



COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF ARTS: POLITICAL SCIENCE

YEAR 1 FALL

ENC 1101	3
Mathematics State Core	3
General Education/Elective	3
General Education/Elective	3
General Education/Elective	3

TOTAL: 15

YEAR 1 SPRING

ENC 1102	3
General Education/Elective	3
General Education/Elective	3
General Education/Elective	3
INR 2002	3

TOTAL: 15

YEAR 2 FALL

Natural Science State Core	3
Foreign Language	4
General Education/Elective	3
General Education/Elective	3
General Education/Elective	3

TOTAL: 16

YEAR 2 SPRING

Foreign Language	4
General Education/Elective	3
General Education/Elective	3
ECO 1000 or ECO 2013 or ECO 2023	3
POS 2041 American National Government	3

TOTAL: 16

YEAR 3 FALL USE

Upper-Level Elective	3
Major Elective (Upper-Level)	3
Major Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3

TOTAL: 15

YEAR 3 SPRING USE

Major Elective (Upper-Level)	3
Major Elective	3
POS 3713	3
Upper-Level Elective	3
Upper-Level Elective	3

TOTAL: 15

YEAR 4 FALL USE

Major Elective	3
POT 3003 Introduction to Political Theory	3
Major Elective (Upper-Level)	3
Major Elective (Upper-Level)	3
Upper-Level Elective	3

TOTAL: 15

YEAR 4 SPRING USE

Upper-Level Elective (SLS 3308 Job Search recommended)	3
Upper-Level Elective	3
Upper-Level Elective	3
Upper-Level Elective	3
Major Elective	3

TOTAL: 15

The following is additional information for the Political Science major:

- Field work/internships for POL credit is highly encouraged & could serve in place of “Selected Topics in Political Science” above, for 3-6 major elective credits. The Legislative Internship Program is particularly popular, as is The Washington Center and the Tallahassee Internship Program.
- Independent study/research is also highly encouraged for students planning on graduate studies. This can serve in place of “Selected Topics in Political Science” above for 3 major elective credits.
- This major does require two semesters of foreign language to be completed in a college or university setting.
- If a student is already proficient in a foreign language, they need to discuss testing out of the foreign language with an advisor or the USF World Languages Department.
- This major is a broad major suitable for many different career paths. However, most students in this major are interested in pursuing careers with the following types of employers/agencies: law firms; legislative affairs/legislative assistant; state and local government; political campaign management/political parties; think tanks; statistics/market research organizations (e.g., Gallup); State Department; foreign service officers; national intelligence (e.g., CIA, DIA, NSA, military intelligence, private intelligence contractor); Homeland Security/immigration/law enforcement; humanitarian/international non-profit organizations; local/regional/national non-profit organizations; international law; business and international business; journalism; public relations firms.
- As many of these career paths are highly competitive, students are strongly encouraged to engage in experiential learning experiences while at USF, such as education abroad, internship, or undergraduate research, in order to better prepare for these careers. Some of these career paths may require an advanced graduate degree (e.g., law degree, master’s degree, and/or doctoral degree) in order to pursue them.
- There are several student organizations that students may join at USF appropriate for these interests. Among them are: International Studies Society; Model United Nations; Pre-Law Society; Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honor Society); Bulls Bar Association; and Phi Alpha Delta (Pre-Law Society).
- Students must have at least a 2.0 GPA before graduation.

Students interested in the Political Science major may contact polysciadvise@usf.edu.
For general transfer advising inquiries please contact transfer-advising@usf.edu.

