**GOVERNMENT program**

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

**DEGREE INFORMATION**

**Program Admission Deadlines:**

**Fall:** January 5

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 – 6 hours

Disciplinary Requirements – 9 hours

Methods – 9 hours

Major Field – 9 hours

Minor Field – 6 hours

Electives – 9 hours

Teacher Training – 3 hours

Capstone – 3 hours

Dissertation – 18 hours

**Core Requirements - 6 credit hours**

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POS 6933 3 Selected Topics in Political Science: Interdisciplinary Professional Seminar

**Disciplinary Requirements - 9 credit hours**

Select three of the following:

POS 6045 3 Seminar in American Government

POT 6007 3 Seminar in Political Theory

INR 6007 3 Seminar in International Relations

CPO 6091 3 Seminar in Comparative Politics

**Methods Requirements - 9 credit hours**

POS 6746 3 Quantitative Analysis I

POS 6707 3 Qualitative Analysis

Select one of the following:

POS 6933/6747 3 Advanced Topics in Quantitative Political Analysis

POS 6942 3 Field Work in Political Science & Public Admin

AFA 6355 3 African American Community Research: Ethnography

**Major Field - 9 credit 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 credit 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 credit 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 credit 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 a 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 standing committee of faculty members composes and grades those exams.

**Selected Topics/Capstone - 3 credit hours**

POS 6933 3 Selected Topics in Political Science

**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 to their dissertation committee and obtain consent from all committee members before proceeding to the dissertation work.

**Dissertation -**  **18 credit hours**

POS 7980 18 Dissertation

Students must present their dissertation at an oral defense, and their committees determine whether the student passed. Finally, students must submit written copies of their dissertation with signature of their committee members. All dissertations must conform to University of South Florida format rules.

**COURSES**

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