

POLITICAL SCIENCE, MAJOR - LIBERAL ARTS

Liberal Arts (Code 420-201)

University Requirements

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

Credit Requirements	
Minimum total for graduation ¹	120
Upper division credits (courses numbered 300 and higher)	39
Liberal Education Core (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/graduation-requirements/#header1)	36
Academic Concentrations (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/graduation-requirements/#header16)	
Grade Point Requirements (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/graduation-requirements/#header14) ²	
Total	2.00 average
Resident	2.00 average
Major	2.00 average
Minor	2.00 average
Certificate	2.00 average
University Residency Requirements (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/graduation-requirements/#header15)	
Minimum total	30
Senior year	23
Major, Standard, upper division in residence	12
Major, Comprehensive, upper division in residence	21
Certificate	25 percent of credits

Procedures Required for Graduation

Obtain admission to the degree program and/or the College offering it.

Apply for graduation on CampS.

¹ Certain programs exceed this minimum.

² See special requirements in each College.

Applicability of Credits Toward Graduation

Junior College or Two-Year College Credits. A maximum of 72 semester credits earned in a junior college or two-year college will be accepted as degree credits at UW-Eau Claire.

Extension Credits. Credits earned in credit outreach courses offered by UW-Eau Claire are treated as resident credits. Credits earned in extension courses offered by other units of the University of Wisconsin System are treated as transfer credits. All other (non-UW) extension and correspondence credits are normally limited to one-fourth of the total required for graduation from any curriculum.

WTCS Credits. A maximum of 72 semester credits earned in college parallel programs at Madison Area Technical College, Milwaukee Area Technical College, Nicolet Area Technical College, or Chippewa Valley Technical College may be accepted as degree credits at UW-Eau Claire. A set number of general education courses will be accepted from other technical schools.

Occupational and technical courses may also be considered for transfer if the quality and content of the course work from the technical college is judged to be comparable to course work at UW-Eau Claire. Refer to the Transfer Credit Wizard (https://my.uwec.edu/psp/PUBLIC/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/EAU_SS_CUSTOM.EAU_TRNCRDWZ.GBL) or contact the UW-Eau Claire Admissions Office for information about the current transfer policy.

USAFI Credit. UW-Eau Claire will accept up to 32 semester credits for work done through the United States Armed Forces Institute, under the provision for non-UW correspondence credit (see Extension Credits above).

Activity Credit (band, chorus, drama, KINS 100-184 courses) Students may count toward graduation no more than one credit of KINS 110-184 courses. Students may count toward graduation no more than four credits earned in any single activity course and no more than 12 credits resulting from any combination of activity courses (excluding KINS 110-184 courses).

Other Restricted Credits. For other University restrictions, see the following: Cooperative Education; Credit by Examination; Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Registration; Transfer of Credits. College or departmental restrictions may also be placed on Independent Study (399-499 courses), Directed Study (395-495), and other types of credits.

APPLICABILITY OF CREDITS TOWARD GRADUATION	Credit Restrictions
Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory	
Total degree credit	maximum 12
Major, Standard	maximum 1 course
Major, Comprehensive	maximum 2 courses
Minor	maximum 1 course
Credit by Examination	
Total degree credit	maximum ¼ of total
Major or minor	maximum ½ of total
Two-Year College Credits	
Total degree credit	maximum 72 credits
Activity credit (band, chorus, drama, KINS 100-184)	
Total KINS 100-184	maximum 1 credit
Total Band, chorus, drama	maximum 12 credits
Single course band, chorus, drama	maximum 4 credits
Extension credits	
UW-System	no maximum
Other extension/correspondence	maximum ¼ of total
USAFI	
USAFI	maximum 32 credits

Liberal Education Core

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire measures learning outcomes to ensure that its graduates have achieved a liberal education and prepared themselves

to contribute to a complex society. Upon graduation, each undergraduate will have met the five learning goals of our liberal education core and the 12 learning outcomes they comprise.

