

CAREER ROADMAP:

Government/Public Service

Description of Field:

A career in government and public service is a commitment to working for the public.

Government service includes opportunities in local, state, federal and tribal employment.

General Skills:

The necessary skills will vary depending on the role, but overall strong communication skills, leadership qualities, research and analytical skill, ability to multi-task and dynamic interpersonal skills.

Insider Advice:

The best way to get started in government or public service is to identify organizations you are interested in and explore internships. You can also gain experiences volunteering at a local level while still in school.

Learn about Yourself & Career Options

What Can I Do With This Major:

[Political Science](#), [Social Science](#), [Public Administration](#), [Criminology](#), [Social Work](#), [Public Health](#), [Law](#), [Human Services](#)

Sample UF Majors:

[Business Administration](#), [Criminology and Law](#), [Economics](#), [Family, Youth and Community Sciences](#), [Global Affairs](#), [Political Science](#), [Public Health](#), [Health Science](#), [Women's Studies](#)

Sample Job Titles:

Senator, Judge, Military Officer, Interpreter, Social Worker, Public Health Administrator, Police Officer, Firefighter, City Planner, Postal Service Worker, FDA Inspector, Waste Management Worker, Elected Officials, Policy Administrator/Advisor

Career Planning:

Our [Career Planning](#) staff can help you explore interesting major/career options, prepare for and start an internship/job search. Log in to view the ways we can help!

Build Experience

UF Organizations:

[Bob Graham Center](#), [Campus Diplomats](#), [College Democrats](#), [College Republicans](#), [Gainesville for Public Service](#), [Student Government](#), [UF Campaign for Charities](#)

Visit [Student Activities & Involvement](#) for Additional Opportunities

Sample Local Opportunities:

[Gainesville Volunteer](#), [Alachua County](#), [City of Gainesville](#), [Gainesville City Commission](#), [Keep Alachua Beautiful](#), [South-east Federal Labs](#), [State of Florida](#), [Volunteer Match](#)

Sample National and Global Opportunities:

[Red Cross](#), [Peace Corps](#), [AmeriCorps](#), [FEMA](#), [Salvation Army](#), [UNICEF](#), [World Health Organization](#)

Prepare for Your Next Step

Search for Internships & Jobs:

[Gator CareerLink Jobs](#), [Hill Zoo](#), [Partnership for Public Service](#), [Public Affairs Council](#), [Public Service Careers](#), [Roll Call Jobs](#), [USA Student Jobs](#)

Sample Employers Recruiting at UF:

American Lung Association, Army, Navy, Air Force & Marines, Central Intelligence Agency, City of Gainesville, Department of Defense, Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Log into [Gator CareerLink](#) to search for employers hiring UF students and additional resources