

Major Fact Sheet

Political Science B.A.

What is Political Science?

Political Science is the study of political actors and institutions at the international, federal, state, and local levels. It develops understanding of political ideas, ideologies, institutions, policies, processes, and behavior.

Career Ideas!

Federal, State and Local Government

- Legislative Assistant (i.e. Florida House of Representatives/US Congress)
- Community Organizer (DART)
- Public Policy Analyst (National Women's Law Center)

Law School & Legal Careers

- Attorney (Private Practice or Corporate)
- Public Prosecutor (Florida Attorney General's Office)
- Public Defender (Hillsborough County Public Defender's Office)

Political Activism

- Campaign Manager (State, Local, Federal Elections)
- Political Lobbyist (Tallahassee/Washington)
- Non-Profit Management (College to Congress Program)

Foreign Service and Intelligence

- Foreign Service Officer (State Department)
- Intelligence Analyst (CIA/FBI)

*The above list is intended to represent just a sampling of the career possibilities you could pursue with this major Join Handshake and work with the USF Center for Career and Professional Development to learn about more career ideas.



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- Florida Zeta Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society
- Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity,
 International Pre-Law-Organization
- Model United Nations at USF
- Black Women in Law
- Minorities in Pre-Law
- Mock Trail Club
- Women in Prelaw Society at USF

Get Involved!

School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies Political Science B. A.

Example Four Year Plan

Year 1		
Fall	Spring	Summer
ENC 1101 English Composition I	ENC 1102 English Composition II	Enhanced General Education course
Mathematics General Education course**	CPO 2002 Introduction to Comparative Politics OR INR 2002 Introduction to International Relations	General Elective
POS 2041 American National Government (SGES and Civic Literacy)	Natural Sciences General Education course	
Humanities General Education course	Enhanced General Education course	
Enhanced General Education course	State Computation (Quan. Reas.)	
Total Hours: 15	Total Hours: 15	Total Hours: 6
Year 2		
Fall	Spring	Summer
Enhanced General Education course	ECO 1000 Basic Economics OR ECO 2013 Macroeconomics OR ECO 2023 Microeconomics	General Elective
Foreign Language I	Foreign Language II	
Major Elective	Major Elective	
Major Elective	Major Elective	
Total Hours: 13	Total Hours: 13	Total Hours: 3
	Year 3	
Fall	Spring	Summer
POS 3713 Empirical Political Analysis	POT 3003 Introduction to Political Theory	
Major Elective	Enhanced General Education course	
Upper-Level General Elective	Upper-Level General Elective	
Upper-Level General Elective	Upper-Level General Elective	
Upper-Level General Elective	Major Elective	
Total Hours: 15	Total Hours: 15	Total Hours: 0
Year 4		
Fall	Spring	Total Credits to Graduation
Major Elective	Upper-Level General Elective	Major Requirements:
Upper-Level General Elective	Major Elective	36 credit hours
General Elective	Upper-Level General Elective	General Education Requirements: 36 credit hours
Upper-Level General Elective	Upper-Level General Elective	
		Other Degree Requirements: 48 credit hours
Total Hours: 13	Total Hours: 12	Total = 120

^{**}May require completion of additional math pre-requisites (consider the MPT or CPT exams)