

Law/Politics (Political Science) Program Map



**Academic
& Career
Pathways**
Florida SouthWestern State College

Example Course Sequence

Associate in Arts (AA): General Studies

LAW/POLITICS (POLITICAL SCIENCE)

PUBLIC SAFETY & LAW STUDIES PATHWAY

CATALOG YEAR 2025-2026

This map is for students earning the Associate in Arts (General Studies) degree and preparing to transfer to a Florida public school for a Bachelor's degree in this major. Classes with the symbol help you explore this pathway.

Learn about FSW's Public Safety & Law Degrees: fsw.edu/pathways/publicsafetylaw

Semester 1

Course	Credits	Notes
SLS 1515	CORNERSTONE EXPERIENCE	3
ENC 1101*	COMPOSITION I	3
LAW STUDIES ELECTIVE	CHOOSE ANY: - BUL 2241: BUSINESS LAW - CJL 2100: CRIMINAL LAW	3
MGF 1130	MATHEMATICAL THINKING	3
POS 2041 (CIVIC. LIT.)	AMERICAN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT	3
Total Semester Credits:		15

Semester 2

Course	Credits	Notes
ENC 1102*	COMPOSITION II	3
STA 2023	STATISTICAL METHODS I	3
NATURAL SCIENCE	ANY GEN. ED. CORE NATURAL SCIENCE	3
SPC 2608	INTRO TO PUBLIC SPEAKING	3
LAW STUDIES ELECTIVE	CHOOSE ANY FROM LIST ABOVE	3
Total Semester Credits:		15
Total Academic Year Credits:		30

Semester 3

Course	Credits	Notes
NATURAL SCIENCE	ANY GEN. ED. NATURAL SCIENCE	3
LAW STUDIES ELECTIVE	CHOOSE ANY FROM LIST ABOVE	3
HUMANITIES*	ANY WRIT. INTENS. CORE HUMANITIES	3
INR 2002	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	3
CGS 1100	COMPUTER APPLICATIONS FOR BUSINESS	3
Total Semester Credits:		15

Semester 4

Course	Credits	Notes
ECO 2013	PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS	3
CPO 2001	COMPARATIVE POLITICS	3
LAW STUDIES ELECTIVE	CHOOSE ANY FROM LIST ABOVE	3
IDS 2891	CREATIVE CAPSTONE	3
HUMANITIES*	ANY WRITING INTENS. HUMANITIES	3
Total Semester Credits:		15
Total Academic Year Credits:		30
Overall Credits:		60

