



UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTH FLORIDA

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS



PUBLIC POLICY INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

LIP

Legislative Internship Program

As a LIP student, you'll work 9 hours per week in the offices of federal, state, and local legislators or think-tank/policy agencies. These representatives—whether in Congress, the State Legislature, the County Commission, or City Council—are all actively involved in solving regional issues.



Develop new knowledge, skills, and competencies by gaining access to and experiencing the political process first-hand.

TIP

Tallahassee Internship Program

TIP begins with an intensive course on Florida history, issues, and politics before students relocate to Tallahassee for the 60-day legislative session.

In TIP, you'll be placed in the office of an elected official, professional association, or private firm that develops and researches issues addressing Florida state policy.

Learn the public policy issues facing Florida and become involved in the legislative process by interning in the offices of local, state, and federal elected officials.



In addition to acquiring internship work experience, you'll receive academic credit. You will also:

- Understand the roles and responsibilities of government, and how public policy is developed.
- Enhance civic engagement skills and become an active, informed citizen.
- Explore diverse career options and interests.
- Develop or enhance your professional skills and knowledge of workplace procedures.
- Develop networking contacts with professionals in public policy fields.
- Apply classroom learning to professional experience.
- Develop teamwork and leadership skills.
- Develop research and communication skills.

Join us!

Complete an application (spa.usf.edu/ppi) and submit to Angela Crist, Director of USF's Florida Institute of Government (contact information on back). After interviewing and being accepted to LIP, you'll enroll in the program's courses. To join, you must be of junior or senior standing.



Open to all majors, the Public Policy Internships show how your field of study applies to the public sector.

Credits & Scholarships

Legislative Internship Program

Receive between 1-4 credits during Fall or Spring:

- IDS 4910 Legislative Seminar
- IDS 4912 Legislative Internship

Students receive a \$300 scholarship for participating in LIP. Some placements are in downtown Tampa, others are located across the USF region.

Tallahassee Internship Program

Receive 12 total credit hours during Spring:

- IDS 4910 Tallahassee Internship Seminar
- IDS 4912 Tallahassee Internship Program
- POS 4910 Individual Research Tallahassee
- POS 4941 Field Work Tallahassee Program

TIP students receive a \$3,500 scholarship.

Part of the scholarship will be used to pay for housing while in Tallahassee.

NOTE: If the student owes USF money (e.g. tuition & fees, housing, meal plan, etc.), the University Controllers Office (UCO) will apply any financial aid payments (e.g. grants, scholarships, loans, etc.) to what is owed before LIP and TIP internship scholarship funds can be used.



Megan Sirjane-Samples
Florida League of Cities

“The USF Public Policy Internship Program (Tallahassee Internship Program) enabled me to not only secure a full-time job post- graduation, but it fostered an environment that allowed hands-on, real-world experience. No book or classroom can expose you to what the day-to-day life is truly like in your chosen career field like the USF Public Policy Internship Program does. In addition, the relationships I was able to develop through the program have helped me to advance and excel in my profession.”



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The Public Policy Internship programs are offered by the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) School of Public Affairs and the USF Florida Institute of Government (FIOG).

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