



# Political Science, Law and Justice Studies

#### **Lead in Law and Justice**

The Online Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a concentration in Law and Justice Studies at USC Upstate offers opportunities to analyze the judicial process and laws in both US and global contexts, develop skills in behavior and communication, explore civil and social movements and rights. This program combines perspectives from a range of social and behavioral sciences to prepare you for careers as attorneys, nonprofit organization directors, leaders in political movements and legal advocates.

Internship experiences and the optional online pre-law minor provide a strong foundation for law school or graduate study.

#### Curriculum

The curriculum includes coursework in the following topics:

- International and Comparative Politics 6 credit hours
- Global Law and Justice 3 credit hours
- US Presidency or the Legislative Process 3 credit hours
- Movements and Rights 3 credit hours
- Behavior and Communication 3 credit hours
- Law Courses in Criminal Justice or Political Science 3 credit hours
- Internship, Study Abroad, or Service Learning 3 credit hours
- Research Methods and Senior Seminar 6 credit hours
- Other Political Science Courses 6 credit hours

#### **Prerequisites and Requirements**

To apply for this online degree program, students must have earned a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA in all previous college-level coursework. Students transferring to the program are encouraged to review the list of recommended courses on the program's webpage.



#### **IN-DEMAND CAREERS**

- Arbitrator, Mediator, Conciliator
- Legal and Legislative Assistant
- Nonprofit Administration
- Paralegal
- Political Affairs Officer
- Political Analyst
- Public Policy Specialist
- Social and Community Service Managers



### AVERAGE STARTING SALARY

\$38,000-\$50,000



#### PROJECTED JOB GROWTH

The United States Department of Labor predicts above average job growth for arbitrators, mediators, conciliators. Demand is expected to increase 5% by 2032.



## EMPLOYERS HIRING POLI SCI GRADUATES

- County and Municipal Offices
- Department of Homeland Security
- US Military Services
- Law Firms



