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POLITICAL SCIENCE, LEGAL STUDIES EMPHASIS, **COMPREHENSIVE MAJOR**

Liberal Arts (Code 420-001)

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.

ADDITION OF CREDITS TOWARD CRADITATION

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	totai
Total degree credit	maximum 72
Total degree credit	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

30 hours

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://	Two (2)
catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-k1/)	learning
	experiences
One experience in laboratory science must be selected from either K1 or K2.	
Knowledge Outcome 2 (K2): Social Sciences (http://	Two (2)
catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-k2/)	learning
	experiences
One experience in laboratory science must be selected from either K1 or K2.	
Knowledge Outcome 3 (K3): Humanities (http://	Two (2)
catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-k3/)	learning
	experiences
Knowledge Outcome 4 (K4): Fine Arts (http://	One (1)
catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-k4/)	learning
	experience
Skills Goal	
Skills Outcome 1 (S1): Written and Oral Communication (http://	Two (2)
catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-S1/)	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/	One (1)
undergraduate/attribute-S2/)	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/	One (1)
undergraduate/attribute-S3/)	learning
	experience
Responsibility Goal	
Responsibility Outcome 1 (R1): Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity	Two (2)
(http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-R1/)	learning
	experiences
One R1 must satisfy Design for Diversity (http:// catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-DDIV/ #header13)	
Responsibility Outcome 2 (R2): Global Perspectives (http://	One (1)
catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-R2/)	learning
· ·	experience
Responsibility Outcome 3 (R3): Civic and Environmental Issues	One (1)
(http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-R3/)	learning
-	experience
Integration Goal	

Integration Outcome 1 (I1): Integration (http://	Two (2)
catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-I1/)	learning
	experiences

Service-Learning Goal

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

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/graduationrequirements/).

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 / LANG 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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A comprehensive major in Political Science combines political science with courses in other disciplines. Students choose either the Legal Studies emphasis or the World Politics emphasis.

The Legal Studies emphasis provides an emphasis in legal studies for those students interested in law school, paralegal studies, and law and society.

Code	Title	Credits	
Sixty semester credits,	including:		
Required political scie	nce credits:		
POLS 110	American National Politics	3	
POLS 122	Introduction to World Politics	3	
POLS 290	Introduction to Political Analysis	3	
POLS 338	Judicial 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 480	Political Science Capstone	3	
Elective political scien		21	
One course in Internat	ional Relations		
Two courses in Compa 300 level or higher)	arative Government (one must be at the		
Two courses in Politica	al Theory from the following:		
POLS 310	Modern Political Thought		
POLS 311	Contemporary Political Thought		
POLS 312	American Political Thought		
Required:			
Two additional courses in political science from the four course groupings (200 level or higher)			
Elective courses from (other disciplines selected from the	12	
ACCT 201	Introduction to Accounting		
ACCT 202	Principles of Accounting		
CJ 202	Fundamentals of Speech		
CRMJ 319	Police in Society		
CRMJ 342	Confinement and Corrections		
ECON 103	Principles of Microeconomics		
ECON 104	Principles of Macroeconomics		
ECON 303	Intermediate Microeconomic Theory		
ECON 304	Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory		
ECON 311	History of Economic Thought		

-	Total Credits		60
	PHIL 310	Philosophy of Law	
	PHIL 150	Logic and Critical Thinking	
	PHIL 120	Ethical Reasoning	
	HIST 115	United States History Since 1877	
	HIST 114	United States History to 1877	
	ECON 321	Money and Banking	
	ECON 316	Econometrics	

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

American Fondics		
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 Relation	s	
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 Governn	nent	
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

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

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.
- Knowledge of Constitutional Law and Legal Arguments: Political Science, Legal Studies students will analyze U.S. Supreme Court cases and contending legal arguments.

Sample Degree Plans

Political Science, Legal Studies Emphasis, Comprehensive Major, B.A.

