**GOVERNMENT program**

**Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Degree**

**DEGREE INFORMATION**

**Program Admission Deadlines:**

**Fall:** January 15

Fall admissions only

**Minimum Total Hours:** 72-hours post-bachelors

**Program Level:** Doctoral

**CIP Code:** 45.0901

**Dept. Code: IGS**

**Program (Major/College):** GOV AS

**Approved:** 2009

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

**College:** Arts and Sciences

**Department: School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies**

**Contact Information:** [www.grad.usf.edu](http://www.grad.usf.edu/)

**PROGRAM INFORMATION**

**Accreditation:**

Accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of College and Schools.

**ADMISSION INFORMATION**

Must meet University requirements (see Graduate Admissions) as well as requirements listed below.

**Program Admission Requirements**

Students apply for admission directly into the Ph.D. program. Those who are interested in first earning a Master’s in Political Science need to apply to that program separately.

Students must submit

* a completed application,
* 2 official transcripts from their undergraduate or graduate institutions,
* GRE Required
* 3 letters of recommendation (from academic sources or from those able to judge the applicant’s academic abilities),
* a 500 word personal statement expressing reasons for pursuing a Ph.D. in Government at the University of South Florida, and
* a writing sample

A Master’s degree in Political Science, Public Administration, International Studies, or a related field will count favorably towards admission, but it is not a requirement for admission.

**DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Total Minimum hours: 72 credit hours post-bachelor’s

**Core Requirements 6**

**Interdisciplinary Professional Seminar 3 hours**

**DisciplinaryRequirements: select 3 9 hours**

POS 6045 Seminar in American Government 3

POT 6007 Seminar in Political Theory 3

INR 6007 Seminar in International Relations 3

CPO 6091 Seminar in Comparative Politics 3

**Methods Requirements 9 hours**

POS 6746 Quantitative Analysis I 3

POS 6707 Qualitative Analysis 3

Either:

POS 6747 Advanced Topics in Quantitative Political Analysis 3

Or:

POS 6942 Field Work in Political Science & Public Admin 3

Or:

AFA 6355 African American Community Research 3

**Major Field 9 hours**

The options for major field are International Relations, Comparative Politics, American Government and Political Theory. With graduate committee approval, students will be encouraged to take courses in other disciplines.

**Minor Field 6 hours**

The options for minor field are International Relations, Comparative Politics, American Government and Political Theory. With graduate committee approval, students will be encouraged to take courses in other disciplines.

**Electives 9 hours**

Students will enhance their major or minor areas of specialization with a three credit hour course

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**Students Teacher Training Requirement 3 hours**

POS 6933 Selected Topics in Political Science

**Foreign Language**

All students must demonstrate competency in at least one foreign language. Students must pass the competency exam administrated by the World Language Education Department. Additionally, students, whose research focuses on a particular area of the world, must be proficient in language(s) native to that region.

**Comprehensive Exam**

All students must pass one comprehensive examination, consisting of two separate exams, to be administered on consecutive days, one in their major field and one in their minor field. Major Field exams will be limited to 8 hours and minor field examinations will be limited to 6 hours. A rotating committee of faculty members composes and grades those exams. The comprehensive examinations for the Ph.D. program are separate from the comprehensive examinations for the MA in Political Science program. Students may not substitute comprehensive examinations taken to fulfill a Master’s degree for their Ph.D. comprehensive exams.

**Selected Topics/Capstone**  **3 hours**

POS 6933

**Dissertation Proposal – Capstone Interdisciplinary Seminar**

Students will enroll in POS 6933 as their Capstone Interdisciplinary Seminar. During the Seminar, students develop their dissertation proposals. Students must present their dissertation proposal in written and oral form to their dissertation committee. Students must present their dissertation at an oral defense, and their committees determine whether the students passed. Finally, students must submit written copies of their dissertations with the signatures of their committee members. All dissertations must conform to University of South Florida format rules.

**Dissertation**

POS 7980 Dissertation **18 hours**

**COURSES**

See <http://www.ugs.usf.edu/course-inventory/>