



POLITICAL SCIENCE

UW-EAU CLAIRE UNDERGRADUATE FACT SHEET

Political science includes the study of individual and group political behavior, governing institutions and public policy. It uses a variety of qualitative and quantitative methods to study issues at the local, national and global levels. Few aspects of life are unaffected by politics; therefore, political science is an effective means for a broad preparation for life.

WHY STUDY POLITICAL SCIENCE?

- Are you interested in domestic or international political issues, such as healthcare, justice, security, peace, minority rights, privacy or the environment? If you want to explore the complexities of these issues, various strategies for influencing them and how to develop a career in dealing with them, then political science is an ideal major for you.
- Develop skills in analysis, written and oral communication, critical thinking and the art of persuasion.
- Learn the importance of tolerance within democratic life.
- Modern times require flexibility. Political science training provides the type of preparation that supports the ability to change careers.
- Develop the capacity for effective participation in community activities from political campaigns to schools to county, city government, or non-government organizations. Much of this is voluntary activity, but it may also offer full- or part-time employment opportunities.

THE EAU CLAIRE ADVANTAGE

- We send a high percentage of our graduates to law schools and graduate programs. Many graduates earn law degrees at UW-

Madison, the University of Minnesota and other prestigious universities.

- An advanced internship program offers numerous opportunities for on-the-job experience in an executive or legislative office, a nongovernmental agency, an Eau Claire city or county office, a political campaign or with interest groups – while earning up to six credits.
- Students can participate in an active, on-campus Model United Nations Club.
- Students interested in becoming politically active may join the College Democrats or College Republicans organizations. They may also seek election to represent the university on the Eau Claire County Board or the City Council.

UW-EAU CLAIRE FACTS AT A GLANCE

- Location: Eau Claire, Wis.; city pop. 64,000, metro. pop. 151,000
- Average enrollment: 10,500
- Undergraduates: 10,063
- Graduate students: 503
- International students: 124
- Multicultural students: 485
- Average men-women ratio: 2-to-3
- Students who spend at least a semester studying abroad: 24%
- Students doing undergraduate research with faculty/staff: 710+
- ACT composite average: 24+
- Average high school rank: 77%
- Average class size: 28
- Faculty-student ratio: 1-to-20
- Computers-student ratio: 1-to-9
- Student organizations: 224
- Walk across campus: About 10 minutes
- Nickname: Blugolds
- Colors: Navy and old gold

- Through our faculty/student collaborative research program, students can participate in fascinating research projects while working one-on-one with a professor in their field and gaining in-depth knowledge for careers or graduate school.
- The university is a member of the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, which gives the department of political science access to a range of survey and census data. Students in public opinion and voting classes analyze some of this data in computer labs.
- Students can earn credits toward their major or minor in one of 13 countries through our study abroad program.
- Unlike many other public universities, classes are not taught by teaching assistants. Students work alongside interesting professors who inspire learning.
- Small classes, individual attention.

CAREER OPTIONS

Political science majors qualify for many different careers in areas including business, law, state, local and federal government, journalism, international organizations and finance, political campaigns, interests groups and associations, and education. Below are just a few examples:

- Political lobbyist
- Legislative aide
- Public sector administrator
- Personnel manager
- Journalist/reporter
- Public relations executive
- Information scientist
- Secondary teacher or college professor

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

The UW-Eau Claire department of political science offers:

Major/Minors

- Political Science – liberal arts
- Political Science – teaching

Comprehensive Major*

(requires no minor)

- Legal Studies
- World Politics

Pre-Law program

(se separate Fact Sheet)

*Students interested in pre-law should consider the legal studies track while students concerned with foreign cultures and world politics should opt for the world studies track.

HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

- Additional experience in writing is helpful.
- All students who enroll at UW-Eau Claire are required to have a minimum of 17 college preparatory units including:
 - 4 years of English (at least 3 composition and literature)
 - 2 years of a single foreign language
 - 3 years of math (algebra, geometry, 1 advanced college preparatory math)
 - 3 years of natural science
 - 3 years of social science (1 must be world or American history)
 - 2 additional units in the areas already mentioned or other academic areas

FRESHMAN COURSE WORK

Sample First Year

FALL SEMESTER

COURSE#	TITLE	CREDITS
Pols 110	American National Politics	3
Engl 110	Introduction to College Writing	5
Pols 122	Introduction to World Politics	3

Natural science general education course	3
Physical education/wellness	1

SPRING SEMESTER

TITLE	CREDITS
Social science general education elective	3
Math competency	4
Humanities general education course	6
Communications general education elective	3

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about UW-Eau Claire's programs in political science, contact:

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