Political Science - Prelaw Track (B.A.)
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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/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:
  - 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)
- 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)
- For students doing Option 1
  - Prefer AMH 2010 U.S. History: 1492-1877 3 hrs
- For students doing Option 2
  - Prefer EUH 2001 Western Civilization II or 3 hrs
  - Prefer WOH 2022 World Civilization II 3 hrs
  - Select two courses from B.2. 6 hrs

C: Mathematical Foundations (6 hrs)
- Math: 3 hrs
  - 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.

2. Common Program Prerequisites (CPP) (3 hrs)
- POS 2041 American National Government GEP/CPP

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.
- POS 2041 American National Government GEP
- POS 3703 Scope and Methods of Political Science GEP
- POS 4284 Judicial Process and Politics 3 hrs

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.
- POS 3703 Scope and Methods of Political Science CPP
- POS 4401 International Law 3 hrs

5. Restricted Electives (27 hrs)
- Select from the following courses:
  - POS 4603 American Constitutional Law I or 3 hrs
  - POS 4604 American Constitutional Law II or 3 hrs
  - POS 4601 International Law 3 hrs

And, select one of the following options:
- Five courses from area A and 15 hrs
  - Two courses from area B and 6 hrs
  - One course from area C 3 hrs
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  - Two courses from area A and 6 hrs
  - Five courses from area B and 15 hrs
  - One course from area C 3 hrs

Areas of Specialization
A. American Politics and Policy Area
- POS 3122 State Government and Public Policy or 3 hrs
- POS 3173 Southern Politics or 3 hrs
- POS 3152 Florida Politics or 3 hrs
- POS 3233 Public Opinion or 3 hrs
- POS 3234 Protest in American Politics or 3 hrs
- POS 3271 Civic Engagement or 3 hrs
- POS 3235 Mass Media and Politics or 3 hrs
- POS 3268 Politics in Film 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 3627 Cultural Pluralism and Law 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 4264 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
- PUP 3203 Environmental Politics or 3 hrs
- PUP 3314 Minorities in American Politics or 3 hrs
- PUP 3325 Women and Political Behavior or 3 hrs

Statistics:
- Prefer STA 2014C Principles of Statistics or 3 hrs
- Prefer STA 1063C Basic Statistics Using Microsoft Excel or 3 hrs
- May substitute a higher level statistics course. 3 hrs
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**B. International Relations and Comparative Government Area**

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**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.

**9. Additional Requirements**

- None

**10. Required Minors**

- None

**11. Departmental Exit Requirements**

- Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 in the major
- Complete the Educational Testing Service Field Exam in Political Science during the student’s graduating semester.

**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

## Related Minors
- Business
- Criminal Justice
- Diplomacy
- Economics
- English - Creative Writing
- English - Technical Communication
- History
- Human Communication
- 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/math/
- Although all classes are listed as being taken during the academic year, 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
- **Freshman Year - Fall**
  - POS 2041 American National Government 3 hrs
  - AMH 2010 U.S. History: 1492-1877 3 hrs
  - GEP-Math 3 hrs
  - ENC 1101 Composition I 3 hrs
  - GEP 3 hrs

### Freshman Year - Spring
- **Freshman Year - Spring**
  - AMH 2020 U.S. History: 1877-Present 3 hrs
  - ENC 1102 Composition II 3 hrs
  - STA 2014C Principles of Statistics 3 hrs
  - GEP 3 hrs

### Sophomore Year - Fall
- **Sophomore Year - Fall**
  - Restricted Elective 3 hrs
  - Foreign Language 4 hrs
  - Restricted Elective 3 hrs
  - Supporting Elective 3 hrs
  - GEP 3 hrs

### Sophomore Year - Spring
- **Sophomore Year - Spring**
  - POS 3703 Scope and Methods of Political Science 3 hrs
  - Restricted Elective 3 hrs
  - Supporting Elective 3 hrs
  - Foreign Language 4 hrs
  - GEP 3 hrs

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

### Junior Year - Spring
- **Junior Year - Spring**
  - Restricted Elective 3 hrs
  - Supporting Elective 3 hrs

### Senior Year - Fall
- **Senior Year - Fall**
  - Restricted Elective 3 hrs
  - Supporting Elective 3 hrs

### Senior Year - Spring
- **Senior Year - Spring**
  - Supporting Elective 3 hrs

### Program Academic Learning Compacts
- Program Academic Learning Compacts (student learning outcomes) for undergraduate programs are located at: http://www.oead.ucf.edu/academiclearningcompacts.html