Students are required to articulate knowledge of empirical methodology and quantitative analysis in the field of political analysis.

Goal 2: Critical Thinking Skills

- 2a. Outcome: Students are required to critically analyze a political phenomenon, nature of the political process, or the philosophical and legal basis of political structures, and produce objective inferences, conclusions, or findings.

Goal 3: Communication Skills

- 3a. Outcome: Students should be able to produce written papers that use appropriate grammar and discuss political ideas in an effective, sophisticated, and clear style.

Goal 4: Civic Engagement

- 4a. Outcome: Relate theoretical knowledge with practical experience by engaging in internships in the student's area of interest. Internships may be served in local, state, and federal governments; the legal field, campaigns or public service, or in international or non-governmental organizations

B. Admission Standards for the Program:

B1. University Admissions:

Admission to the University is based on the University’s Undergraduate Admission Requirements that may be found by clicking on the following urls:

- **Freshman:** <https://www.usf.edu/admissions/freshmen/admission-information/requirements-deadlines.aspx>
- **Transfer:** <https://www.usf.edu/admissions/transfer/admission-information/index.aspx>
- **International:** <https://www.usf.edu/admissions/international/admission-information/index.aspx>

C. Graduation Requirements for the Program:

Satisfactory completion of the following requirements:

- General Education Program (36 credit hours), including State Core General Education, State Computation and State Communication;
- Minimum of 120 unduplicated credit hours;
- A minimum adjusted grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on all coursework taken at USF and an overall 2.0 GPA average on all college-level coursework;
- Major and college requirements in a chosen degree program;
- Nine credit hours of coursework taken during the summer term(s) (if entered USF with less than 60 credit hours);
- Registration and successful completion of at least thirty (30) of the last sixty (60) credit hours;
- 42 credit hours of upper-level coursework;
- Civics Literacy;
- Foreign language admissions coursework.

D. Political Science Curricular Framework:

D1. State Mandated Common Prerequisites:

State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Credits	USF Course	Credits
POS X041 OR POS XXXX OR INR XXXX OR CPO XXXX	3	POS 2041 American National Government	3
POS XXXX OR INR XXXX OR CPO XXXX	3	INR 2002 Introduction to International Relations or CPO 2002 Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
Total Credit Hours	6	Total Credit Hours	6

D2. Required Courses: (15 credit hours)

D2a. Required Supporting Course: 1 course; 3 credit hours

- ECO 1000 Basic Economics (3) or
- ECO 2013 Economic Principles (Macroeconomics) (3) or
- ECO 2023 Economic Principles (Microeconomics) (3)

D2b. Major Core Courses: 4 courses; 12 credit hours

- POS 2041 American National Government (3)
- POT 3003 Introduction to Political Theory (3)

- POS 3713 Empirical Political Analysis (3)
- CPO 2002 Introduction to Comparative Politics (3) or INR 2002 Introduction to International Relations (3)

Note: Either CPO 2002 or INR 2002 must be taken as a core course. The course that counts toward the major is dependent upon the course the student took to satisfy the common course prerequisites.

D3. Major (Restricted) Electives: (24 credit hours)

D3a. Field Areas: 8 courses; 24 credit hours

Choose 8 courses (24 credit hours) of electives from the seven fields listed below with at least one course from Field I, one course from Field II or III, and one course from any of Fields IV, V, VI, or VII. Core required courses must be completed before a course from a given field or field grouping may be taken.

Field I: Political Theory

- POT 3013 Classical Political Theory (3)
- POT 4064 Contemporary Political Thought (3)
- POT 4054 Modern Political Theory (3)
- POT 4204 American Political Thought (3)
- POT 4936 Selected Topics in Political Theory (3)

Field II: Comparative Government and Politics

- AFA 2380 History and Theory of Genocide (3)
- AFS 2250 Culture and Society in Africa (3)
- AFA 4931 Selected Topics in Africana Studies (1-3)
- ANT 4340 The Caribbean (3)
- CPO 4034 Politics of the Developing Areas (3)
- CPO 4930 Comparative Government and Politics of Select Areas (3)
- CPO 5934 Selected Topics in Comparative Politics (3)
- ASN 3012 Japan Today (3)
- ASN 3014 China Today (3)
- ASN 3030 The Middle East (3)
- EUS 3000 Europe (3)
- EUS 3022 Russia (3)
- LAS 3002 Latin America (3)

