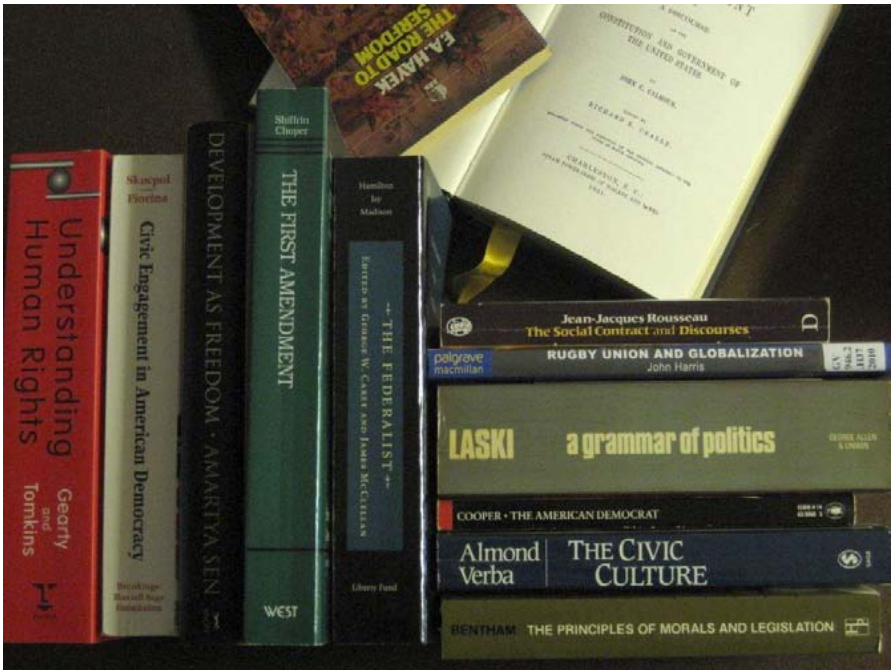


Department of

Political Science



University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
College of Letters & Science

Mission Statement

Our mission is to help students develop the knowledge, skills, values, and motivation to be critical thinkers, engaged democratic and global citizens, and life-long learners.



Professor Riley Lectures on the Presidency.

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Why Study Political Science at UW-Stevens Point?

Political Science is a popular liberal arts major. We have approximately 150 majors, and we offer a wide range of courses covering American and Comparative Politics, International Relations, Public Policy, Political Theory, and Public Law. Our courses help students develop their critical thinking and analytical skills, and build competence and confidence in oral and written communication. Former UWSP Political Science majors can be found working in a wide range of jobs: as staffers in the U.S. Senate, environmental lobbyists in Washington D.C., and in managerial positions in federal, state, and local governments. We have a few graduates serving in the U.S. military, teaching in public and private schools, and working in private industry for banks, insurance companies, and other corporations. We also have graduates who are lawyers in private practice, prosecutors, and defense attorneys, and we have had a few graduates who clerked for federal and state judges as part of their legal training.

The department offers small classes taught by a dedicated faculty, and a lot of individual attention and advising. Our faculty come from some of the best Political Science PhD programs, and are engaged in ongoing research projects. The department offers many opportunities for internships at the state and local level, and now offers an internship in the British Parliament in Great Britain. Many of our students become active in local, state, and national politics, and a few go on to work in politics after graduation.

Many UWSP Political Science graduates go on to graduate school in a wide range of fields. Those who choose not to continue their studies find employment in both the public and private sectors, doing everything from serving as policy analysts in the legislature to being middle or high school political science teachers.



Faculty (See biographical information on page 6)

As pictured above: David Williams, Brad Mapes-Martins, John Blakeman, Ed Miller, Elizabeth Wabindato, Dennis Riley, Jennifer Collins and (not pictured) Jianwei Wang.

Global Citizenship

The department is committed to helping our students become global citizens. Some departmental faculty hold degrees and certificates from top foreign universities, and are active in study abroad programs. About half the faculty have extensive field experience studying, teaching, working, and pursuing research in Europe, Latin America, and Asia. With UWSP International Programs, the department oversees an international internship program in the British Parliament, and strongly encourages students to enroll in semester long study abroad programs to complement their undergraduate education at UWSP.



UWSP students attend a briefing at the European Union Parliament in Strasbourg, France, 2010.

