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. Occupationalal 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 four learning goals of our liberal education core and the 11 learning outcomes they comprise.

**LIBERAL EDUCATION CORE REQUIREMENTS**

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**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 [link].

**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 [link].

**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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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

**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 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

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

**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