UCF Degree Programs

Political Science - Prelaw Track (B.A.)

1. UCF General Education Program (GEP) (36 hrs)
   - Students who change degree programs and select this major must adopt the most current catalog.
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   - Students should consult with a departmental advisor.
   - All prerequisites of courses taught within the College of Sciences will be enforced.
   - Courses designated in 1 (General Education Program) and 2 (Common Program Prerequisites) are usually completed in the first 60 hours.

2. Common Program Prerequisites (CPP) (3 hrs)
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3. Core Requirements: Basic Level
   - Courses specifically identified in the preceding Common Program Prerequisites section of this catalog are also required in the Basic Core, and must be taken.
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4. Core Requirements: Advanced Level
   - Courses specifically identified in the preceding Common Program Prerequisites section of this catalog are also required in the Basic Core, and must be taken.

5. Restricted Electives (27 hrs)
   - Select one of the listed courses 3 hrs
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6. Areas of Specialization
   - A. American Politics and Policy Area
   - B. Cultural & Historical Foundations
   - C. Mathematical Foundations
   - D. Social Foundations

While no specific major is prescribed for admission to law school, many prelaw students elect to major in political science. These individuals usually choose the prelaw emphasis within the political science major. Prelaw students are encouraged to work closely with a prelaw advisor in planning their programs. By judicious use of electives, students build a firm foundation for law school entry and acquire a broad training which can result in career options upon graduation. For further information, consult one of the Department’s prelaw advisors or the College of Sciences Prelaw Advisor. The following represent a suggested curriculum which both meets the requirements for a Political Science degree while preparing you for professional school.

Admission Requirements
- None

Degree Requirements
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Double major/dual degree policy in Political Science programs and minors
- 1. Students who double major/degree in any Political Science track and International and Global Studies shall not count more than two courses toward both programs, except the following courses;
- 2. Students who major in any Political Science track, and minor in International and Global Studies, shall not count more than one course toward both programs.

1. UCF General Education Program (GEP) (36 hrs)
   - A: Communication Foundations (9 hrs)
     - Required ENC 1101 Composition I 3 hrs
     - Prefer ENC 1102 Composition II 3 hrs
     - Prefer SPC 1608 Fundamentals of Oral Communication 3 hrs
   - B: Cultural & Historical Foundations (9 hrs)
     - Select two courses from B 2. 6 hrs
     - Prefer AMH 2010 U.S. History: 1492-1877 or 3 hrs
     - Prefer EUH 2001 Western Civilization II or 3 hrs
     - Prefer WOH 2022 World Civilization II 3 hrs
   - C: Mathematical Foundations (6 hrs)
     - Math: 3 hrs
     - Prefer MGF 1105 Finite Mathematics or 3 hrs
     - Prefer MGF 1107 Explorations in Mathematics or 3 hrs
     - May substitute a higher level math with appropriate scores on the Math Placement Test.
   - Statistics: 3 hrs
     - Prefer STA 2014C Principles of Statistics or 3 hrs
     - May substitute a higher level statistics course. 3 hrs
### B. International Relations and Comparative Government Area

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### 6. Capstone Requirements
- None

### 7. Foreign Language Requirements
- Met by graduation requirement

#### Admissions

- Proficiency equivalent to one year of college instruction in a foreign language taught by the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures or Judaic Studies. Standardized examinations for foreign languages may be used to meet the requirement.

#### Graduation

- Students who excel, a limited number of internships may be available each semester for three to six hours of credit. Under the Internship Director, the student is typically placed in an office of local, state, or national government, a law office, or campaign headquarters.

- The following courses are not required, but serious students should consider taking them as free electives.

- Students who qualify for Senior Scholars Program may enroll in graduate level courses to satisfy major requirements to take Area courses.

#### POS 4941 Political Science Internship 3 hrs

### 9. Additional Requirements
- None

#### 10. Required Minors
- None

#### 11. Departmental Exit Requirements

- Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 in all courses taken in the major. If additional major courses are taken beyond the minimum required (e.g. additional restricted electives), those courses will be included in the GPA calculation.