LIBERAL EDUCATION CORE REQUIREMENTS	a minimum of 36 credits
Knowledge Goal	
Knowledge Outcome 1 (K1): Natural Sciences (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-k1/)	Two (2) learning experiences
One experience in laboratory science must be selected from either K1 or K2.	
Knowledge Outcome 2 (K2): Social Sciences (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-k2/)	Two (2) learning experiences
One experience in laboratory science must be selected from either K1 or K2.	
Knowledge Outcome 3 (K3): Humanities (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-k3/)	Two (2) learning experiences
Knowledge Outcome 4 (K4): Fine Arts (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-k4/)	One (1) learning experience
Skills Goal	
Skills Outcome 1 (S1): Written and Oral Communication (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-S1/)	Two (2) learning experiences
One S1 must meet the University Writing Requirement (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/graduation-requirements/#header10)	
Skills Outcome 2 (S2): Mathematics (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-S2/)	One (1) learning experience
One S2 to meet the University Mathematics Requirement (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/graduation-requirements/#header11)	
Skills Outcome 3 (S3): Creativity (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-S3/)	One (1) learning experience
Responsibility Goal	
Responsibility Outcome 1 (R1): Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-R1/)	Two (2) learning experiences
One R1 must satisfy Design for Diversity (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-DDIV/#header13)	
Responsibility Outcome 2 (R2): Global Perspectives (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-R2/)	One (1) learning experience
Responsibility Outcome 3 (R3): Civic and Environmental Issues (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-R3/)	One (1) learning experience
Integration Goal	
Integration Outcome 1 (I1): Integration (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-I1/)	Two (2) learning experiences
Service-Learning Goal	

Service-Learning (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-SL/#header13>)

30 hours

College Degree Requirements Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science Degree (B.A./B.S.)

University Graduation Requirements. All candidates for degrees must fulfill the requirements for credits, curriculum, GPA, and University residency as specified in the section of this catalog titled University Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/graduation-requirements/>).

College Graduation Requirements: Grade Point Averages. All candidates for degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences must earn minimum resident and total GPAs of 2.00 in the major, the minor, and the certificate. The resident and total GPAs for the major are computed using all attempted credits applicable to the major including those offered by departments other than the major department. The resident and total GPAs for the minor and the certificate are computed similarly.

Major-Minor and Major-Certificate Requirements. A standard major (a minimum of 36 credits) must be supplemented by a minor (a minimum of 24 credits) or by a certificate (12 to 18 credits) to meet graduation requirements for completing a first and second degree program. No minor or certificate is required with a Comprehensive Major (60 or more credits) or with two majors of 36 or more credits each.

Certain degree programs, which include Comprehensive Majors, may require more than the minimum of 120 credits for graduation.

Acceptable academic program combinations are determined at the college level. A major and a minor or a major and certificate or two majors (if available) may not be elected in the same department or program, except in the approved combinations listed here (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#academicprogramstext>).

College Credits. Earn at least 90 credits in courses offered by the College of Arts and Sciences.

Bachelor of Arts Degree in the College of Arts and Sciences (B.A.)

Fulfillment of all University Graduation Requirements (which includes the Liberal Education Core); all College-level degree requirements (major and minor/certificate emphases, GPAs, earning at least 90 credits in Arts and Sciences course work); foreign language competency at the 102 level. Foreign language competency may be met in one of two ways: (1) Achieve a score on the foreign language placement test that qualifies the student to enter the 201-level course in a foreign language. (2) Earn a grade of at least C (not C-) or a mark of S in a 102-level foreign language course (or AIS 112 or AIS 122 or CSD 103).

Bachelor of Science Degree in the College of Arts and Sciences (B.S.)

Fulfillment of all University Graduation Requirements (which includes the Liberal Education Core); all College-level degree requirements (major and minor/certificate emphases, GPAs, earning at least 90 credits in Arts and Sciences course work); mathematics competency at the MATH 111, MATH 112 or MATH 113 level. Mathematics competency can be met in one of three ways: (1) Achieve a score on the mathematics placement test that qualifies the student to enter MATH 114. (2) Earn a grade of at least C (not C-) or a mark of S in MATH 111, MATH 112, or MATH 113. (3) Achieve a satisfactory score on the

MATH 112 competency test. This test may be attempted no more than two times.

Major Requirements

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Code	Title	Credits
Thirty-six semester credits, including:		
POLS 110	American National Politics	3
POLS 122	Introduction to World Politics	3
POLS 290	Introduction to Political Analysis	3
POLS 480	Political Science Capstone	3
At least one course in each of the four course groupings defined below		

Note: MATH 246 or its equivalent must be completed as part of the Liberal Education Core requirements. Credits will not count toward the major.

