

## Political Science and Criminal Justice Department Chair

The Department of Political Science & Criminal Justice at the University of South Alabama invites applications for the position of Department Chair to begin August 15, 2017. The department offers undergraduate degrees in Political Science and Criminal Justice as well as a Master's in Public Administration. Highly qualified Associate and Full Professors with a Ph.D. in Political Science, Criminal Justice, or a closely related discipline from an accredited university will be considered for this position.

The ideal candidate will be an accomplished scholar, committed to excellence in research and teaching, have exceptional organizational and interpersonal skills, and possess the vision to lead a growing department. The abilities to collaborate effectively and advocate for program faculty and students are essential. The ideal candidate will have demonstrated administrative experience, but exceptional candidates lacking such experience who have a strong desire to transition to an administrative role are also encouraged to apply.

Applicants should apply at the following link and be prepared to attach a letter of application, a one-page statement of research interests, a brief description of teaching philosophy and proficiencies, a summary statement of leadership and administrative skills, current Curriculum Vitae, names of five references, and a sample of scholarly work. <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/usouthal/jobs/1588869/chair-and-assoc-or-full-professor> Upon request, applicants will arrange to have official transcripts and three letters of recommendation sent to the Chair of the Search Committee. Review of applications will begin December 12, 2016, and will continue until the position is filled.

Information: <http://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/artsandsci/poliscie/jobs.html>

The position of Chair is a 12-month appointment. The ideal candidate will demonstrate the ability to contribute to existing programs and help develop new offerings. An appreciation for mixed methodology is preferred. The ideal candidate will provide transparency in budget and scheduling decisions and be able to highlight faculty and student successes, advocate for program faculty at the college and university levels, seek to increase faculty, majors, and department activities, and mentor junior faculty for success in tenure and promotion and mentor associate professors for promotion to full professor.

The Department of Political Science & Criminal Justice has 10 full-time faculty and more than 300 undergraduate majors and 40 graduate students. The department offers courses for four interdisciplinary programs within the College of Arts and Sciences: African American Studies, Forensic Science, Gender Studies, and International Studies. The department is also home to the USA Polling Group, a survey research center with a 10 station CATI lab that works with a variety of internal and external clients. Additionally, the department has a sizeable Masters in Public Administration (MPA) program and an active student body.

If you have questions about this position, the department, the University, or the area, please contact the Chair of the Search Committee, Elise Labbé-Coldsmith, at [ELabbe@southalabama.edu](mailto:ELabbe@southalabama.edu).

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