Political Science

Are you interested in political issues, such as healthcare, justice, security, peace, minority rights, privacy or the environment internationally or domestically? If you want to explore these issues and prepare for a lifetime of civic engagement, then political science may be the major for you!

Majors
- Political Science - World Politics
- Political Science - Liberal Arts
- Political Science - Teaching

Comprehensive majors (no minor required)
- Political Science - World Politics
- Political Science - Legal Studies

Minors
- Political Science - Liberal Arts
- Political Science - Teaching

Certificates
- Campaign Consulting
- International Affairs
- Legal Studies

Where you'll find our grads
- Attorney, Thomas M. Canan, Attorney at Law, Minneapolis, MN
- Senior Counsel, Target Corporation, Minneapolis, MN
- Regional Director, Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes

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. Access to a wide variety of statistical databases have allowed 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.

“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 | political science graduate

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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.

Research Opportunities
Faculty-student collaborative research work in political science has recently explored such topics as Digital Teen Dating Violence, Cyberbullying, and Globalization and Islam. The strong education and valuable out of classroom experience have produced four Fulbright award winners from the Political Science department.

Suggested Freshman Curriculum
• American National Politics
• Intro to World Politics
• Liberal education coursework in the areas of social science, natural science, math, humanities, communications, and composition