

TO: Academic Policies Committee

FROM: College of Education and Human Sciences

DATE: December 6, 2019

RE: Eliminate Major and Minor

We request that you consider placing this curricular item on your earliest possible agenda.

Name of Program: Major: Political Science, Teaching
Minor: Political Science, Teaching

Program Code 420-203
420-403

Date of Department/Program Approval — November 13, 2019
Date of CoEHS Curriculum Committee Approval – December 6, 2019
Date of CoEHS College Approval – December 6, 2019

From Current Catalog Web Page:

<https://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/political-science/political-science-major-t-ba/>
<https://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/political-science/political-science-minor-t/>

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Rationale: Effective August 1, 2018, The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) changed the rules for teacher licensure. The revised rules changed the specific subject licenses (history, political science, geography, economics, sociology) in social studies to a broad license in social studies that should include all subject areas. In other words, we will be preparing education students to teach ALL subject areas within a comprehensive social studies major. Therefore, specific subject area licenses are no longer needed. Students who are currently enrolled in these programs will be able to complete them and be eligible for licensure endorsement.