Political Science (B.A.)
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Public Affairs
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2013-2014-2015 Catalog Year

Concentrations

- Interdisciplinary Studies Concentration
- Government and Managerial Innovation Concentration
- Government and Information Systems Concentration
- Public Administration Concentration

The Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) program in Political Science is designed to provide students with the analytical tools needed to address political issues at both the national and international levels, as well as to achieve their career objectives. Using a variety of innovative approaches, it provides students with the knowledge and skills essential for dealing with the emerging trends reshaping the political landscape. A baccalaureate degree in Political Science can aid a student's career pursuits in local, state, and federal government, research and lobbying for business and non-profit organizations, and public interest work for community service organizations. It also provides an excellent foundation for students who intend to pursue graduate study in law, business, or the social sciences.

Program Admission Requirements

- Submit a FGCU Undergraduate Admission Application and satisfy all applicable university admission requirements.
- Minimum grade of "C" for each course used to satisfy the Common Prerequisites
- Satisfy general education program requirements.
- Sign an Advising Agreement document.

Program Requirements

1. FGCU General Education Program (GEP) (36 hrs)
   Refer to the General Education Program for more information.

   A. Communication (6 hrs)
   B. Mathematics (6 hrs)
   C. Humanities (9 hrs)
D. Social Sciences (6-9 hrs)
   INR 2005, INR 2015, POS 2041, or POS 2112 recommended
E. Natural Sciences (6-9 hrs)

Note: At least one Natural Sciences course must include a laboratory or field component. Courses meeting this requirement contain a "C" or "L" in their course numbers. Each combined lecture and laboratory course (marked with a C) is equivalent to taking the lecture and laboratory separately.

2. **Common Prerequisites (6 hrs)**
   Any two introductory Political Science courses with the prefixes of CPO, INR, or POS (6 hours). The following are suggested FGCU courses:
   - CPO 2001 Intro to Comparative Politics (3)
   - INR 2005 Peace Conflict Public Sphere (3)
   - INR 2015 Global Studies (3)
   - POS 2041 American National Government (3)
   - POS 2112 State & Local Government & Politics (3)

3. **Core Courses in the Major (18 hrs)**
   - CPO 3003 Comparative Politics (3)
   - IDS 3300 Foundations of Civic Engagement (3)
   - INR 3003 Theories of International Relations (3)
   - POS 3043 American Political Institutions (3)
   - POS 4734 Research Methods and Analysis in Political Science (3)
   - POS 4936 Senior Seminar in Political Science (3)

4. **Major Electives (12 hrs)**

   Select four courses from the following categories of Political Science electives. At least one course must be from the Political Theory category (POT prefix) and at least one course must be from the Public Policy and Public Administration category (PUP or PAD prefix).

   Comparative Politics courses:
   - CPO 3034 Politics of Developing Nations (3)
   - CPO 3303 Latin American Politics (3)
   - CPO 3403 Politics of the Middle East (3)
   - CPO 3731 Comparative Democratization (3)
- CPO 3760 Religion & Politics (3)
- CPO 4514 Asian Politics (3)
- CPO 4755 Comparative Intergovernmental Relations (3)
- CPO 4930 Special Topics in Comparative Politics (3)
- CPO 3XXX European Politics (3)
- CPO 4XXX The Politics of Extremism (3)

International Relations courses:

- INR 3081 International Issues & Actors (3)
- INR 4075 International Human Rights (3)
- INR 4303 American Foreign Policy (3)
- INR 4703 International Political Economy (3)
- INR 4926 Model UN Practicum (3)
- INR 4930 Special Topics in International Relations (3)

- INR 4XXX International Organizations (3)

American Politics courses:

- POS 3175 Southern Politics & Civil Rights (3)
- POS 3250 Political Communication (3)
- POS 3270 Political Campaigns and Elections (3)
- POS 3283 Judicial Process (3)
- POS 3411 The Modern Presidency (3)
- POS 3424 Legislative Process (3)
- POS 3691 Law, Politics, and Society (3)
- POS 4072 Women in Politics & Government (3)
- POS 4152 Urban Politics and Problems (3)
- POS 4284 Politics of the Judiciary (3)
- POS 4604 Constitutional Law-Civil Liberties (3)
- POS 4614 Constitutional Law-Institutional Powers (3)
- POS 4931 Special Topics in Political Science (3)

Political Theory courses:

- POT 3003 Political Theorists (3)
- POT 3075 Culture and Politics (3)
- POT 3303 Ideology & Propaganda (3)
- POT 3501 Politics, Ethics, and Political Theory (3)
- POT 4074 Theories of Power (3)
- POT 4514 Theories of Political Violence (3)
- POT 4932 Special Topics in Politics & Humanities (3)
Public Policy and Public Administration courses:

- PAD 3810 State & Local Public Administration (3)
- PUP 3040 State & Local Public Policy (3)
- PUP 4004 Policymaking and Administration (3)
- **PUP 4013 Comparative Social Policy (3)**
- PUP 4206 International Environmental Policy (3)
- PUP 4712 Problems of Market & Govt. (3)
- PUP 4930 Special Topics in Public Policy (3)

5. **Restricted Electives/Concentrations (variable hours)**

Select one of the following groupings:

- **Restricted Electives (no concentration noted on transcript)**
  Complete six (6) additional hours of Political Science courses (prefixes CPO, INR, PAD, POS, POT, or PUP) at the 3000-4999 level (or above for individuals previously enrolled in the Public Administration Concentration). A Political Science Independent Study, Internship, Honors in Washington, and/or Overseas Study course also may be used to help satisfy this requirement (see "Additional Electives" below).