Information for Political Science Majors and Minors

Political Science courses at the 200 level and above are classified into the following four course groupings:

American Politics

POLS 217	Freedom of Speech	3
POLS 301	State and Local Politics	3
POLS 305	Survey of U.S. Constitutional Principles	3
POLS 338	Judicial Politics	3
POLS 340	Congress and the Presidency	3
POLS 341	Political Parties, Elections, and Voting	3
POLS 342	Public Opinion and Political Behavior	3
POLS 343	Public Administration	3
POLS 344	Media and Politics	3
POLS 345	Film and Politics	3
POLS 346	Public Policy in the United States	3
POLS 350	Group and Minority Politics	3
POLS 353	Afro-American Politics	3
POLS 403	U.S. Constitutional Principles - Powers of Government	3
POLS 404	U.S. Constitutional Principles - Civil Liberties	3
POLS 405	U.S. Constitutional Principles - Due Process and Criminal Law	3
POLS 406	U.S. Constitutional Principles - Equality and Privacy	3
POLS/AIS 250	American Indian Politics	3
POLS/WGSS 351	Women and Politics	3
International Relations		
POLS 325	Model United Nations	3
POLS 330	U.S. Foreign Policy	3
POLS 331	International Organization and Law	3
POLS 332	International Conflict	3
POLS 334	International Political Economy	3
POLS 335	International Relations Theory	3
POLS 336	Arab-Israeli Conflict	3

Comparative Government

POLS 260	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
POLS 321	Politics of the Middle East	3
POLS 322	Politics of Russia	3
POLS 323	Politics of Eastern Europe	3
POLS 324	Politics of Asia	3
POLS 327	Politics of Continental Europe	3
POLS 329	Political Violence	3
POLS/WGSS 352	Gender and Politics in Global Perspective	3
POLS 390	Culture and Politics	3
POLS/LAS 319	Politics of Latin America	3
Political Theory		
POLS 309	Classical Political Thought	3
POLS 310	Modern Political Thought	3
POLS 311	Contemporary Political Thought	3
POLS 312	American Political Thought	3
POLS 314	The Idea of Tolerance in the Western Political Tradition	3
POLS 354	Identity and Discrimination in Politics	3

NOTE: All majors should take POLS 290 before taking any 300 level courses.

Students are strongly encouraged to develop a 15-credit topical theme as a part of their major course of study. Recommended themes include:

American Political Development Theme

Core: POLS 305 and POLS 312

Electives: POLS 250/AIS 250, POLS 301, POLS 330, POLS 338, POLS 340, POLS 341, POLS 342, POLS 343, POLS 344, POLS 346, POLS 350, POLS 351, POLS 403

Constitutional Studies Theme

Core: POLS 305 and at least two of the following: POLS 403, POLS 404, POLS 405, POLS 406

Electives: POLS 301, POLS 310, POLS 312, POLS 330, POLS 338, POLS 340, POLS 350, POLS 351, POLS 353

Electoral Politics Theme

Core: POLS 341 and POLS 260

Electives: POLS 301, POLS 310, POLS 312, POLS 321, POLS 322, POLS 327, POLS 340, POLS 342, POLS 344, POLS 350, POLS 404

Global Conflict Resolution Theme

Core: POLS 332 and POLS 335

Electives: POLS 311, POLS 321, POLS 323, POLS 325, POLS 327, POLS 330, POLS 331, POLS 334, POLS 336

Global Diversity Theme

Core: POLS 260 and POLS 390

Electives: POLS 319, POLS 321, POLS 322, POLS 324, POLS 325, POLS 327, POLS 336

Global Human Rights Theme

Core: POLS 332

Electives: POLS 260, POLS 309, POLS 311, POLS 319, POLS 321, POLS 322, POLS 324, POLS 325, POLS 327, POLS 331, POLS 334, POLS 336, POLS 350, POLS 354

Representation & Action Theme

Core: POLS 311 and POLS 325

Electives: POLS 301, POLS 331, POLS 340, POLS 341, POLS 342, POLS 344, POLS 346, POLS 350, POLS 351, POLS 353, POLS 390, POLS 404

Program Learning Outcomes

Students completing this program will be expected to meet the following learning outcomes:

- **Communication Skills:** Political Science students will be able to write and speak effectively.
- **Research Skills:** Political Science students will be able to construct research questions and use appropriate sources and methods to answer them.
- **Knowledge of American Politics:** Political Science students will analyze political behavior, institutions, and law or policy.
- **Knowledge of Political Theory:** Political Science students will analyze core intellectual traditions in political thought and apply to political issues.
- **Knowledge of International Relations:** Political Science students will analyze the behavior of international actors and the nature of their interactions.
- **Knowledge of Comparative Politics:** Political Science students will analyze the political systems of states.
- **Civic Responsibility:** Political Science students will demonstrate sense of responsibility necessary to become constructive global citizens.
- **Integration:** Political Science students will connect academic knowledge to their own experiences and make connections across disciplines.