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
• Recognize and apply terminology, concepts, and theories in these areas:
  - Human nature and the good society
  - The nature of political power
  - The exercise of political power in different regimes and across political cultures and historical periods
  - International relations and American security and diplomacy
  - Comparative politics and democratic governance
  - American political institutions and mass political behavior
  - 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

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. Required coursework at the introductory level provides an opportunity for students to demonstrate content knowledge across the discipline. A required upper-division research methods course provides an opportunity to demonstrate academic integrity, critical thinking and communication skills.

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

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