Field III: International Relations

- AFA 2380 History and Theory of Genocide (3)
- AFA 4150 Africa and the United States (3)
- INR 3102 American Foreign Policy (3)
- INR 4403 International Law (3)
- INR 4035 International Political Economy (3)
- INR 4502 International Organizations (3)
- INR 3336 Intelligence and U.S. Foreign Policy (3)
- INR 4254 Africa in World Affairs (3)
- INR 3011 Globalization (3)
- INR 3018 World Ideologies (3)
- INR 3033 International Political Cultures (3)

- INR 3038 International Wealth and Power (3)
- INR 3084 International Terrorism (3)
- INR 3141 Global Security Policy (3)
- INR 3202 International Human Rights (3)
- INR 4083 Conflict in the World (3)
- INR 5086 Issues in International Relations (3)

Field IV: American National and State Governments

- AMS 3700 Racism in American Society (3)
- POS 2080 The American Political Tradition (3)
- POS 3182 Florida Politics and Government (3)
- POS 4413 The American Presidency (3)
- POS 2112 State and Local Government and Politics (3)
- POS 3453 Political Parties and Interest Groups (3)
- POS 4424 The American Congress (3)
- POS 3173 Southern Politics (3)
- POS 4204 Political Behavior, Public Opinion, and Elections (3)
- PUP 4323 Women and Politics (3)

Field V: Urban Government and Politics

- POS 3142 Introduction to Urban Politics and Government (3)
- URP 4050 City Planning and Community Development (3)

Field VI: Public Policy

- INR 3102 American Foreign Policy (3)
- PUP 4203 Environmental Politics and Policy (3)
- PUP 4002 Public Policy (3)
- PUP 4323 Women and Politics (3)
- PUP 5607 Public Policy and Health Care (3)
- URP 4050 City Planning and Community Development (3)

Field VII: Law and Politics

- AMS 3700 Racism in American Society (3)
- INR 4403 International Law (3)
- POS 3691 Introduction to Law and Politics (3)
- POS 4614 Constitutional Law I (3)
- POS 4624 Constitutional Law II (3)
- POS 3283 Judicial Process and Politics (3)
- POS 3697 Environmental Law (3)
- POS 4693 Women and Law I (3)
- POS 4694 Women and Law II (3)

The following courses are not included within any of the seven fields, but may still be used as elective hours:

- AMH 3571 African American History to 1865 (3)
- AMH 3572 African American History since 1865 (3)

- PAD 3003 Introduction to Public Administration (3)
- PAD 4144 Nonprofit Organizations and Public Policy (3)
- PAD 4415 Personnel & Supervision in Today's Diverse Organizations (3)
- URP 4052 Urban and Regional Planning (3)
- PAD 4204 Public Financial Administration (3)
- POS 4941 Field Work (3-15)
- POS 4905 Independent Study (1-3)
- POS 4910 Individual Research (1-3)
- POS 3931 Selected Topics (3)
- POT 4109 Politics and Literature (3)

D4. Sequenced Course of Study:

- An exclamation mark (!) is indicated for any course and/or placeholder that must be taken in sequence and/or in the semester listed.
- Course Type refers to how the course is utilized in the degree program, e.g., Supporting, Major Core, Business Foundation, etc. It also includes “placeholder” information such as: Civics Literacy Test, Apply for Graduation.
- General Education Course Type refers to the General Education core area the course meets.

D4a. 8-Semester Plan for FTIC Students

Fall 1						
!	Current Course Prefix and Number	Course Type	State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Enhanced General Education Requirement	General Education Course Type	Total
	POS 2041 (Civics Literacy)	Major Core	Yes	Yes	State Core General Education Social Sciences	3
!	ENC 1101		No	Yes	State Core General Education Communication	3
	XXX XXXX		No	Yes	State Core General Education Humanities	3
	STA 2122 (recommended)		No	Yes	6A State Computation	3
	XXX XXXX		No	Yes	Enhanced General Education Human and Cultural Diversity	3
Total Semester Credit Hours:						15

Spring 1						
!	Current Course Prefix and Number	Course Type	State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Enhanced General Education Requirement	General Education Course Type	Total
!	ENC 1102		No	Yes	Enhanced General Education ENC 1102	3
	XXX XXXX		No	Yes	Enhanced General Education Creative Thinking	3

	XXX XXXX		No	Yes	State Core General Education Natural Sciences	3
	CPO 2002 or INR 2002		Yes	No		3
	XXX XXXX		No	Yes	Enhanced General Education Information and Digital Literacy	3
Total Semester Credit Hours:						15

Summer 1						
!	Current Course Prefix and Number	Course Type	State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Enhanced General Education Requirement	General Education Course Type	Total
	CPO 2002 or INR 2002	Major Core	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	General/Unrestricted Elective	No	No		3
Total Term Credit Hours:						6

