

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
November 6, 2025

SUBJECT: Ph.D. in War, Statecraft, and Strategy, CIP 45.0902, University of Florida

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of the Ph.D. in War, Statecraft, and Strategy, CIP 45.0902, at the University of Florida.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board of Governors Regulation 8.011

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The University of Florida (UF) proposes a Ph.D. in War, Statecraft, and Strategy to be offered within the Hamilton School for Classical and Civic Education. Section 1004.6496, Florida Statutes, establishes the Hamilton Center for Classical and Civic Education and outlines its purpose to support education and research in the ideas, traditions, and texts that form the foundations of Western and American civilization. The proposed program aligns with the goals established in statute for the Hamilton Center to educate university students in core texts and great debates of Western civilization and the Great Books, and in the principles, ideals, and institutions of the American political order. The proposed interdisciplinary program will prepare students with a practical and theoretical understanding of intelligence, diplomacy, international relations, military strategy, defense policy, and homeland security. If approved, the proposed program will be the first Ph.D. program under CIP code 45.0902 in the System.

Graduates of the program will be prepared for a career as a political scientist, which is projected to grow in Florida by over six percent through 2032, and nationally by almost three percent through 2033. Graduates will also be prepared for work as postsecondary political science faculty, which is projected to grow by five percent in Florida and by over three percent nationally.

The University of Florida plans to charge the approved graduate tuition rate for resident and non-resident students.

The University of Florida's Board of Trustees approved the program on June 5, 2025. If approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, the proposal will be forwarded to the full Board for consideration. If approved by the Board of Governors, UF will implement the program effective fall 2026.

Dr. Lynn Nelson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Innovation, will provide an overview of the proposal.

Supporting Documentation Included:

1. Board Staff Analysis
2. Proposal

Facilitators/Presenters:

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