UWSP Political Science Graduates at Work

City Management

DeSoto, KS

Aurora, IL

Personal Assistant

Deputy Secretary

US Department of Commerce

Washington, DC

Public Defenders

Portage County, WI

McHenry County, IL

Senate Aide

Senator Herb Kohl, 's Office

Washington, DC

Environmental Lobbyist

Washington, DC

Asst. Attorney General

State of Minnesota

U.S. Secret Service

Washington, DC

Insurance Analyst

SENTRY Insurance

AIG International/Travelguard

United States Army

Captain—Ft. Bragg

2nd Lt.—Helicopter Pilot

2nd Lt.—82nd Airborne

High School Principal

New Holstein, WI

West Allis, WI

Mayor

Stevens Point, WI

Stockbroker/Financial Analyst

Cedarburg, WI

Site Manager, Habitat for Humanity

Tacoma, WA

Policy Consultant

Americans for Prosperity

Park Ranger

Wisconsin Park System

Attorneys in Private Practice

Madison, Milwaukee, Wausau,

Stevens Point, etc.

Majoring in Political Science

The Political Science major at UWSP is a liberal arts major focusing on the government and politics of the United States, other countries, and international relations. The department offers a wide range of study opportunities for students, from global issues to more specific public policy concerns.

The Political Science Major

The Political Science Major consists of 36 credits.

1. Required courses:
 - Poli 101 (American Politics) AND EITHER Poli 160 (Comparative Politics) OR Poli 180 (International Relations).
 - Poli 203 (Research Methods).
2. At least 18 credits in courses number 300 and above.
3. At least 3 credits (one course) in four of the following five fields:
 - American Politics; Comparative Politics; International Politics; Political Theory; Public Policy.

See the most current catalogue for specific course designations.

Political Science Minor

The Political Science Minor consists of 21 credits.

1. Required courses:
 - Political Science 101 and EITHER 160NW or 180.
2. At least 9 credits in courses numbered 300 and above.
3. At least 3 credits (one course) in four of the following five fields:
 - American Politics; Comparative Politics; International Politics; Political Theory; Public Policy.

See the most current catalogue for specific course designations.

“My internship in British Parliament allowed me to put into practice what I have learned over the past three years. My duties were challenging and at the same time, they were invigorating. I grew as a professional and as a person. For three months of my life, I was living a dream that has helped put another foot forwards on my walk towards my hopes and dreams for the future, not only in the field of Political Science, but as a citizen of the world.”

— Jeff McKee, UWSP Intern in the British Parliament, 2010

Political Science Four Year Degree Program (Major)

First Year

Fall Semester

Poli 101 (American Politics), OR Poli 160 (Comparative Politics) OR Poli 180 (International Politics)	3 cr
General Education / Electives**	12 cr
	<u>15 cr</u>

**The Political Science Department encourages the study of a foreign language, also required for the BA degree.

Spring Semester

Poli 101 (American Politics), OR Poli 160 (Comparative Politics) OR Poli 180 (International Politics)	3 cr
General Education / Electives**	12 cr
	<u>15 cr</u>

**The Political Science Department encourages the study of a foreign language, also required for the BA degree.

Second Year

Fall Semester

200 LEVEL POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES INCLUDING POLI 203 (RESEARCH METHODS)*	3-6 cr
General Education / Electives	9-12 cr
	<u>15 cr</u>

*Poli 203 is a one semester course; majors should try to take it during their sophomore year.

Spring Semester

200 LEVEL POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES INCLUDING POLI 203 (RESEARCH METHODS)*	3-6 cr
General Education / Electives	9-12 cr
	<u>15 cr</u>

*Poli 203 is a one semester course; majors should try to take it during their sophomore year.

Third Year

Fall Semester

UPPER LEVEL COURSES (300 LEVEL) IN POLITICAL SCIENCE*	9-12 cr
General Education / Electives (or courses for Second Major / Minor)	3-6 cr
	<u>15 cr</u>

*There is no specific required sequence of courses. Students must take at least one upper level course in four of the five subfields: American Politics, Comparative Politics, Political Theory, International Politics, and Public Administration.

Spring Semester

UPPER LEVEL COURSES (300 LEVEL) IN POLITICAL SCIENCE*	9-12 cr
General Education / Electives (or courses for Second Major / Minor)	3-6 cr
	<u>15 cr</u>

*There is no specific required sequence of courses. Students must take at least one upper level course in four of the five subfields: American Politics, Comparative Politics, Political Theory, International Politics, and Public Administration.

Fourth Year

Fall Semester

UPPER LEVEL COURSES (300 LEVEL) IN POLITICAL SCIENCE*	9-12 cr
General Education / Electives (or courses for Second Major / Minor)	3-6 cr
	<u>15 cr</u>

*There is no specific required sequence of courses. Students must take at least one upper level course in four of the five subfields: American Politics, Comparative Politics, Political Theory, International Politics, and Public Administration.