Fall 2						
!	Current Course Prefix and Number	Course Type	State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Enhanced General Education Requirement	General Education Course Type	Total
	XXX XXXX	Foreign Language Exit	No	No		4
	XXX XXXX		No	Yes	State Core General Education Mathematics	3
	XXX XXXX	Major Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Major Elective	No	No		3
Total Semester Credit Hours:						13

Spring 2						
!	Current Course Prefix and Number	Course Type	State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Enhanced General Education Requirement	General Education Course Type	Total
	XXX XXXX	Foreign Language Exit	No	No		4
	ECO 1000 or ECO 2013 or ECO 2023	Supporting	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Major Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Major Elective	No	No		3
Total Semester Credit Hours:						13

Summer 2						
!	Current Course Prefix and Number	Course Type	State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Enhanced General Education Requirement	General Education Course Type	Total
	XXX XXXX	General/Unrestricted Elective	No	No		3
Total Term Credit Hours:						3

Fall 3						
!	Current Course Prefix and Number	Course Type	State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Enhanced General Education Requirement	General Education Course Type	Total
!	POS 3713	Major Core	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Upper-Level Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Upper-Level Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Upper-Level Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Major Elective	No	No		3
Total Semester Credit Hours:						15

Spring 3						
!	Current Course Prefix and Number	Course Type	State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Enhanced General Education Requirement	General Education Course Type	Total
!	POT 3003	Major Core	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Upper-Level Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX		No	Yes	Enhanced General Education High Impact Practice Community Engaged Learning	3
	XXX XXXX	Upper-Level Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Major Elective	No	No		3
Total Semester Credit Hours:						15

Summer 3						
!	Current Course Prefix and Number	Course Type	State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Enhanced General Education Requirement	General Education Course Type	Total
Total Term Credit Hours:						0

Fall 4						
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!	Current Course Prefix and Number	Course Type	State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Enhanced General Education Requirement	General Education Course Type	Total
	XXX XXXX		No	Yes	Enhanced General Education Ethical Reasoning and Civic Engagement Internship	3
	XXX XXXX	Upper-Level Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Upper-Level Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Major Elective	No	No		3
	SLS 3308 recommended	General/Unrestricted Elective	No	No		1
		Placeholder: Apply for Graduation	No	No		
Total Semester Credit Hours:						13

Spring 4						
!	Current Course Prefix and Number	Course Type	State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Enhanced General Education Requirement	General Education Course Type	Total
	XXX XXXX	Upper-Level Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Upper-Level Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Major Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Upper-Level Elective	No	No		3
		Placeholder: Apply for Graduation				
Total Semester Credit Hours:						12

Total Degree Program Credit Hours:						120
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D4b. 4-Semester Plan for FCS AA Transfer Students

Fall 1						
!	Current Course Prefix and Number	Course Type	State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Enhanced General Education Requirement	Intentionally Left Blank	Total
	ECO 1000 or ECO 2013 or ECO 2023	Supporting	No	No		3
	INR 2002 or CPO 2002	Major Core	No	No		3
	POS 2041	Major Core	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Foreign Language Exit	No	No		4

	SLS 3308 recommended	Upper-Level Elective	No	No		1
Total Semester Credit Hours:						14

Spring 1						
!	Current Course Prefix and Number	Course Type	State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Enhanced General Education Requirement	Intentionally Left Blank	Total
	XXX XXXX	Major Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Major Elective	No	No		3
!	POS 3713	Major Core	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Foreign Language Exit	No	No		4
Total Semester Credit Hours:						13

Summer 1						
!	Current Course Prefix and Number	Course Type	State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Enhanced General Education Requirement	Intentionally Left Blank	Total
	XXX XXXX	Major Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Major Elective	No	No		3
Total Term Credit Hours:						6

Fall 2						
!	Current Course Prefix and Number	Course Type	State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Enhanced General Education Requirement	Intentionally Left Blank	Total
	XXX XXXX	Major Elective	No	No		3
!	POT 3003	Major Core	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Major Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Major Elective	No	No		3
Total Semester Credit Hours:						12

Spring 2						
!	Current Course Prefix and Number	Course Type	State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Enhanced General Education Requirement	Intentionally Left Blank	Total

	XXX XXXX	Upper-Level Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Upper-Level Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Upper-Level Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Upper-Level Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Major Elective	No	No		3
		Placeholder: Apply for Graduation				
Total Semester Credit Hours:						15

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ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- A grade of C- or better is required in all core coursework.
- Students transferring credit hours toward a major in Political Science must complete a minimum of 21 credit hours within the Department, regardless of the number of credits transferred.

NOTES:

- Do not anticipate any significant increase in enrollment and the student to faculty ratio post-consolidation is expected to be stable.