The following is a sample degree plan, based on the 2023-2024 catalog. It is based on the 120-credit graduation requirement and assumes no transferred credits, no requirements waived by placement tests, no courses taken in the summer or winter, no repeated courses, and no remedial courses that may be required. This sample degree plan is intended for first-year students entering UW-Eau Claire in the fall semester. Your own degree plan may differ depending on the course of study selected (second major, minor, etc.). UW-Eau Claire cannot guarantee all courses will be offered as shown, but will provide a range of courses that may enable prepared students to fulfill their requirements in a timely period. This sample degree plan is just a guide. Please consult your advisor, your degree audit, and the catalog to create your own degree plan. Note: In order to earn the required minimum of 120 credits for the degree

in four years, you should plan to take 15 credits each semester or 30 credits each year.

To earn a degree, students must fulfill all University Graduation Requirements, including the Liberal Education (LE) Core. LE Core course work in the following sample degree plan uses abbreviations such as LE-K1, LE-S2, LE-R3, and LE-11 to represent the learning outcomes students will meet via completion of their liberal education course work. Please click (https://catalog.uwec.edu/ undergraduate/graduation-requirements/)here (https://catalog.uwec.edu/ undergraduate/graduation-requirements/#header1)for a description of the Liberal Education Core outcomes and requirements. Note that the LE Core may be completed through both course and non-course experiences.

Students in this major have the option to pursue either a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree. The degrees are distinguished by foreign language competency for the B.A. and a higher level of mathematics competency for the B.S.

American National Politics

SOME TIME IN THE FIRST YEAR

POLS 110

. 020 0	, interieur i dational i onties	9
WRIT 114	Intensive Blugold Seminar in Critical Reading and Writing	5
or		
WRIT 116		
MATH 246	Elementary Statistics (LE-S2)	4
LE Option: Knowled	dge 3 (LE-K3) Humanities	3
POLS 122	Introduction to World Politics (LE-K2, LE-R2)	3
Non-POLS Elective	from list below ^a	3
LE Option: Knowled	dge 1 (LE-K1) Natural Sciences	4
LE Option: Knowled	dge 4 (LE-K4) Fine Arts	3
LE Option: Respons Inclusivity	ibility 1 (LE-R1) Equity, Diversity, and	3
TOTAL FIRST YEAR		31
SOME TIME IN THE	E SECOND YEAR	
POLS 290	Introduction to Political Analysis (LE-S3 - prereq for all 300 level Pols courses)	3
Non-POLS Elective	from list below ^a	3
LE Option: Knowled	dge 3 (LE-K3) Humanities	3
For Language 101-l Oral Communication	level (LE Option: Skills 1 (LE-S1) Written and on)	4
Elective		3
POLS 338	Judicial Politics	3
POLS Theory ^b		3
POLS Elective ^c		3
LE Option: Integrat	ion (LE-l1)	3
For Language 102-	level	4
TOTAL SECOND YEA	AR	32
SOME TIME IN THE	THIRD YEAR	
POLS 403	U.S. Constitutional Principles - Powers of Government (Fall only)	3
POLS Comparative	Government ^e	3
POLS Theory ^b		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
POLS 404	U.S. Constitutional Principles - Civil Liberties (Spring only)	3

POLS International Relations d 3 POLS Comparative Government e 3 Non-POLS Elective from list below ^a 3 LE Option: Knowledge 1 (LE-K1) Natural Sciences 3 TOTAL THIRD YEAR 30 SOME TIME IN THE FOURTH YEAR **POLS 405** U.S. Constitutional Principles - Due 3 Process and Criminal Law (POLS Theory) b POLS Theory b 3 Non-POLS Elective from list below a 3 POLS 406 U.S. Constitutional Principles - Equality 3 and Privacy Elective 3 3 Elective Non-POLS Elective from list below a 3 Elective 3 3 Elective **FOURTH YEAR - SECOND SEMESTER** Political Science Capstone (LE-I1) **POLS 480** 3 TOTAL FOURTH YEAR 30

