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LIP

Legislative Internship Program

As a LIP student, you'll work 9 hours per week in the offices of federal, state, and local legislators or think-tank/policy agencies. These representatives—whether in Congress, the State Legislature, the County Commission, or City Council—are all actively involved in solving regional issues.

Develop new knowledge, skills, and competencies by gaining access to and experiencing the political process first-hand.

TIP

Tallahassee Internship Program

TIP begins with an intensive course on Florida history, issues, and politics before students relocate to Tallahassee for the 60-day legislative session.

In TIP, you'll be placed in the office of an elected official, professional association, or private firm that develops and researches issues addressing Florida state policy.

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Learn the public policy issues facing Florida and become involved in the legislative process by interning in the offices of local, state, and federal elected officials.

In addition to acquiring internship work experience, you'll receive academic credit. You will also:

- Understand the roles and responsibilities of government, and how public policy is developed.
- Enhance civic engagement skills and become an active, informed citizen.
- Explore diverse career options and interests.
- Develop or enhance your professional skills and knowledge of workplace procedures.
- Develop networking contacts with professionals in public policy fields.
- Apply classroom learning to professional experience.
- Develop teamwork and leadership skills.
- Develop research and communication skills.

Join Us!

Complete an online application at spa.usf.edu. After interviewing and being accepted to a Public Policy Internship Program, you'll enroll in the program's courses. To join, you must be of junior or senior standing.

Open to all majors, the Public Policy Internships show how your field of study applies to the public sector.

Credits and Scholarships

Legislative Internship Program (LIP)
Receive between 3-6 credit hours during Fall or Spring:
- IDS 4910 Legislative Internship Seminar
- IDS 4942 Legislative Internship Field Work

Students receive a $300 scholarship for participating in LIP. Some placements are in downtown Tampa, while others are located across the USF region.

Tallahassee Internship Program (TIP)
Receive a total of 12 credit hours during Spring:
- IDS 4910 Tallahassee Internship Seminar
- IDS 4942 Tallahassee Internship Field Work
- POS 4910 Tallahassee Internship Individual Research
- POS 4941 Tallahassee Internship Field Work

Students receive a $1,500 scholarship for participating in TIP. Housing in Tallahassee will be provided by the College of Arts and Sciences.

NOTE: If the student owes money to USF (e.g., tuition and fees, housing, meal plan, etc.), the University Controller's Office (UCO) will apply any financial aid payments (e.g., grants, scholarships, loans, etc.) to what is owed before the LIP and TIP internship scholarship funds can be used.

Meet Megan Sirjane-Samples
Florida League of Cities

"The USF Public Policy Internship Program (Tallahassee Internship Program) enabled me to not only secure a full-time job post-graduation, but it fostered an environment that allowed hands on, real world experience. No book or classroom can expose you to what the day-to-day life is truly like in your chosen career field like the USF Public Policy Internship Program does. In addition, the relationships I was able to develop through the program have helped me to advance and excel in my profession."

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The Public Policy Internship Programs are offered by the USF School of Public Affairs, USF College of Arts and Sciences, and USF Office of Government Relations.

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For More Information

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