POLITICAL SCIENCE, BA

Political science is the study of governments, political processes, public policies and political behavior by groups or individuals and is an ideal major for students with a passion for current events.

At UWM, students take coursework from four broad areas of political science in order to obtain a well-rounded education in the field: American politics, international relations, comparative politics, and political theory. Along with exploring these substantive areas, students strengthen their research, writing, and critical thinking skills. With this background, students leave UWM ready to enter graduate school or the world of work in government, international organizations, campaigns, business, consulting, nonprofits, and many other industries. This broad major is available entirely online, or students can mix-and-match and take some online and some traditional classes.

Many students find that a degree in Political Science aligns well with their interest in law and their plans to attend law school after college. We offer a large number of courses in constitutional law and legal practice in society, and students can focus their electives around these as part of the Law Studies option within the Political Science major. Students planning for law school also often participate in our law sports programs such as intercollegiate moot court and intercollegiate mock trial.

Internships are encouraged for all majors, and opportunities can be found locally as well in Washington DC.

Since 1966, students from all UW System campuses and other universities have participated in the United Nations Summer Seminar (http://uwm.edu/political-science/undergraduate/u-n-summer-seminar). This five-week, six-credit program is partially held at United Nations Headquarters in Manhattan. The four weeks in New York include special access to U.N. facilities and intensive interaction with over 40 experts representing governments and international organizations.

Requirements

Course of Study – Bachelor of Arts Degree

Complete 120 credits including 90 credits in the College of Letters & Science and with 36 of the 90 credits in L&S upper-level (numbered above 300) courses. The College requires that students must complete in residence at UWM at least 15 credits in upper-division (numbered 300 or above) courses in their major. Students are also required to complete University-wide General Education Requirements and the specific L&S requirements listed below.

To complete a major, students must satisfy all the requirements of the major as stated in this catalog. Students who declare their majors within five years of entering the UW System as a degree candidate may satisfy the requirements outlined in any catalog issued since the time they entered. Credits used to satisfy the major also may be used to satisfy other degree requirements.

University General Education Requirements (GER)

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<td>Part A</td>
<td>Achieve a grade of C or better in the following course:</td>
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<td>ENGLISH 102</td>
<td>College Writing and Research (or equivalent)</td>
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Part B

Course designated as OWC-B; may be completed through a major-specific course requirement

Quantitative Literacy

Part A

Achieve a grade of C or better in the following:

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Part B

Course designated as QL-B; may be completed through a major-specific course requirement

Arts

Select 3 credits

Humanities

Select 6 credits

Social Sciences

Select 6 credits

Natural Sciences

Select 6 credits (at least two courses including one lab)

UWM Foreign Language Requirement

Complete Foreign Language Requirement through:

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Or equivalent

UWM Cultural Diversity Requirement

One course from the Arts, Humanities, or Social Sciences must also satisfy UWM’s Cultural Diversity requirement

1 Math 111 and Philosophy 111 are jointly offered and count as repeats of one another. Students cannot receive credit for both courses.

College of Letters & Science Requirements

I. English Composition Requirement

Students must satisfy the English Composition Requirement with one of the following options:

1) Completing ENGLISH 102 with a grade of C or higher; or

2) by placing beyond ENGLISH 102 on the English Placement Test (EPT) (or other assessment as determined by the English Department); or

3) transferring a course of at least 2.5 equivalent credits from another institution that is equivalent to English 102, or a UWM higher-level expository writing course, with a grade of C or higher.

Note: This requirement is the same as the University General Education Requirement for Oral and Written Communication Part A. The College
of Letters & Science does not have a specific requirement for a writing course beyond English 102, but students must complete the university-wide requirement for Oral and Written Communication Part B listed above.

II. Mathematics and Formal Reasoning
To satisfy the Mathematics and Formal Reasoning Requirement, students must satisfy the following two requirements:

1. Achieve a Math Placement score of at least 30 or earn at least 3 credits with a grade of C or higher in one of the following courses or an equivalent course:

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Math 111 and Philosophy 111 are jointly offered and count as repeats of one another. Students cannot receive credit for both courses.

Note: This requirement is the same as the University General Education Requirement for Quantitative Literacy Part A, listed above.

2. Complete one course (at least 3 credits) at the 200 level or above chosen from courses in Mathematics, PHILOS 211, or Letters and Science statistics courses:

Complete one of the following:

- 3 or more credits in any 200-level or above Math course
- AFRIC 220 Introduction to Statistics in African and African Diaspora Studies
- ANTHRO 568 Introduction to Anthropological Statistics
- ATM SCI 500 Statistical Methods in Atmospheric Sciences
- BIO SCI 465 Biostatistics
- ECON 210 Economic Statistics
- GEOG 247 Quantitative Analysis in Geography
- HIST 595 The Quantitative Analysis of Historical Data
- MTHSTAT 215 Elementary Statistical Analysis
- PHILOS 211 Elementary Logic
- POL SCI 390 Political Data Analysis
- POL SCI 392 Survey Research
- PSYCH 210 Psychological Statistics
- SOCIOL 261 Introduction to Statistical Thinking in Sociology

Note: This requirement is NOT the same as the University General Education Requirement for Quantitative Literacy Part B. To complete the BA, students must take one of the L&S approved courses. Not all of the courses listed here will satisfy the QL-B requirement.