Minimum total for the baccalaureate degree = 120 credits

- a Electives from other disciplines are required for the Legal Studies Emphasis. Choose a total of 15 credits from the following: ACCT 201, ACCT 202, CJ 202, CRMJ 319, CRMJ 342, ECON 103, ECON 104, ECON 303, ECON 304, ECON 311, ECON 316, ECON 321, HIST 114, HIST 115, PHIL 120, PHIL 150, PHIL 310.
- b Two courses in Political Theory grouping. See Information for Political Science Majors and Minors for a list of the appropriate courses.
- c In addition to minimum requirements in each of the groupings, two courses must be taken from any of the four groupings. These two courses do not need to be from the same grouping.
- d One course in International Relations grouping. See Information for Political Science Majors and Minors for a list of the appropriate courses.
- e Two courses in Comparative Government grouping. See Information for Political Science Majors and Minors for a list of the appropriate courses.

Note: All students must complete the 30-hour Service-Learning Requirement via a non-credit or credit option (see University Graduation Requirements (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/graduation-requirements/)).

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HIGH IMPACT PRACTICES (HIPs)

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire encourages all students to participate in High Impact Practices. The following information identifies any specific recommendations that faculty in this major have concerning which HIPs might be most beneficial to students, and any recommendations about when those HIPs best fit into the degree plan. Students should also consult their faculty advisor for information on HIPs. There are many additional high impact opportunities available. Talk to your academic advisor for more information about incorporating HIPs like Study Abroad, Intercultural Immersi (https:// www.uwec.edu/immersion/)on, Internship (https://www.uwec.edu/careerservices/info-students/internships/), and/or Student/Faculty Collaborative Research (https://www.uwec.edu/orsp/students/student-faculty-collaborativeresearch-guide/) into your time at UW-Eau Claire.

The Political Science Department encourages our majors to consider all of the available High Impact Practices. The most common ones among our majors are internships, study abroad programs, and collaborative research opportunities.

Liberal Education (LE) Core Guidance

Liberal Education Core (LE Core)

The LE Core comprises 17 learning experiences across 11 learning outcomes. Students must complete a minimum of 36 credits in courses approved for the LE Core.

- K1 Natural Sciences; two experiences (one lab science experience is required in K1 or K2).
- K2 Social Sciences; two experiences (one lab science experience is required in K1 or K2).
- K3 Humanities; two experiences.
- K4 Fine Arts; one experience.
- S1 Written and Oral Communication; two experiences (one experience must satisfy the University writing requirement).
- S2 Mathematics; one experience (must satisfy the University math competency requirement).
- S3 Creativity; one experience (can be fulfilled in a student's major).
- R1 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity; two experiences (one experience must meet the UW System Design for Diversity (DD) requirement).
- R2 Global Perspectives; one experience.
- R3 Civic and Environmental Issues; one experience.
- 11 Integration; two experiences (one experience can be fulfilled in a student's major).
- · SL—Service Learning; 30 hours

Additional LE Core Information

- Most LE Core learning experiences are course based, and many courses meet more than one learning outcome (e.g., K3 and R2 or K1 and R3).
- Some learning experiences can also be met outside of a traditional course (e.g., undergraduate research (S3), study abroad (I1)).
- · S1 An English placement score that fulfills the University writing requirement fulfills one S1 experience.
- S1 A foreign Language placement score that qualifies the student to enter the 102 level satisfies one S1 experience.
- S1, R2 A foreign language placement score that qualifies the student to enter the 202 level satisfies one experience in S1 and the R2 experience.
- S2 A math placement score that qualifies the student to enter Math 111, 112, 113 or 114 fulfills the S2 experience.
- S3 Completion of two credits from any approved music ensemble fulfills the S3 experience.
- 11 Any semester long study abroad program can fulfill one I1 experience.