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Transfer Worksheet

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Common Prerequisites & FSW Recommended Courses		Credits	Semester	Example Transfer Requirements**			
				Florida Gulf Coast University	University of Florida	University of South Florida	Other Transfer School:
FSW Cornerstone Experience and Creative Capstone							
SLS 1515	CORNERSTONE EXPERIENCE	3		X	X	X	X
IDS 2891	CREATIVE CAPSTONE	3		X	X	X	X
Communication							
ENC 1101*	COMPOSITION I	3		X	X	X	
ENC 1102*	COMPOSITION II	3		X	X	X	
Humanities							
HUMANITIES*	ANY WRITING INTENS. CORE HUMANITIES	3		X	X	X	
HUMANITIES*	ANY WRITING INTENS. HUMANITIES	3		X	X	X	
Social Science							
POS 2041	AMERICAN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT	3		X	X	X	
INR 2002	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	3		X+++	X	X+++	
Mathematics							
MGF 1130	MATHEMATICAL THINKING	3		Alternate: Any Core Gen. Ed. Math	Alternate: Any Core Gen. Ed. Math	Alternate: Any Core Gen. Ed. Math	
STA 2023	STATISTICAL METHODS I	3		Alternate: Any Gen. Ed. Math	Alternate: Any Gen. Ed. Math (STA 2023 Preferred)++	Alternate: Any Gen. Ed. Math (STA 2023 Preferred)++	
Natural Science							
COURSE NUMBERS ENDING IN "L" ARE LABS. COURSE NUMBERS ENDING IN "C" AUTOMATICALLY INCLUDE LECTURE AND LAB COMBINED.							
NATURAL SCI.	ANY GEN. ED. CORE NATURAL SCIENCE	3		X	X	X	
NATURAL SCI.	ANY GEN. ED NATURAL SCIENCE	3		X	X	X	
NATURAL SCI.	ANY GEN. ED. NATURAL SCIENCE LAB	Varies		X	X	X	
Electives / Gen. Ed. Flex							
ECO 2013	PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS	3		Alternate: Any AA Elective	Alternate: Any AA Elective	Alternate: ECO 2023	
SPC 2608 ⚡	INTRO TO PUBLIC SPEAKING	3		Alternate: Any AA Elective	Alternate: Any AA Elective	Alternate: Any AA Elective	
CPO 2001 ⚡	COMPARATIVE POLITICS	3		X+++	X+++	X+++	
BUL 2241 ⚡	BUSINESS LAW	3		Alternate: Any AA Elective	Alternate: Any AA Elective	Alternate: Any AA Elective	
CGS 1100	COMPUTER APPLICATIONS FOR BUSINESS	3		Alternate: Any AA Elective	Alternate: Any AA Elective	Alternate: Any AA Elective	
PLA 2880 ⚡	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW	3		Alternate: Any AA Elective	Alternate: Any AA Elective	Alternate: Any AA Elective	
CJL 2100 ⚡	CRIMINAL LAW	3		Alternate: Any AA Elective	Alternate: Any AA Elective	Alternate: Any AA Elective	
PLA 2200 ⚡	LITIGATION	3		Alternate: Any AA Elective	Alternate: Any AA Elective	Alternate: Any AA Elective	
Foreign Language, Dual Enrollment, and Other Requirements (If Needed)							
ENC 1130+	IMPROVING COL. WRITING (COUNTS AS ELECTIVE)	3		Notes:	Notes:	Notes:	Notes:
MAT 0018+	MATH FOR SUCCESS LIB. ARTS (DEVELOPMENTAL: DOES NOT COUNT AS ELECTIVE OR MATH)	4		+++ Students going into the Political Science B.A. must have CPO 2001 or INR 2002.	++ STA 2023 is preferred. It is not required for admission, but is required to complete the bachelor's degree.	++ STA 2023 is preferred. It is not required for admission, but is required to complete the bachelor's degree.	
				This is aligned with the 2025-26 FGSU Catalog. Admission and prerequisite requirements may change by the time you seek to enroll.	+++ Must have CPO 2001 or INR 2002.	+++ Must have CPO 2001 or INR 2002.	
				This is aligned with the 2025-26 UF Catalog. Admission and prerequisite requirements may change by the time you seek to enroll.	This is aligned with the 2025-26 UF Catalog. Admission and prerequisite requirements may change by the time you seek to enroll.	This is aligned with the 2025-26 UF Catalog. Admission and prerequisite requirements may change by the time you seek to enroll.	
Florida Civic Literacy Exam Requirement (FCLE) - Check if Satisfied							
- Classes with the ⚡ symbol help you explore this pathway. - Students must meet the Core, *Writing Intensive, Civic Literacy, Foreign Language, and College requirements in the FSW College Catalog. - Other classes may be used toward FSW degree requirements, but they might not meet the prerequisite and transfer requirements for your intended Bachelor's degree. - To maintain timely graduation, it is highly recommended that you complete all common prerequisite course work prior to being admitted into a Bachelor's degree program. Some institutions may require that all prerequisites be completed before acceptance into the major. - Total credits for graduation may exceed the numbers indicated. - Your Student Success Advisor can help you make a personalized plan. www.fsw.edu/advising †Only take this class if required by test scores or other college placement requirements. Updated 10/25				Note about bachelor's degrees and law school: This program map follows the plan for Political Science, which is a common Bachelor's degree major for students who plan to earn a Juris Doctorate degree and become lawyers. However, there is <u>no required major</u> or prerequisite coursework to apply to law school. Note also that Paralegal Studies is a separate field, with different course requirements, and career opportunities. Work with your Advisor to plan.			

****IMPORTANT:** Schools may have additional transfer requirements not listed here, and prerequisite course requirements can change without notice. Always confirm transfer requirements directly with your destination schools and plan carefully and frequently with your Academic Advisor.