Prepared for Success

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.

Typical positions held by political science graduates include political lobbyist, legislative aide, public sector administrator, campaign manager/consultant, and secondary teacher or college professor. The University is a member of the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, which gives the department access to a range of survey and census data. Students in public opinion and voting classes gain valuable experience as they analyze some of this data in computer labs. We offer the advantage of small classes and personal attention where one-on-one discussions are vital to learning.

Why UW-Eau Claire Internships

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 for President, Congress, city council, or with interest groups — while earning up to six credits. Students can also participate in an active, on-campus Model United Nations Club, or study abroad while earning credits toward their major or minor in one of the 13 countries to pick from.

Research Opportunities

Faculty-student collaborative research work in political science has recently explored such topics as the Muslim Americans Public Opinion after 9/11, and the Impact of Late Night Comedy on Public Opinion. The strong education and valuable out of classroom experience have produced four Fulbright award winners from the Political Science department.

“It was inspiring to work every day with so many intelligent and talented people who have incredible stories and experiences to share and to know that each one of them is dedicated to making this country better.”
— Noah Wiedenfeld | 2012 political science graduate
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Suggested Freshman Curriculum

• American National Politics
• University writing requirement—depending on placement exam.
• Intro to World Politics
• Natural science general education course
• Physical education/wellness
• Social science general education elective
• Math competency
• Humanities general education course
• Communications general education elective