

Political Science, Liberal Arts, B.A.

The following is a hypothetical schedule, based on the 2019-2020 catalog. It assumes no transferred credits, no requirements waived by placement tests, no courses taken in the summer or winter, and no remedial courses that may be required. UW-Eau Claire cannot guarantee all courses will be offered as shown, but will provide a range of courses that will enable prepared students to fulfill their requirements in a timely period. This is just a guide. Please consult your advisor, your degree audit, and the catalog to create your personalized degree plan. Note: In order to complete their degrees in four years, students should plan to take 15 credits each semester or 30 credits each year.

FIRST YEAR

| FIRST SEMESTER | | | SECOND SEMESTER | | |
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| Subj/Area/Course | Title | Crs | Subj/Area/Course | Title | Crs |
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SOME TIME IN THE FIRST YEAR:

| Subj/Area/Course | Title | Crs | Subj/Area/Course | Title | Crs |
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| POLS 110 | American National Politics K2/R3 | 3 | POLS 122 | Introduction to World Politics K2/R2 | 3 |
| WRIT 114/116 | Blugold Writing Seminar S1 | 5 | | Elective | 3 |
| LE | S2 Elective | 4 | LE | K3 Elective | 3 |
| LE | Humanities K3 | 3 | LE | K1 with Lab | 4 |
| LE | IL Elective | 3 | | Elective | 3 |
| | | | TOTAL FIRST YEAR | | 34 |

SECOND YEAR

| FIRST SEMESTER | | | SECOND SEMESTER | | |
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| Subj/Area/Course | Title | Crs | Subj/Area/Course | Title | Crs |
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SOME TIME IN THE SECOND YEAR:

| Subj/Area/Course | Title | Crs | Subj/Area/Course | Title | Crs |
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| POLS 290 | Intro to Political Analysis S3 | 3 | POLS | Intl. Relations Elective | 3 |
| Foreign Language | 101-level S1 | 4 | Foreign Language | 102-level | 4 |
| LE | K1 Elective | 3 | POLS | American Politics Elective | 3 |
| 2 nd Concentration | | 3 | LE | K4 Elective | 3 |
| 2 nd Concentration | | 3 | 2 nd Concentration | | 3 |
| | | | TOTAL SECOND YEAR | | 32 |

SOME TIME IN THE FIRST OR SECOND YEAR

| Subj/Area/Course | Title | Crs | Subj/Area/Course | Title | Crs |
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THIRD YEAR

| FIRST SEMESTER – Apply for Admission to Major [delete if not applicable] | | | SECOND SEMESTER | | |
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| Subj/Area/Course | Title | Crs | Subj/Area/Course | Title | Crs |
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SOME TIME IN THE THIRD YEAR

| Subj/Area/Course | Title | Crs | Subj/Area/Course | Title | Crs |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|----------------|-----|
| POLS | Comparative Govt. Elective | 3 | POLS | Theme Elective | 3 |
| POLS | Political Theory Elective | 3 | POLS | Theme Elective | 3 |
| LE | R1 elective | 3 | LE | R1 Elective | 3 |
| 2 nd Concentration | | 3 | 2 nd Concentration | | 3 |
| POLS | Theme Elective | 3 | 2 nd Concentration | | 3 |
| | | | TOTAL THIRD YEAR | | 30 |

FOURTH YEAR

| FIRST SEMESTER | | | SECOND SEMESTER | | |
|------------------|-------|-----|------------------|-------------------------------|-----|
| Subj/Area/Course | Title | Crs | Subj/Area/Course | Title | Crs |
| | | | POLS 480 | Political Science Capstone IL | 3 |
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SOME TIME IN THE FOURTH YEAR

| Subj/Area/Course | Title | Crs | Subj/Area/Course | Title | Crs |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----|-------------------|----------|-----|
| POLS | Theme Elective | 3 | | Elective | 3 |
| POLS | Theme Elective | 3 | LE | | 3 |
| 2 nd Concentration | | 3 | | Elective | 3 |
| 2 nd Concentration | | 3 | | Elective | 3 |
| Elective | | | | | |
| | | | TOTAL FOURTH YEAR | | 27 |

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 Immersion](#), [Internship](#), and/or [Student/Faculty Collaborative Research](#) 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.

NOTES**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.
- I1 – 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.
- I1 – Any semester long study abroad program can fulfill one I1 experience.

Course Suggestions (if applicable)

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 265](#), [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 265](#), [POLS 319](#), [POLS 321](#), [POLS 322](#), [POLS 324](#), [POLS 325](#), [POLS 327](#), [POLS 336](#)

Global Human Rights Theme

Core: [POLS 265](#) and [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 265](#), [POLS 301](#), [POLS 331](#), [POLS 340](#), [POLS 341](#), [POLS 342](#), [POLS 344](#), [POLS 346](#), [POLS 350](#), [POLS 351](#), [POLS 353](#), [POLS 390](#), [POLS 404](#)