- Complete the Educational Testing Service Field Exam in Political Science during the student’s graduating semester while enrolled in the 0 credit Exit Exam Course.

#### 12. University Minimum Exit Requirements

- A 2.0 UCF GPA
- 60 semester hours earned after CLEP awarded
- 48 semester hours of upper division credit completed
- 30 of the last 39 hours of course work must be completed in residency at UCF.

- A maximum of 45 hours of extension, correspondence, CLEP, Credit by Exam, and Armed Forces credits permitted.

- Complete the General Education Program, the Gordon Rule, and nine hours of Summer credit.

#### Total Semester Hours Required
- 120
Honors In Major
- Interested students who meet the requirements are encouraged to participate in the HIM program. Contact the department for information about the program and the HIM coordinator.

Related Programs
- Economics
- History
- Philosophy
- Legal Studies
- Criminal Justice

Certificates
- Diplomacy
- Intelligence and National Security
- Civics Teaching

Related Minors
- Business
- Criminal Justice
- Diplomacy
- Economics
- English - Creative Writing
- English - Technical Communication
- History
- Human Communication
- Intelligence and National Security
- Legal Studies
- Mass Communication
- Philosophy
- Public Administration
- Sociology
- Writing and Rhetoric

Advising Notes
- None

Transfer Notes
- Lower division courses do not substitute for upper division courses.
- Courses transferred from private and out-of-state schools must be evaluated for equivalency credit. The student must provide all supporting information.

Acceptable Substitutes for Transfer Courses
- The following substitutions for common program prerequisites are acceptable if taken prior to transferring to UCF:
  - POS 2041: any three hours of introductory Political Science classes will satisfy the CPP. However since this course is required in the core of the major and is a prerequisite to subsequent courses, it still must be taken.
  - POS 3703: any three hours of introductory Political Science classes will satisfy the CPP. However since this course is required in the core of the major, it still must be taken.

Plan of Study
- This is one of numerous possible plans of study. See program description for all requirements. Consult a departmental advisor for alternate, new or more appropriate selections.
- Prior to enrolling in Math, take Math Placement Test ~ http://utc.sdes.ucf.edu
- You may be required to complete 9 hours of them during the Summer. Consult with an advisor to determine if you are exempt.

Freshman Year - Summer 9 hrs
- Restricted Elective 3 hrs
- GEP 3 hrs
- GEP 3 hrs

Sophomore Year - Fall 15 hrs
- Restricted Elective 3 hrs
- Supporting Elective 3 hrs
- GEP 3 hrs
- GEP 3 hrs

Sophomore Year - Spring 15 hrs
- POS 3703 Scope and Methods of Political Science 3 hrs
- Restricted Elective 3 hrs
- Supporting Elective 3 hrs
- GEP 3 hrs
- Supporting Elective 3 hrs

Junior Year - Fall 15 hrs
- POS 4284 Judicial Process and Politics 3 hrs
- Restricted Elective 3 hrs
- Restricted Elective 3 hrs
- Supporting Elective 3 hrs

Junior Year - Spring 15 hrs
- Restricted Elective 3 hrs
- Supporting Elective 3 hrs
- Supporting Elective 3 hrs
- Supporting Elective 3 hrs

Senior Year - Fall 15 hrs
- Restricted Elective 3 hrs
- Supporting Elective 3 hrs
- Supporting Elective 3 hrs
- Supporting Elective 3 hrs

Senior Year - Spring 13 hrs
- Supporting Elective 3 hrs
- Supporting Elective 3 hrs
- Supporting Elective 3 hrs
- Supporting Elective 3 hrs
- Supporting Elective 3 hrs
- POS 4961 Exit Exam 0 hrs

Program Academic Learning Compacts
- Program Academic Learning Compacts (student learning outcomes) for undergraduate programs are located at: http://www.oelas.ucf.edu/alc/academic_learning_compacts.htm