Spring Semester



UPPER LEVEL COURSES (300 LEVEL) IN POLITICAL SCIENCE*	9-12 cr
General Education / Electives (or courses for Second Major / Minor)	3-6 cr
	<u>15 cr</u>

Public Administration and Policy Analysis Major

Public Administration and Policy Analysis is an interdisciplinary program, offering both a major and a minor, administered by the Political Science Department. It is designed for students interested in public service (federal, state, or local) or graduate education in this area. For the major students take a program consisting principles, such as public policy theory and policy, public administration, and economics; functional area courses, such as budget, personnel, and administrative law; and analysis courses, such as Methods of Policy Analysis and Statistics. Majors also must take 9 credits in a specialized area--public policy, planning, human resources (personnel), natural resources/environmental administration, and public finance. All students are encouraged to complete an internship as part of their program.

The Public Administration Major Consists of 40 credits distributed as follows:

1. Government, 6 credits: Political Science 101, 242.
2. Principles, 9 credits: Political Science 202, 250; Economics 210.
3. Functional areas, 9 credits from: Political Science 351 or Sociology 359, Political Science 354, 356 or Economics 311, Political Science 358, 450.
4. Tools of Analysis, 7 credits: Political Science 397 and 4 credits of statistics from economics 310 or Mathematics 355 or Psychology 300 or Sociology 351.
5. Electives, 9 credits selected from one of the groups listed below. A course used to fulfill a requirement in Sections 1-4 above MAY NOT also be used to fulfill a requirement in this section.
 - a. Public Policy: Economics 315, 328; Sociology 260; Political Science 212, 304, 306, 308, 314, 320, 455.
 - b. Public Planning: Geography 373, 367; Natural Resources 480; Political Science 314/455; Sociology 260, 356, 357.
 - c. Human resources administration: Business 347; Economics 345, 346; Political Science 315, 354, 455; Psychology 345,350,401; Sociology 270, 310, 315.
 - d. Natural resources and the environment: Geography 340, 368; History 366; Natural Resources 370, 371, 372, 473, 480; Philosophy 380; Political Science 304, 455.
 - e. Public Finance Administration: Accounting 210; 211, 313, 340; Economics 311, 328, 454; Political Science 356,358, 455.

 ***Professors are very accessible and are willing to work individually with students...The small class sections at UWSP give students a chance to participate in discussions with one another and professors during class. I believe my education has been greatly enhanced by my ability to ask questions and discuss course material with my professors and fellow students in class.*** 

— Recent Graduate

Public Administration and Policy Analysis Minor

The Public Administration Minor Consists of 25 credits distributed as follows:

1. Required: Government, 6 credits: Poli Sci 101, 242.
2. Required: Principles, 6 credits: Poli Sci 202, 250.
3. Functional areas, 6 credits from: Poli Sci 354, 356, 358, 450, Business 380.
4. Tools of analysis, 7 credits: Poli Sci 397 and 4 credits of statistics from Math 355 or Psych 300 or Sociology 351

UWSP Public Administration and Policy Analysis Graduates at Work

Financial Advisor to Local Governments

Ehler's Inc. Brookfield, WI

Lobbyist/Political Consultant

Madison, WI

Assistant Director of Multicultural Affairs

UW-LaCrosse

Attorneys in Private Practice

Madison, Stevens Point, Wausau

Restaurant and Brewpub Owner/Operator

Egg Harbor, WI

United States Army

Several Captains and One Colonel, Various Units

Faculty

John C. Blakeman, Associate Professor and Chair

B.A., Wake Forest University; M.Sc. London School of Economics; Ph.D. The University of Virginia

Teaching and Research areas: American Politics, Constitutional Law, Religion and Politics, West European Politics, Politics of the European Union

Jennifer Collins, Assistant Professor

B.A. Oberlin College; Ph.D. University of California, San Diego

Teaching and Research areas: Comparative Politics; Political Development; Latin American Politics; Latin America in World Affairs.

Brad Mapes-Martins, Assistant Professor

B.A. The Evergreen State University; Ph.D. University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Teaching and Research Interests: American Politics, Research Methods, Political Theory and Democratic Engagement, Environmental Policy, International Environmental Policy

Edward J. Miller, Professor; Co-Director, Center for the Small City

B.A. McDaniel College; M.A., Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh

Teaching and Research Areas: American Politics, Legislative Process, Public Policy, State & Urban Politics, Health Policy, Research Methods, Education Policy

Dennis Riley, Professor

B.A. Willamette University; M.P.A. Syracuse University; Ph.D. University of Michigan

Teaching and Research areas: American Politics, Public Administration, Administrative Law, Public Finance

Elizabeth Wabindato, Assistant Professor

B.A. University of Wisconsin; Ph.D. University of Michigan

Teaching and Research Areas: American Politics, Research Methods, Tribal Government, Interest Group Politics, Women and Politics

Jianwei Wang, Professor

B.A. Fudan University (China); Ph.D. University of Michigan

Teaching and Research areas: American Politics, International Relations, American Foreign Policy, Chinese Politics, International Political Economy