III. Foreign Language Requirement
Placement testing may be used to satisfy all or part of this requirement. Language courses (including American Sign Language) other than English taken in high school may be used to satisfy all or part of this requirement. One year of high school language equates to one semester of college work.

Completion of the L&S Language Requirement also satisfies the university-wide Foreign Language GER, but not vice versa.

Note: This requirement is the same as the University General Education Requirement for Quantitative Literacy Part A, listed above.

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<td>Successful completion of the 4th semester of college work or equivalent in one language other than English (including American Sign Language)</td>
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IV. International Requirement
See Approved Courses for the L&S International Requirement (http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/approved-courses-international-requirement) for course options.

Complete one of the following ways:

- Complete 3 courses (min. 9 cr) in a single foreign language (not including literature-in-translation or American Sign Language) at the 3rd semester level and above
- Complete 3 non-language courses (min. 9 credits) with an international content chosen from at least 2 curricular areas.
- Complete 9 credits in combination of the two options above

V. Breadth Requirement
Along with completing the University General Education Requirements of 3 credits in the Arts (A); 6 credits in the Humanities (HU), Social Sciences (SS), and Natural Sciences (NS/NS+); and a course with the Cultural Diversity (CD/+) designation, L&S students must complete the Breadth requirement.

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<td>Humanities</td>
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<td>Social Sciences</td>
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IV. International Requirement
See Approved Courses for the L&S International Requirement (http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/approved-courses-international-requirement) for course options.

Complete one of the following ways:

- Complete 3 courses (min. 9 cr) in a single foreign language (not including literature-in-translation or American Sign Language) at the 3rd semester level and above
- Complete 3 non-language courses (min. 9 credits) with an international content chosen from at least 2 curricular areas.
- Complete 9 credits in combination of the two options above
Complete 12 credits of L&S Courses with Natural Sciences Breadth designation, including at least one laboratory or field course; no more than 6 credits from a single curricular area. **

Cultural Diversity

Complete 3 credits in a course with Cultural Diversity (CD) designation. **

* Students should check their course selections carefully with the list of approved L&S Breadth Courses (http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/breadth-requirement-course-list). Students are advised to select at least 6 credits worth of courses in each of the Humanities, Social Science, and Natural Sciences areas that can satisfy both the campus-wide General Education Requirements and the L&S Breadth requirement.

** Students are advised to select a course that satisfies the Cultural Diversity requirement as well as a Humanities or Social Science breadth/GER requirement.

VI. The Major

The College of Letters and Science requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA in all credits in the major attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all major credits attempted, including any transfer work. Individual departments or programs may require higher GPAs for graduation. Some departmental majors require courses from other departments. Contact your major department for information on whether those credits will count as part of the major GPA. The College requires that students must complete in residence at UWM at least 15 credits in upper-division (numbered 300 or above) courses in their major.

Research Requirement

Within their majors, students must complete a research experience approved by the L&S faculty. A list of courses satisfying the research requirement in each major can be found here (http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/approved-courses-research-requirement).

VII. The Minor

The College of Letters and Science requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA in all credits in the minor attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all minor credits attempted, including any transfer work.

Political Science Major Requirements

Majors must attain a 2.0 GPA in all political science courses, including any transfer work, and a 2.0 GPA in political science courses taken at UWM. Majors are required to complete a minimum of 30 credits in political science, of which at least 15 must be in upper-division courses (numbered 300 or above) taken in residence at UWM. The following courses must be included among those taken for major credit:

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Political Area Requirements

Select at least one course beyond the 100 level in each of the following four areas of political science:

American Politics

- POL SCI 150 Multicultural America: Minority Voting Rights and Representation
- POL SCI 210 American Public Policy
- POL SCI 213 Urban Government and Politics
- POL SCI 215 Ethnicity, Religion and Race in American Politics
- POL SCI 216 Environmental Politics
- POL SCI 250 Law and Society
- POL SCI 387 Topics in American Politics:
- POL SCI 388 Latino Politics
- POL SCI 405 State Government:
- POL SCI 408 The American Presidency
- POL SCI 412 Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Liberties
- POL SCI 415 The Politics of Race, Ethnicity and Immigration
- POL SCI 416 Judicial Politics
- POL SCI 417 The Supreme Court
- POL SCI 419 Constitutional Interpretation
- POL SCI 421 Party Politics in America
- POL SCI 425 Women in Politics
- POL SCI 426 Congressional Politics
- POL SCI 444 Politics and the Bureaucracy
- POL SCI 450 Urban Political Problems
- POL SCI 452 Administrative Law
- POL SCI 464 Sex, Gender, and the Law
- POL SCI 467 Elections and Voting Behavior
- POL SCI 471 Problems in Law Studies:
- POL SCI 473 Public Opinion

