

# Research Intensive Bachelor's Degree in Political Science



**Gain practical experience working with faculty and doctoral students  
Do cutting-edge research in all fields of political science**

## **Unique, small-group learning environment**

The **Research Intensive Program in Political Science** is a small-group educational experience for students who want to gain high-caliber research skills and practical experience working in an academic research environment. The program is limited to 25 students each year and begins each fall. Students progress as a group through a sequence of intensive research methods classes and complete the program with an internship through the Center for the Study of Democratic Performance. Students will work one-on-one with faculty and doctoral students on research projects that are currently on-going in the department. Research projects are available in all fields, including American politics, comparative politics, public policy and international relations.

### **Requirements**

- Fall 2009                      POS 3713-I      Political Analysis, Research Intensive (3 hours)
- Spring 2010                 POS 3730-I      Special topics: Applied Research Design (3 hours)
- Summer 2010              POS 4941-I      Research Internship (3 hours)
- In addition students must complete 3 hours of specialty electives from one of the following: POS4715 (Politics and the Theory of Games) , POS3930 (Experimental Research Methods), 3 additional hours of internship credits, or 3 hours of graduate level coursework.

Note that the Research Intensive Program courses also count towards fulfilling the requirements of the major in Political Science and the major in Interdisciplinary Social Science. Students who complete the research intensive courses may become eligible to take graduate level work prior to completing their Bachelor's degree.

### **The benefits of the program include:**

- **enhanced attractiveness to graduate and professional programs,**
- **practical research experience that will qualify students to work in research-oriented positions for government agencies, think-tanks, or other profit or non-profit employers**
- **training on popular computer software programs for conducting statistical analysis (STATA, SPSS and/or R)**

The program is especially encouraged for students planning to complete honors in the major and for those planning to pursue a graduate degree in political science. Students who successfully complete the program requirements will receive a letter of completion detailing the skills and experience gained from the program as well as a letter of recommendation suitable for applications to graduate programs.

**We will begin reviewing applications on March 16, 2009.** Admission to the program is competitive and is based on a review of a statement of interest, SAT or ACT scores, GPA, and fulfillment of prerequisite coursework of one of the four following courses or their equivalent (POS1041, POS2002, INR2002, PUP3002). Enrollment is limited to 25 students, and decisions will be made on a rolling basis until all available slots are filled. You may pick up an application from Mr. Jerry Fisher in Bellamy 535 or online at <http://polisci.fsu.edu/undergraduate/index.htm>

## **Application for the Research Intensive Program in Political Science, 2009-2010**

We will begin reviewing applications March 16, 2009. Acceptance decisions will be made on a rolling basis until the maximum of 25 students have been selected. Please submit application materials to Mr. Jerry Fisher, Academic Coordinator in Political Science via email to [jfisher@admin.fsu.edu](mailto:jfisher@admin.fsu.edu).

In addition to reviewing your statement of interest, we will also review your academic records, including ACT/SAT scores, high school GPA, and FSU GPA. Students must have completed at least one of the following courses or their equivalent prior to beginning the program: POS1041, POS2002, INR2002, PUP3002.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ FSU email address \_\_\_\_\_

### **Areas of interest (check all that apply):**

American Politics    International Relations    Comparative Politics    Public Policy

### **Potential Research Topics**

Briefly describe topics in political science that interest you (typed, 150 words or less).

### **Statement of Interest (typed, 500 words or less)**

Please describe why you are interested in joining the Research Intensive Program in Political Science and discuss how your background or experiences have prepared you for this program.