Dear Prospective Students, Parents and Program Supporters:

The Department of Political Science and Public Administration welcomes you. The department offers a wide variety of opportunities for students who are interested in politics, administration and public affairs. The department combines academic preparation along with applied research and career opportunities in the public sector.

For undergraduates, we offer a challenging core of courses and then allow students to choose a concentration of electives. We also offer opportunities for students in a Pre-Law program, Public Opinion Research Lab, a Fast Track MPA program where you can earn graduate credit even before you graduate, and internships in Jacksonville, Washington D.C., and around the world. Students who meet a particular grade point average are invited to join Pi Sigma Alpa, our national Honors Society.

Our graduate Masters of Public Administration offers a challenging curriculum that will help both working PA professionals and full-time graduate students. Scholarships and Fellowships are available. The program also offers a Non-Profit track where students can focus on learning how to administer non-profit organizations. Most importantly, the program is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration.

If you have any questions, please contact me at mcorriga@unf.edu 904.620.1926. Welcome to UNF.

Sincerely,

Dr. Matthew Corrigan
Chair, Department of Political Science and Public Administration

Career Options
by Career Services
Political Science is the study of the government and its systems, organizations, and processes at different levels and cultures. People in this field study the actions of the government, political parties, and revolutionary events, as well as the public's opinions and the decision-making processes involving politics. Others may conduct academic research, writing or teaching, or work on applied problems for federal agencies.
What careers are available in Political Science

Possible Careers and Graduate Schools

Attending Law Schools: Such as the University of Florida, Georgetown University, Washington and Lee, Stetson, etc. Marty Edwards is our Pre-Law advisor at 904.620.1069.

Attending Graduate Schools in Public Administration: Including our own MPA program. - Professor Candler is the MPA Director. He can be contacted via email at g.candler@unf.edu


Professors: Students who aspire to be Professors can take the GRE and search our appropriate graduate schools. A PhD in political science may take up to 6 years of postgraduate education.

Careers in State & Local Government: including city administrators, urban planners, and city council members.

Administrators in Non-Profits: Such as the Museum of Science and History, Episcopal Children Services, and the United Way.


Journalism Careers: Since over half of the stories journalists encounter have to do with politics or policy, political science majors can transition to career opportunities at newspapers and TV stations.

Campaigns and Polling Research: Political campaigns are in need of strategists, Fundraisers, and data experts. Campaigns spend over a billion dollars in the United States during election years.

Teaching: The demand for elementary and secondary teachers is tremendous. Many states have a shortened educational certificate for non-education majors to get their teaching certificate. UNF’s Education College has such a program.

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Some related career titles
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Attorney
Business Development
City Manager
Congressional Aide/Research Consultant
Consumer Advocate
FBI/CIA Agent
Government Intelligence Analyst
Historic Preservationist
Historic Site Interpreter
Labor Organizer
Lobbyist

Law Enforcement Officer
Management Analyst
Media Analyst
Paralegal
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What other unique opportunities are available in the major?

Pre-Law Program: Students can get assistance in planning a legal career.
Public Opinion Lab: Students perform research including political polling.
Mock United Nations: Students can actively participate in dealing with international problem-solving.
Mock Trial (Pre-law): Students can compete against other students in legal competition.
Real World Policy Project in Washington D.C.: Students present research to experts in Washington including the Defense and State Departments.
Six Concentrations: in public law, public policy, American politics, general political science, international relations and Fast Track Public Administration.
Internships: Local, State and National Government including the State Department and the Defense Department.

The department has begun a Political Science Honors society for majors who achieve an outstanding academic record. The director of the COAS Pre-Law program is a department faculty member and the department works closely with the program. Also, the Public Opinion Research Laboratory is a research center that provides research opportunities for students.

