

UCF Degree Programs

Political Science - Prelaw Track (B.A.)

College of Sciences

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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

- Students who change degree programs and select this major must adopt the most current catalog.

- Co-op or internship credit cannot be used in this major without prior departmental approval

- Students should consult with a departmental advisor

- Departmental Residency Requirement consists of at least 21 semester hours of regularly scheduled courses taken from the UCF Department of Political Science

- 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

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;

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| POS 2041 | American National Government | 3 hrs |
| POS 3703 | Scope and Methods of Political Science | 3 hrs |

- 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)

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| 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

Select one: (3 hrs)

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| 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)

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| Prefer | MGF 1106 | 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. | | | 3 hrs |

Statistics: (3 hrs)

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| Prefer | STA 2014C | Principles of Statistics or | 3 hrs |
| May substitute a higher level statistics course. | | | 3 hrs |

D: Social Foundations (6 hrs)

Political Science (3 hrs)

Required POS 2041 American National Government 3 hrs

Social Science (3 hrs)

Select one of the listed courses 3 hrs

E: Science Foundations (6 hrs)

2. Common Program Prerequisites (CPP) (3 hrs)

- See "Common Prerequisites" in the Transfer and Transitions Services section for more information.

- See Transfer Notes for possible substitutes for the following courses.

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| POS 2041 | American National Government | GEP |
| POS 3703 | Scope and Methods of Political Science | 3 hrs |

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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| POS 2041 | American National Government | GEP/CPP |
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4. Core Requirements: Advanced Level (3 hrs)

- 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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| POS 3703 | Scope and Methods of Political Science | CPP |
| POS 4284 | Judicial Process and Politics | 3 hrs |
| POS 4961 | Exit Exam (course during graduating semester) | |

5. Restricted Electives (27 hrs)

Select one from the following courses: (3 hrs)

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| POS 4603 | American Constitutional Law I or | 3 hrs |
| POS 4604 | American Constitutional Law II or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4401 | International Law | 3 hrs |

Take all of the following: (24 hrs)

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| Two courses from Area A | and | 6 hrs |
| Two courses from area B | and | 6 hrs |
| One course from area C | and | 3 hrs |
| Three courses from Any Area | | 9 hrs |

Areas of Specialization

A. American Politics and Policy Area

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|----------|---|-------|
| POS 3076 | American Indian Politics or | 3 hrs |
| POS 3122 | State Government and Public Policy or | 3 hrs |
| POS 3173 | Southern Politics or | 3 hrs |
| POS 3182 | Florida Politics or | 3 hrs |
| POS 3233 | Public Opinion or | 3 hrs |
| POS 3234 | Protest in American Politics or | 3 hrs |
| POS 3235 | Mass Media and Politics or | 3 hrs |
| POS 3258 | Politics in Film or | 3 hrs |
| POS 3272 | Civic Engagement or | 3 hrs |
| POS 3273 | Voting and Elections or | 3 hrs |
| POS 3413 | The American Presidency or | 3 hrs |
| POS 3424 | Congress and the Legislative Process or | 3 hrs |
| POS 3443 | Political Parties and Processes or | 3 hrs |
| POS 3463 | Interest Groups or | 3 hrs |
| POS 3733 | Designing Political Science Research or | 3 hrs |
| POS 4030 | The Politics of Sports or | 3 hrs |
| POS 4074 | Latino Politics or | 3 hrs |
| POS 4142 | Metropolitan Politics or | 3 hrs |
| POS 4204 | Political Behavior or | 3 hrs |
| POS 4244 | Political Socialization or | 3 hrs |
| POS 4284 | Judicial Process and Politics or | 3 hrs |
| POS 4412 | Presidential Campaigning or | 3 hrs |
| POS 4603 | American Constitutional Law I or | 3 hrs |
| POS 4604 | American Constitutional Law II or | 3 hrs |
| POS 4622 | Politics and Civil Rights or | 3 hrs |
| POS 4764 | GIS for Political Analysis or | 3 hrs |
| PUP 3203 | Environmental Politics or | 3 hrs |
| PUP 3314 | Minorities in American Politics or | 3 hrs |
| PUP 4003 | American Public Policy or | 3 hrs |
| PUP 3204 | Sustainability or | 3 hrs |
| PUP 4209 | Urban Environmental Policy or | 3 hrs |
| PUP 4323 | Women and Public Policy or | 3 hrs |
| PUP 4404 | Education and Politics or | 3 hrs |
| PUP 4503 | Government and Science or | 3 hrs |
| PUP 4510 | Space Policy or | 3 hrs |
| PUP 4744 | Government and Business or | 3 hrs |
| PUP 4931 | Topics in Public Policy | 3 hrs |