Public Administration

Four Year Degree Program (Major)

First Year

Fall Semester

Pol. 101 or Pol. 202.....	3 cr
General Education/Electives.....	12 cr
	15 cr

Spring Semester

Pol. 101 or Pol. 202; Pol 242 or Pol. 250	6 cr
General Education/Electives.....	9 cr
	15 cr

Second Year

Fall Semester

Pol. 242 or Pol. 250; Econ. 210	6 cr
General Education/Electives.....	9 cr
	15 cr

Spring Semester

Pol. 356 or Econ. 311; 3 credits PA/PA electives*.....	6 cr
General Education/Electives.....	9 cr
	15 cr

*A student is required to take 9 credits of electives from an approved list. See the catalog or the department handbook for a list of the approved electives

Third Year

Fall Semester

Pol. 354; Math 355 or Psych 300 or Soc 351*	7 cr
General Education/Electives.....	8 cr
	15 cr

*Math 355, Psych 300, and Soc 351 are statistics courses. Your statistics course must be completed before you take Pol. 397 a course required in the major.

Spring Semester

Pol. 358 or Pol 450; Pol. 397	6 cr
General Education/Electives/Second major or minor.....	9 cr
	15 cr

Fourth Year

Fall Semester

PA/PA elective*; Internship**	7 cr
General Education/Electives/Second major or minor.....	8 cr
	15 cr

*See note above from Spring Semester Second Year

**An internship is not required in the PA/PA major, but it is strongly recommended. A student may complete that internship in either of the semesters of his/her senior year.

Spring Semester

Pol 397 if not completed in Junior year*; PA/PA elective**	3-6 cr
General Education/Electives/Second major or minor.....	9-12 cr
	15 cr

*Pol. 397 is a limited enrollment course which might be closed before a Junior major could register for it. A Senior major is guaranteed access to the course.

**see note from Spring Semester Junior Year.

Student Opportunities Abound

Internships

The Political Science Department offers several opportunities for internships. Qualified seniors can have the opportunity to serve in an internship with a local government agency. Interns have served in a variety of places, from district attorneys' offices, police departments, and mayors' offices, to government offices at the state and federal level. The department also participates in several Washington, D.C. internship programs.

International Programs

There are several international programs that fit with a political science major. Students are strongly encouraged to contact the UWSP International Programs Office to see what is available. Many Political Science majors choose to focus on international politics.

Students may choose to do an **international internship** too. The International Programs Office supervises internships in London (U.K.).

The **Model United Nations** club is housed in the Political Science Department, and it provides valuable opportunities for students to participate in the Model UN program, and even travel to the United Nations in New York City to participate in Model UN competition.

Several political science faculty also have significant experience with international education, and living and working outside of the United States. Please contact them for suggestions about their specific areas of expertise and for more specific information about study abroad opportunities:

Prof. John C. Blakeman:

Europe, mainly Western Europe and Great Britain; Australia, New Zealand.

Prof. Jennifer Collins:

Central and South America.

Prof. Jianwei Wang:

Asia, mainly China; Europe: Switzerland/Geneva/United Nations.

Prof. David Williams:

Europe, mainly Germany.

Law School

For students interested law school, political science is one of the most frequently selected majors. In recent years upwards of 25% of our graduates enrolled in law school. In fact, in 2006 and 2007 UWSP had the sixth largest cohort of students enrolled in law school at UW-Madison, the most of any of the UW comprehensives. The Political Science Department provides much of the pre-law advising on campus.

Information about law school is also posted on the Department's website. Interested students should visit the website from time to time to get the most current information and advice.

For more information about taking the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT), and about applying to law school in general, visit the Law School Admissions Council website: **www.lsac.org**.

Recent Political Science and Public Administration graduates are enrolled in the following law schools: University of Wisconsin-Madison, Marquette University, University of Indiana, Drake University, Hamline University (Minnesota), Ave Maria School of Law, Valparaiso (Indiana), and Appalachian School of Law (Virginia).

Academic Advising

Each political science major is assigned an academic advisor. Students may select another advisor in the department too. Each semester students will sign up for advising appointments with their advisor. It is important not only to sign up for an appointment; it is also imperative that you keep that appointment and meet with your advisor at least once a semester.

Center for the Small City

The Center for the Small City was established in the College of Letters & Science in 1979. Under the co-directorship of Professors Robert P. Wolensky and Edward J. Miller, The Center organizes educational forums, conducts research, consults with government officials and agencies, and administers the Small City Analysis minor. The Center's featured educational programs include the biennial Conference on the Small City and Regional Community, which began at UWSP in 1978, and regular workshops and seminars focusing on current problems and issues.



UWSP Delegates to the 2009 Model UN National Meeting at the UN General Assembly, New York City.

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