

## GOVERNMENT/INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

### Mission Statement

*The mission of the Department of Government is to educate students in the areas of government, politics, and international affairs, and by this means to foster more knowledgeable, informed, and active citizenship, as well as more enlightened future political leadership, in the in communities to which they belong.*

### Student Learning Outcomes

UWF Government graduates should be able to do the following:

#### Content

- Discuss competing theories on the nature of political power
- Compare the exercise of political power in different regimes and across political cultures and historical periods
- Discuss competing theories of international relations
- Discuss competing theories about the reciprocal relations between politics, on the one hand, and cultural, economic, and geographical factors across time, on the other
- Discuss methods for testing competing hypotheses in political science
- Discuss relevance of political research to the study and conduct of political life
- Identify the advantages and limitations of civic participation in different political and cultural contexts

#### Critical Thinking

- Recognize the causes, severity, magnitude, and importance of a political problem
- Delineate relevant features of a particular political question, problem, or puzzle
- Identify relevant theories from the scholarly literature that are helpful for understanding the selected question, problem, or puzzle
- Generate a plausible hypothesis or logical argument to address the question
- Develop a coherent and comprehensive plan for evaluating the hypothesis using the tools of political science
- Use appropriate resources to collect evidence for assessing and evaluating hypotheses
- Synthesize theory, evidence, and applications to produce an intelligible conclusion or solution to the original question

## Communication

- Write coherent, intelligible, systematic, and potentially persuasive papers
- Accurately present findings orally with appropriate visual tools
- Defend details of oral presentations

## Integrity/Values

- Pursue the use of legitimate scholarship and appropriate citation in keeping with standards of academic integrity
- Identify the similarities and differences between individual moral and political obligations
- Foster a free exchange of ideas
- Promote appropriate civic participation

## Project Management

- Design and execute an appropriate work plan, using outlines and timelines, to complete project obligations
- Anticipate and overcome reasonable obstacles in project completion

## Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes

In our programs in Political Science and International Studies, students demonstrate learning in a variety of ways, including quizzes, examinations, contributions to class discussion, term papers and oral presentations. A capstone experience provides an opportunity to display command of a body of literature, critical thinking and communication skills. Exemplary performances are recognized in the Department of Government website.

## Job Prospects for Government Graduates in International Relations

Media Expert	Lobbyist
Educator Military Official	Political Activist
Government Official	Think Tank Member
Public Affairs Officer Public	Researcher
Relations Officer	Cross-Cultural Trainer
Non Profit Administrator	Business Consultant
International Organization Director	

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