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B. International Relations and Comparative

Government Area

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| CPO 3034 | Politics of Developing Areas or | 3 hrs |
| CPO 3057 | Contemporary Revolution and Political Violence or | 3 hrs |
| CPO 3103 | Comparative Politics or | 3 hrs |
| CPO 3104 | Politics of Western Europe or | 3 hrs |
| CPO 3132 | Canadian Politics or | 3 hrs |
| CPO 3403 | Politics of the Middle East or | 3 hrs |
| CPO 3614 | Politics of Eastern Europe or | 3 hrs |
| CPO 4062 | Comparative Judicial Process or | 3 hrs |
| CPO 4074 | Political Economy or | 3 hrs |
| CPO 4101 | Politics of the European Union or | 3 hrs |
| CPO 4123 | Government and Politics of Great Britain or | 3 hrs |
| CPO 4303 | Comparative Latin American Politics or | 3 hrs |
| CPO 4445 | Comparative Political Parties or | 3 hrs |
| CPO 4514 | Politics of East Asia or | 3 hrs |
| CPO 4541 | Chinese Politics or | 3 hrs |
| CPO 4553 | Politics of Japan or | 3 hrs |
| CPO 4643 | Government and Politics of Russia or | 3 hrs |
| CPO 4710 | Women in Comparative Politics or | 3 hrs |
| CPO 4731 | Politics of Democratization or | 3 hrs |
| CPO 4754 | Comparative Political Institutions or | 3 hrs |
| CPO 4784 | Political and Economic Inequality in Comparative Perspective or | 3 hrs |
| CPO 4794 | Indigenous Politics and the Environment or | 3 hrs |
| GEO 3471 | World Political Geography or | 3 hrs |
| INR 2002 | International Relations-Theory and Practice or | 3 hrs |
| INR 3016 | Global Political Issues or | 3 hrs |
| INR 3250 | Politics of Pan-Africanism or | 3 hrs |
| INR 3253 | International Politics of Africa or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4008 | Global Perspectives or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4011 | Politics of Globalization or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4030 | Diplomacy or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4035 | International Political Economy or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4054 | Global Politics of Energy or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4060 | Causes of War or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4063 | The Cold War or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4074 | Immigration Policy or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4075 | Human Rights Policy or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4076 | Global Drug Policy or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4084 | Politics of International Terrorism or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4085 | Women, Gender, and Globalization or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4102 | American Foreign Policy or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4104 | Topics and Cases in American Foreign Policy or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4114 | American Security Policy or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4115 | Strategic Weapons and Arms Control or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4224 | Contemporary International Politics of Asia or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4225 | The Vietnam War or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4243 | International Politics of Latin America or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4274 | International Politics of the Middle East or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4304 | Issues in International Public Policy or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4335 | Coercion in International Politics or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4350 | Global Environmental Politics or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4351 | International Environmental Law or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4363 | Intelligence Analysis and Reporting or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4364 | The Intelligence Community or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4401 | International Law or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4404 | Space Law or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4502 | International Organizations or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4714 | Politics of International Trade Policy or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4744 | Militaries in World Politics or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4764 | Cyberwarfare Policy or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4765 | Emerging Space Powers or | 3 hrs |
| INR 4774 | Military Space Policy or | 3 hrs |
| POS 3733 | Designing Political Science Research or | 3 hrs |
| PUP 3014 | Comparative Public Policy or | 3 hrs |
| PUP 4510 | Space Policy | 3 hrs |

