

FLAGLER COLLEGE

POLITICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM



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LEAD THE CONVERSATION.

Study government, law, and public policy through internships in local courts and government offices while building the research, communication, and critical thinking skills that prepare you for law school, public service, and leadership.



MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

The students who thrive here are curious ones. They want to go beyond reading the news or hearing about what's going on in the world. They want to understand how we got here, why we're here, and what options we have to make things different. A lot of them come in with a passion for being changemakers, and they care deeply about what they're doing.

Our classrooms are far more interdisciplinary than you'd find at a major university. Our courses are cross-listed with other programs, so in International Relations or Global Environmental Politics you're in class with students with diverse interests and perspectives.

I'm excited to see your curiosity come to campus! If you have any questions, our admissions team is ready to help.



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WHY POLITICAL SCIENCE AT FLAGLER COLLEGE?

SMALL CLASSES, DIRECT ACCESS

Classes run 15 to 20 students, smaller at the upper level, so faculty know what you're good at, what you're still working on, and how to help you grow.

MORE THAN JOB TRAINING

The program's goal isn't to train you for one job. It's to build the historical, theoretical, and practical understanding to make sense of the world, whatever you choose to do with it.

A CAPSTONE THAT'S YOURS

Every student graduates with an original research project built around a political science question they care about and choose to explore.

100%

**CLASSES TAUGHT BY PROFESSORS
WHO KNOW YOUR NAME**

SIGNATURE POLITICAL SCIENCE EXPERIENCES

SAINTS IN PUBLIC SERVICE

Students intern in local courts, city hall, and the county commission, gaining hands-on government experience.

AWARD-WINNING MODEL UN

Represent countries, negotiate global issues, and compete against colleges across the country through Flagler's award-winning Model UN team.

LEGISLATIVE TRAVEL FUNDING

A donor-funded travel program helps students spend the legislative session working alongside policymakers in Tallahassee.

STUDENT PANELS & DEBATES

Plan and moderate conversations about today's biggest issues while bringing students, faculty, and community leaders together.

THE POLITICAL FORUM

Hear elected officials, policy experts, and community leaders discuss today's most important issues through this long-running speaker series.

STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

"My Flagler College experience was freeing, visionary, and impactful. I am especially grateful to the Political Science faculty and how they helped guide me throughout my journey in college. My advisor, Dr. Bracewell, pushed me to a higher level of academic research and suggested I take my work to a conference to present.

— Abby Wahl '25

"My Flagler experience was transformative, inspiring, and peaceful. The list is entirely too long to say who inspired me, nearly every mentor and professor in my life has inspired me. But specifically, here at Flagler Professor Bracewell and Professor Thweatt have pushed my philosophical views and outlooks on the world to the extreme and have given me an amazing foundation in which to build my own house of philosophy.

— Jake Van Clief '24

PREPARING FOR GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS

THESE COURSES BUILD THE ANALYTICAL FOUNDATION FOR WHATEVER PATH YOU PURSUE NEXT IN GOVERNMENT, LAW, OR POLICY:

- » Global Environmental Politics
- » International Relations
- » Public Policy
- » Conflict Resolution
- » Comparative Politics
- » Political Science Research Methods

Faculty advisors work closely with students to tailor coursework for professional school admissions.

WHERE GRADUATES END UP

POLITICAL SCIENCE GRADUATES BUILD CAREERS IN GOVERNMENT, LAW, AND PUBLIC SERVICE:

- » Graduates run for elected office, work in the offices of sitting members of the U.S. Congress, or continue on to law school and graduate programs in political science.
- » Graduates build careers with nonprofits, advocacy organizations, think tanks, and NGOs focused on creating meaningful change.
- » Graduates pursue graduate degrees at universities from Washington, D.C. to Edinburgh, Brussels, and Dublin, or continue on in Flagler's own Master of Public Administration program.

87%

OF FLAGLER GRADUATES SAY THEIR CURRENT JOB REQUIRES THE SKILLS THEY LEARNED IN THEIR DEGREE



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