If you have more questions, please contact the department chair, Dr. Matthew Corrigan at 904-620-1926 or at mcorrigan@unf.edu

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJORS:
Political Science, BA

Political Science, the study of politics, is concerned with understanding political phenomena and developing citizens who are aware of their political rights and responsibilities. The political science major at UNF has three broad objectives. The first is to convey to students knowledge about the subfields within the discipline, with an emphasis on American government and politics, comparative politics, international relations, and public administration. The second is to provide students with the skills needed for active and effective participation in the democratic process. The final objective is to prepare students for careers associated with politics. The political science major provides an excellent background for admission to law school and is a solid foundation for graduate work in political science, public administration, and urban planning. In addition to preparing students for graduate work, the conceptual and methodological skills developed in the major equip students for employment in local, state, and national organizations, corporations; nonprofit groups located in the U.S. and foreign countries; international organizations such as the United Nations; the print and electronic media, and secondary education.

After completion of the core requirements, students may take their major electives in one of six concentrations: General Political Science, American Politics, International Relations/ Comparative Politics, Public Law, Public Administration/ Public Policy, Fast-track MPA

Political Science Minors: Political Science & Public Administration minors are both available within the department.
The Mission: The Masters of Public Administration program at the University of North Florida is committed to providing graduate professional education in northeast Florida in the administration and management of public and nonprofit agencies.

In the fulfillment of this mission, the program focuses on six key competencies: the ability

- to lead and manage in public governance;
- to participate in and contribute to the policy process;
- to analyze, synthesize, think critically, solve problems and make decisions;
- to articulate and apply a public service perspective;
- to communicate and interact productively with a diverse and changing workforce and citizenry; and
- to understand local governance in a global context.

WHAT IS THE MASTERS OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION FAST TRACK PROGRAM?

A Fast Track leading to the Master of Public Administration is available to UNF students with an earned Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and an undergraduate minor in Public Administration. Students must declare their intent to enroll in this Fast Track Option prior to their senior year. Eligible students must have an earned Grade Point Average of 3.0 or higher. Students will be able to successfully finish the Master of Public Administration Degree upon completing only 33 credit hours of graduate work.

MPA program requires: a GPA of 3.0 at the undergraduate level; completion of the BA in Political Science with a minor in Public Administration; a GRE Verbal of 153 and Quantitative total score of 145; completion of PAD 4003, PAD 4027, and PAD 4167 with a 3.0 in each of these courses. If the required GPA/GRE scores are not maintained while enrolled as an undergraduate, then the regular application and acceptance procedures for admission into the 42 hour MPA program are required. Please see the MPA Director for additional information on Fast Track requirements.

For more information: http://www.unf.edu/coas/pspa/MPA/
Government Agency, Business or Non-Profit

How to get an internship

- For ideas & internship process, you will need to contact:
  - Dr. Borg [email]
  - Ambassador Soderberg [email]
  - Dr. Corrigan [email]
- Research what type of internship you are interested in
- Resources: PSPA website for lists of potential internships [Link]
- Join our Internship FB page and/or look at previous students’ testimonials [Link].
- Talk to other UNF students to get their feedback/experiences on an internship program.
- Once you are ready to start applying, pay attention to deadline(s) posted.
- Have an updated cover letter & resume for submission: (i.e., broader than family). For resume/cover letter samples click here [Link]
- Line up good recommendations well in advance.
- Network: Talk to other UNF students, professors, and friends; Get advice, leads, and contacts.
- Schedule interviews with potential employers in advance. (i.e., give 3-4 weeks’ notice to schedule these interviews).
- Contact us for any questions.
The Pre-Law Program

The University of North Florida offers a Pre-Law Program to enhance the preparation of the undergraduate student interested in pursuing law school and entrance into the legal profession or a law-related career. The UNF Pre-Law Program is multi-faceted in the range of services offered to students preparing for the rigors of legal training.

Components of the program include thorough pre-law advising, curriculum analysis and assistance with appropriate course selection, preparation for the Law School Admission (LSAT) and participation in intercollegiate mock trial competition.

The Pre-Law Program assists students in acquiring the necessary background and skills for law school admission and provides the guidance and practical information to maximize the student’s opportunities for success in the field of law.

Director Martin Edwards is a Senior Instructor in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration. He is an attorney, retired from private practice in Jacksonville, and formerly with the State’s Attorney’s Office, and the Public Defender’s Office. Email: medwards@unf.edu

Program Assistants Peggy Baldt (Email: p.baldt@unf.edu) (left) and Catherine Moore honored by naming the Program Office.

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