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, Southeast 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:

Log into Gator CareerLink to search for employers hiring UF students and additional resources