A. **Interdisciplinary Studies Concentration**
   Complete any one of the following minors from the College of Arts and Sciences or the Lutgert College of Business: Anthropology, Critical Theory, Economics, Global Studies, History, Latin American Studies, Peace and Social Justice, Philosophy, or Sociology in accordance with the minor requirements specified in the 2013-2014 FGCU University Catalog. (Note: Courses with CPO, INR, or PUP prefixes used to satisfy the B.A. in Political Science degree requirements cannot also be used to satisfy the Global Studies Minor requirements.)

B. **Government and Managerial Innovation Concentration**
   Complete the Lutgert College of Business minor in Management in accordance with the minor requirements specified in the 2013-2014 FGCU University Catalog.

C. **Government and Information Systems Concentration**
   Complete the Lutgert College of Business minor in Computer Information Systems in accordance with the minor requirements specified in the 2013-2014 FGCU University Catalog.

D. **Public Administration Concentration**
   This concentration is limited to individuals who have satisfied the following requirements and are accepted into the Accelerated MPA program, by means of which a student can obtain both the B.A. and M.P.A. degrees in a shortened period of study:
• Complete all General Education requirements.
• Declare a Political Science major.
• Junior standing with a minimum of 60 credit hours of completed undergraduate coursework.
• Complete at least 9 hours of 3000-4999 level Political Science courses (prefixes CPO, INR, PAD, POS, POT, or PUP).
• A minimum 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale in prior Political Science and/or Public Administration courses and a minimum 3.00 overall GPA at the time of application.
• Submit an application to the Department of Public Affairs by March 1
  prior to the academic year in which the student wishes to enroll in MPA courses. Application materials include the following:
  a. A completed FGCU Graduate Application form.
  b. One official copy of test scores from either the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT). In order to ensure acceptance into the Accelerated MPA program, the applicant must meet or exceed one of the following standards:
     1. (GPA for the last 60 semester hours attempted X18) +
        (average of percentile rankings on GRE verbal reasoning section and quantitative reasoning section) must equal or exceed 100; or
     2. (MAT percentile rank for intended major) + (GPA for the last 60 semester hours attempted X18) must equal or exceed 100.
  c. A completed Department of Public Affairs Supplemental Application Form and three completed Reference Rating Forms and/or letters of recommendation from persons qualified to judge the applicant's academic and professional potential.
  d. A Letter of Application/Statement of Career Goals, no more than two pages in length, that briefly discusses any or all of the following: the influences that led to the student's interest in FGCU's MPA Program, career goals, relevant work and/or academic experience, and/or volunteer activity in the community.

Students in the Public Administration Track complete the following MPA courses, which are also applied toward fulfillment of the baccalaureate degree:

Senior Year-Fall Semester (required)

• PAD 6060 Introduction to Public Administration (3)
• PAD 6365 Public Policy (3)

Senior Year-Spring Semester (required)
6. **University Requirements (3 hrs)**

   - IDS 3920 University Colloquium (3)

7. **Additional Electives (variable)**

   If a student wishes to complete additional electives beyond those required for his or her concentration, one or more of the following may be appropriate. Consult the Department of Public Affairs for additional information.

   - CPO 4906 Independent Study in Comparative Politics (3)
   - IDH 4945 Honors in Washington (3-6)
   - INR 3955 Overseas Study (3)
   - INR 4910 Directed Independent Study (3)
   - POS 4905 Independent Study (3)
   - POS 4911 Directed Research in Administration and Policy (3)
   - POS 4941 Political Science Internship (3)
   - POS 4942 Washington Center Internship (3-6)
   - POT 4906 Ind Study in Political Theory (3)

**TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS REQUIRED: 120 HRS**

**Additional Graduation Requirements**

- Students must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 120 credit hours.
- A cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required for all coursework attempted at FGCU.
- Minimum grade of "C" for each course used to satisfy requirements for each course used to satisfy the following categories: common prerequisites, required courses in the major, major electives, and courses in the concentration.
- At least 48 of the 120 hours must be in the upper division (3000-4999).
- At least 30 of the last 60 hours must be earned at FGCU.
- Satisfy Communication and Computation Skills, and foreign language entrance requirements.
- Satisfy Service Learning requirement. See [www.fgcu.edu/connect/](http://www.fgcu.edu/connect/)
- Submit an online Application for Graduation via Gulfline by the deadline listed in the FGCU Academic Calendar.

**Progression Requirements**

**Progression Requirements for the Accelerated MPA Program and the Public Administration Concentration**
• Earn a grade of B or higher in each course taken as part of the Accelerated MPA sequence (5000-6999 level PAD courses taken during the senior year).
• Maintain an overall GPA of at least 3.0.

If a student fails to satisfy the above progression standards, he or she will be dismissed from the Accelerated MPA program and will revert to conventional undergraduate status and the "Restricted Electives" grouping requirements (see above). Subsequent re-entry into the MPA program will require a standard graduate application and admission. See an academic advisor for additional information.

Transfer Notes and Acceptable Substitutes

The following substitutions are acceptable for common prerequisites:

• POS XXXX (3) or INR XXXX (3) or CPO XXXX (3)

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For All Majors: Students are strongly encouraged to select required lower division electives that will enhance their general education coursework and that will support their intended baccalaureate degree program. Students should consult with an academic advisor in their major degree area.