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Public Service and Leadership

A Redesigned Undergraduate Minor from the
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THE MINOR IN PUBLIC SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

A Renewed Focus on Public Service.

Our redesigned undergraduate minor in Public Service and Leadership offers students a unique opportunity to prepare for careers that enable them to make a difference, no matter what academic major they're pursuing. This one-of-a-kind program immerses students in the most cutting-edge practices in the fields of public service and public sector organizational leadership. Students will learn to seamlessly work with government agencies, non-profit and non-governmental organizations, and other political and public policy actors to better serve the public interest—as well as enhance their own careers.

Whatever Your Career Aspirations.

The minor in Public Service and Leadership is unique because it is relevant to virtually every major offered at USF.

- If you're majoring in the arts and humanities, you may one day find yourself curating, managing, or seeking public and political support for a community arts program.
- If you're majoring in engineering or science, you may one day find yourself leading a publicly funded infrastructure project, with unique intergovernmental and public-private leadership challenges.
- If you're majoring in business, you may one day find yourself leading a start-up government contractor, or becoming responsible for corporate outreach and community engagement.

The possibilities are limitless, but they all serve the public interest, and our minor teaches you how to do so effectively. A minor in Public Service and Leadership from USF will prepare you for unique opportunities to give back and serve the greater good, whatever your field or profession.

Part of Florida's General Education Requirements.

The State of Florida requires every undergraduate student to complete at least 2 courses (6 credit hours) in Ethical Reasoning and Community Engagement (ERCE), and 2 of our core requirements—***Introduction to Public and Community Service*** and ***Leadership in Public and Community Service***—have been certified by the University as meeting those requirements.

A Problem-Based and Community-Engaged Curriculum.

Our minor is experiential in nature, emphasizing hands-on, community-engaged learning opportunities. Students earning a minor in Public Service and Leadership will have opportunities, through class-projects and exercises, to learn from real-world problems, programs, and leaders, right here in the Tampa Bay region.

Rigorous and Convenient.

Our minor in Public Service and Leadership is intellectually rigorous, but earning it is also straightforward and convenient! In addition to meeting two of Florida's General Education course requirements, our courses are offered both online and in person at the Tampa campus only.

WHY NOW? OPPORTUNITIES COULDN'T BE BETTER!

There's no better time to earn a minor in Public Service and Leadership, as opportunities to make a difference through public service are expected to increase dramatically in the coming years. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that the United States will see almost 800,000 new jobs in state and local Government over the next 7 years. More than 70,000 of these jobs are expected to be filled right here in the State of Florida. Additionally, as governments increasingly collaborate with private and non-profit organizations to deliver public services, there are countless opportunities to serve the greater good in all fields. The minor in Public Service and Leadership will help to prepare you for these opportunities.

LEARN FROM A WORLD-CLASS FACULTY

Our faculty is dedicated to public service and to our profession, and we are all committed to student success... in the classroom and in life.

- **Robin Ersing, PhD;** School Director and Professor: An established international scholar who focuses on community responses to natural disasters, including vulnerable populations and spatial disadvantages.
- **Jocilyn Martinez, PhD;** Assistant Professor of Instruction and Undergraduate Program Coordinator: Expertise in local government, public service and leadership, and project management.
- **Stephen Neely, PhD;** Associate Professor and MPA Program Director: Expertise in public policy design and analysis, survey design and methodology, and quantitative analysis.

We emphasize on experiential learning, and we've enlisted the most talented and accomplished USF MPA graduates to help us train the next generation of public servants. They bring unrivaled real-world experience to our students and the classroom. Some of our adjunct faculty includes, but is not limited to:

- **Emily Colón, MPA '14;** Deputy City Manager for the City of Lakeland. She teaches Introduction to Public and Community Service.
- **Brian Corley, MPA '07;** Supervisor of Elections for Pasco County. He teaches Leadership in Public and Community Service.
- **Troy Salisbury, MPA '13;** Innovation and Resiliency Planning Manager for Hillsborough County. He teaches Introduction to Urban Planning and Urban Planning and Sustainability.



MINOR REQUIREMENTS

The minor in Public Service and Leadership requires a total of 15 credit hours, comprising of 3 required core courses (9 credit hours) and 2 elective courses (6 credit hours). USF allows students to count up to 6 credit hours—or 2 of your major's required courses—as electives towards our minor. The following are the core courses:

LDR 3301 Leadership in Public and Community Service

PAD 3003 Introduction to Public and Community Service

PUP 4002 Public Policy

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Public Service Scholarship. Established by the former Cyber Florida Staff Director Dr. Ronald Sanders, this scholarship provides support to undergraduate students at USF who have officially declared a minor in Public Service and Leadership.

For More Information

Visit [USF's School of Public Affairs website](#), where you'll find all you need to know about our undergraduate minors.

You can also contact our Undergraduate Program Coordinator, Dr. Jocilyn Martinez, via email at jmarti10@usf.edu.



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