Program Goal

Students will directly experience California’s policy-making process while living, working, and learning in Sacramento. Students will explore the theory and practice of ethical public service by taking an academically rigorous service-learning course on California politics and policy-making, connecting with influential policy makers and USF alumni, and engaging in full-time professional internships.

Program Outcomes

Students will synthesize and apply knowledge gained from their academic field, previous service experiences, and the content of the service-learning program to inform their participation in civic life, politics, and government.

Students will demonstrate cultural humility as they navigate a situation’s ethical, logical, cultural, and contextual factors.

Students will develop and implement situationally appropriate communication strategies including listening, speaking, clarifying, reflecting, and adapting.

Students will describe and analyze the intersection of their own civic and social identities with cultural contexts and political processes unique to state politics.

Students will analyze a specific policy issue and develop a reasoned, well-supported argument.