Comparative Politics

- POL SCI 300 Western European Politics
- POL SCI 301 British Politics
- POL SCI 302 Politics of Eastern Europe
- POL SCI 310 Russian and Post-Soviet Politics
- POL SCI 312 The Politics of Authoritarian Regimes
- POL SCI 314 Chinese Politics and Foreign Policy
- POL SCI 320 Politics of Developing Countries
- POL SCI 321 Politics of Revolution in Developing Nations
- POL SCI 325 Latin American Politics
- POL SCI 326 Brazilian Politics and Society
- POL SCI 328 The Arab-Israeli Conflict
- POL SCI 329 African Politics
- POL SCI 333 Seminar in Comparative Politics:
- POL SCI 334 German Politics and the New Europe
- POL SCI 335 Comparative Political Systems
### Course of Study: Law Studies Option

Students may emphasize the study of law within the major by completing, in conjunction with or in addition to all of the requirements outlined above, the courses listed below as part of the 30 credits required for the major.

#### Political Areas

- The following meets the American politics requirement: POL SCI 250, POL SCI 411, POL SCI 412, POL SCI 419, POL SCI 452, or POL SCI 464
- The following qualifies as political theory: POL SCI 384/PHILOS 384
- The following is an international politics course: POL SCI 316

#### Law Studies Requirements

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<td>POL SCI 316</td>
<td>International Law</td>
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<td>POL SCI/PHILOS 384</td>
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### Letters & Science Advising

The College of Letters and Science provides general academic advising for all students with a major in the College, particularly as it relates to campus’ general education requirements and the College’s degree requirements. We also provide specialized advising for pre-professional students (pre-med, pre-dental, pre-pharmacy, etc.) regardless if their major is in Letters and Science or not. Prospective students, including high school students and students seeking to transfer to a program in Letters and Science may also receive advising from our admissions counselors.

Upon admission, students are assigned an advisor in the College advising office. Academic advising is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by appointment. Appointments outside of these times may be available and phone appointments are available for online students. The advising office (https://uwm.edu/letters-science/advising/contact-advising) is located on the first floor of Holton Hall. Current students should call (414) 229-4654 to schedule an appointment or use the Student Success Collaborative website (https://
to make an appointment with your assigned advisor; online scheduling is only available if you already have a Letters & Science advisor assigned to you. Prospective students should call (414) 229-7711 or email let-sci@uwm.edu.

When students declare a major, they will receive an additional faculty advisor located within the major department who will assist with requirements for that major. Students should read the "Declaration of Major" information on the website of the major that they are interested in. In some cases, the student will need to choose a faculty advisor as part of the declaration process.

All students are cautioned to consult their Letters & Science academic advisor AND their major advisor prior to each registration period to ensure they understand all requirements. Do not rely on pre-printed sample plans, as they are intended to be samples only and may not be right for your particular situation.

Honors and High Honors in the Major

Departmental honors are awarded upon graduation to students who achieve a 3.500 GPA overall in all UWM courses attempted, in their political science major courses, and in upper-division political science courses. Students meeting these GPA requirements will be slated automatically for graduating with honors in the major.

Students who meet the GPA requirement and wish to be considered for departmental high honors should request that the faculty member supervising her/his substantial research paper nominate her/him for high honors. The supervising faculty member will decide if the student should be recommended to the high honors committee, which is composed of three political science faculty members. The committee will determine if the quality of the nominee’s paper is sufficient to earn the high honors designation and, if so, will bestow the high honors accordingly. Note that a student interested in receiving high honors must contact a Political Science faculty member to be considered; high honors are not bestowed automatically.

Questions about honors designations can be directed to any of the Political Science faculty advisors.

Honors in the College of Letters and Science

Dean’s Honor List
GPA of 3.750 or above, earned on a full-time student’s GPA on 12 or more graded credits in a given semester.

Honors Degree and Honors Degree with Thesis
Granted to graduating seniors who complete Honors College requirements, as listed in the Honors College (http://catalog.uwm.edu/opportunities-resources/honors-college) section of this site.

Commencement Honors
Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.500 or above, based on a minimum of 40 graded UWM credits earned prior to the final semester, will receive all-university commencement honors and be awarded the traditional gold cord at the December or May Honors Convocation. Please note that for honors calculation, the GPA is not rounded and is truncated at the third decimal (e.g., 3.499).