### About the major:
Beyond the required prerequisites, it is a non-sequential program. However, there are courses that should not be taken until a student has acquired the recommended time and experience in the department. Advising is very important beyond these courses. Also offered are certificates in Campaign Consulting, International Affairs and Legal Studies.

### Majors:
- Political Science – liberal arts
- Political Science – teaching
- Legal Studies – comprehensive major
- World Politics – comprehensive major

### Minors:
- Political Science – liberal arts
- Political Science – teaching

### Required GE courses:

**Category IA:** no specific requirements, but CJ 202 can count towards the Legal Studies track.

**Category IB:** no specific requirements, but PHIL 150 can count towards the Legal Studies track.

**Category II:** no specific requirements

**Category III:** POLS 110 and 122

**Category IV:** no specific requirements, but the Legal Studies track will accept PHIL 120, HIST 114/115 as elective options. The World Studies track will accept ENGL 130/230, MUSI 225 as elective options.

### Essential Courses:
The following courses should be taken during the first year to graduate in four years: POLS 110 and POLS 122. Supplemental instruction is available for these courses.

Teaching majors have a more restricted schedule. They must ensure that all their General Education courses meet College of Education requirements. If they do so, it is possible to graduate in 4.5 years.

### Courses Not Recommended for First Semester:
POLS 260 or POLS 265, and POLS 290 should be taken the second year.

### Information for exploring students:
POLS 110 and POLS 122 are good for students interested in exploring this major or minor. Although it does not count toward a political science major or minor, POLS 102 can be useful in determining an interest in the major.

The Society of Politics is a non-partisan student club sponsoring events of interest to students considering this major or minor.

### Helpful Tips:
General guidelines offered in the “Four Year Plans” are partially based on the belief that the courses recommended for the third and fourth years are usually taken with more success after a student has acquired general experience with Political Science methods, jargon and perspectives, as well as becoming comfortable with taking essay exams and writing in an analytical fashion.
Admission to the teacher education program:
Political Science teaching majors begin their program of study as “pre-education” majors and must apply (and be admitted) to the College of Education and Human Sciences about 2-3 semesters before their expected graduation. See the Early Adolescence to Adolescence First Year Advising sheet or the University Catalog for requirements.

- Many students preparing to teach Political Science are “Broadfield Social Studies” comprehensive majors.

Pre-program:
To be eligible for the pre-program, in which a student should be enrolled their sophomore year, (ES 212, Initial Teaching Experience in Elementary, Middle and High School Settings), students are required to pass a standardized test—the Praxis Core-- preferably in their first year of study. The Praxis core may be waived if a student has a composite ACT score of 23 with a minimum score of 20 on the English, math, and reading subject tests from a single ACT taken within the past 5 years. If a student does not meet all of these ACT criteria, they must take the entire Praxis Core. A student must also have at least a 2.75 resident and total GPA and have earned 14 credits by the time they register for the courses.

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For instructions to declare this major:
www.uwec.edu/registrar/chgofmajor/procedures/