



Department of Political Science

Senior Scholars Program

The Senior Scholars Program is an opportunity for outstanding undergraduate students to experience graduate level coursework prior to completion of their bachelor's degree. Students who are considering Political Science Master's programs are strongly encouraged to apply.

Benefits of Participation

- Access to small, seminar-style classes (Less than 15 students)
- Preview graduate school before enrolling
- Flexible enrollment: Start in summer, fall, or spring
- Earn credit towards BA and MA at same time
- Possibility of earning a master's degree in one additional year at UCF
- Dedicated Senior Scholars Advisor to help identify grant opportunities

Eligibility Requirements

- 3.3 GPA in political science courses
- Completion of 18 political science credits or a political science minor
- Completion of 90 credit hours (Senior Standing)
- Be in good academic standing with the University
- Completion of POS 3703 with a B (3.0) or higher.



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Program Policies

- Up to 9 credit hours can be taken and transferred into a Master's program. Course(s) can also be used towards upper-division elective credit for undergraduate degrees. Students should consult an undergraduate advisor to ensure that graduate-level courses they take can be applied to specific program requirements (i.e. Areas A, B, and C of Political Science BA, or Regional / Functional Areas of IGS BA).
- Course enrollment is contingent upon course availability. Senior Scholars may not compose more than 50% of any 6000-level political science course without consent of the instructor.
- Participation in the Senior Scholars **does not guarantee admissions** to the Political Science Master's Program.
- Senior Scholars may take any 6000-level political science course except POS 6743 and POS 6747 which require consent of instructor. Senior Scholars may not take more than two 6000-level classes at once and will not be granted excess credit hour overrides while taking graduate-level classes. (9 graduate credit hours is a full-time load for MA students).
- Students should consider residency requirements and the cost of graduate credits. If students have taken or plan to take classes outside of UCF, taking 6000-level classes may interfere with residency requirement. Tuition and fees for graduate-level classes are higher than they are for undergraduate classes. It is the student's responsibility to consult with the Office of Student Financial Assistance regarding adjustments that might be needed for Bright Futures and other scholarship funding. <https://finaid.ucf.edu/>
- Meeting minimum program eligibility requirements **does not guarantee departmental approval**. Approval by Undergraduate Coordinator, Graduate Coordinator, and Department Chair are all required prior to enrollment.

Links to More Information

http://www.admissions.graduate.ucf.edu/about_ucf/ucf_undergraduates/

<https://sciences.ucf.edu/politicalscience/graduate/>



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Senior Scholars Application

You must have your undergraduate schedule planned before you submit this application. If you need assistance in planning your undergraduate schedule please email: politics@ucf.edu

*Return completed form to UCF Political Science Dept.
4297 Andromeda Loop N.
Howard Phillips Hall, Room 302
Orlando, FL 32816-1356*

Application due 10 business days before first day of classes.

Name: _____ UCFID: _____

Major GPA: _____

Please list graduate course(s) you are interested in taking in the upcoming term:

Course Prefix	Course Name	Term	Instructor

The student understands and accepts the additional academic responsibilities that need to be met in order to be successful in advanced graduate level courses. It is the student’s responsibility to consult with the Office of Student Financial Assistance regarding adjustments that might be needed for Bright Futures and other scholarship funding. It is also the student’s responsibility to consider UCF residency requirements for graduation and consult academic advising as necessary.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

For official use only:

Undergraduate Coordinator signature: _____ Date: _____

Graduate Coordinator signature: _____ Date: _____

Department Chair signature: _____ Date: _____