Political Entrepreneurship through Internships: Local to Global, Certificate

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If you want to see how policy change works firsthand, you may find a perfect fit with an internship at an organization that allows you to learn in person, in real time, how change occurs and policy is made.

Description

This political entrepreneurship certificate program prepares students for careers in public policy in global and domestic environments whether they be in governance organizations, nongovernmental organizations, nonprofit agencies or private enterprises engaged in policy-making, implementation and critical assessment.

The program requirements include applied practice in these settings and an internship. A variety of internship opportunities exist for students with global, national, state or local interests. Coursework in the social sciences, humanities and business prepares students to be participants in policy processes as an avenue of civic engagement.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe campus](#)

Program Requirements

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The certificate requires a total of 15 credit hours, of which at least 12 credit hours must be completed at the upper-division level. Nine credit hours must be from courses offered by The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher.

Part One: Introductory Course (choose one course) -- 3 credit hours

- POS 110: American Government and Politics (SB) (3)
- POS 150: Comparative Government (SB & G) (3)
- POS 160: Global Politics (SB & G) (3)
- POS 310: American National Government (SB) (3)
- SGS 101: Thinking Globally: The Individual and Authority (SB & G) (3)
- SGS 301: Principles of Global Studies (G) (3)

Part Two: Policy and Leadership (choose one course) -- 3 credit hours

- POS 325: Public Policy Development (SB) (3)
- POS 351: Democratization (SB & G) (3)
- POS 361: American Foreign Policy (SB & G) (3)
- POS 364: National Security, Intelligence, and Terrorism (SB) (3)
- POS 410: Governing American Cities (SB) (3)
- POS 426: Elements of Public Policy (SB) (3)
- POS 468: Comparative Asian Foreign Policies (SB & G) (3)
- POS 486: International Political Economy (SB & G) (3)
- SGS 320: Mechanisms of Global Governance (3)
- SGS 321: International Institutions and Global Governance (3)
- SGS 340: Violence, Conflict and Human Rights (3)
- SGS 350: Economic Development and Globalization (3)

Part Three: Internship -- 6 credit hours

Students may elect to complete only 3 hours of internship in Part Three. Students selecting this option must complete six upper-division credits in Part Four.

- POS 484 / SGS 484: Internship (6)

Part Four: Related Electives (choose one to two courses, depending on how many internship credit hours are earned) -- 3 credit hours

- BUA 380: Small Business Leadership (3)
- BUA 383: Small Business Working Relationships (3)
- COM 222: Argumentation (L) (3)
- COM 225: Public Speaking (L) (3)
- COM 230: Small Group Communication (SB) (3)
- COM 250: Communication and the Workplace (SB) (3)
- COM 259: Communication in Business and the Professions (3)
- COM 312: Communication, Conflict, and Negotiation (3)
- ENG 301: Writing for the Professions (L) (3)
- ENT 290: Entrepreneurship: Opportunity to Impact (3)
- FIN 380: Personal Financial Management (3)
Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

**Enrollment Requirements**

Any student admitted to study at ASU may complete a certificate. Students should contact the School of Politics and Global Studies for more information about the certificate.

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

**Career Opportunities**

Graduates who have combined the certificate in political entrepreneurship through internships with their major program of study may become more marketable to employers. They often decide to pursue employment in government, lobbying, public affairs consulting or nonprofit organizations.

Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.
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