C. Political Theory Area

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| INR 4603 | International Relations Theory or | 3 hrs |
| POS 4206 | Political Psychology or | 3 hrs |
| POT 3204 | American Political Thought or | 3 hrs |
| POT 3302 | Modern Political Ideologies or | 3 hrs |
| POT 4003 | Political Theory or | 3 hrs |
| POT 4025 | Ancient, Medieval and Early Modern Political Philosophy or | 3 hrs |
| POT 4066 | Contemporary Political Theory or | 3 hrs |

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| POT 4109 | Politics and Literature or | 3 hrs |
| POT 4305 | Democracy, Capitalism, and the Individual or | 3 hrs |
| POT 4314 | Contemporary Democratic Theory or | 3 hrs |
| POT 4331 | Utopia/Dystopia or | 3 hrs |
| POT 4345 | Pan-Africanist Thought or | 3 hrs |
| POT 4632 | Religion and Politics | 3 hrs |

6. Capstone Requirements

- None

7. Foreign Language Requirements

Admissions

- Met by graduation requirement

Graduation

■ 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.

8. Electives

■ Select primarily from upper level courses after meeting with a departmental advisor. Courses may be outside the department.

■ Internship Program: For 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 these as free electives.

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

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| ACG 2021 | Principles of Financial Accounting | 3 hrs |
| ACG 2071 | Principles of Managerial Accounting | 3 hrs |
| BUL 3130 | Legal and Ethical Environment of Business | 3 hrs |
| ENC 3241 | Writing for the Technical Professional | 3 hrs |
| ENC 3250 | Professional Writing | 3 hrs |
| LIN 4105 | History of the English Language | 3 hrs |
| MHF 3302 | Logic and Proof in Mathematics | 3 hrs |
| PHI 2101 | Formal Logic I | 3 hrs |
| PLA 3108 | Legal Research | 3 hrs |
| PLA 3155 | Legal Writing | 3 hrs |
| 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

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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 - Fall 13 hrs

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| POS 2041 | American National Government | 3 hrs |
| AMH 2010 | U.S. History: 1492-1877 | 3 hrs |
| ENC 1101 | Composition I | 3 hrs |
| | Foreign Language | 4 hrs |

Freshman Year - Spring 13 hrs

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| AMH 2020 | U.S. History: 1877-Present | 3 hrs |
| ENC 1102 | Composition II | 3 hrs |
| STA 2014C | Principles of Statistics | 3 hrs |
| | Foreign Language | 3 hrs |

Freshman Year - Summer 9 hrs

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| Restricted Elective | | 3 hrs |
| GEP | | 3 hrs |
| GEP | | 3 hrs |

Sophomore Year - Fall 15 hrs

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| Restricted Elective | | 3 hrs |
| Restricted Elective | | 3 hrs |
| Supporting Elective | | 3 hrs |
| GEP | | 3 hrs |
| GEP | | 3 hrs |

Sophomore Year - Spring 15 hrs

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| 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

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| POS 4284 | Judicial Process and Politics | 3 hrs |
| Restricted Elective | | 3 hrs |
| Restricted Elective | | 3 hrs |
| Restricted Elective | | 3 hrs |
| Supporting Elective | | 3 hrs |

Junior Year - Spring 15 hrs

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| Restricted Elective | | 3 hrs |
| Supporting Elective | | 3 hrs |
| Supporting Elective | | 3 hrs |
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| Supporting Elective | | 3 hrs |

Senior Year - Fall 15 hrs

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| Restricted Elective | | 3 hrs |
| Restricted Elective | | 3 hrs |
| Supporting Elective | | 3 hrs |
| Supporting Elective | | 3 hrs |
| Supporting Elective | | 3 hrs |

Senior Year - Spring 13 hrs

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| Supporting Elective | | 3 hrs |
| Supporting Elective | | 3 hrs |
| Supporting Elective | | 3 hrs |
| Supporting Elective | | 3 hrs |
| Supporting Elective | | 1 hr |
| 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.oas.ucf.edu/alc/academic_learning_compacts.htm