

POLITICAL SCIENCE

MAJOR MAP 2024



GETTING STARTED

YOUR COURSE JOURNEY

- Meet with an academic adviser and develop a graduation plan
- Take POLI 101: American Government and POLI 180: Introduction to Global Affairs
- Pre-law students, take POLI 212: Law and Legal Systems
- Pre-law students and those who might be considering law school, speak with the pre-law adviser

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

- Become familiar with academic resources like the [Library](#), the [Tutoring and Learning Center](#), and [Academic and Career Advising](#)
- Explore [extracurriculars](#) at UWSP
- Explore [Study Abroad](#) opportunities

ACT LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY

- Join at least ONE student organization, such as [Pointers Vote Coalition \(PVC\)](#) or [United Nations Student Organization \(UNSO\)](#)
- Consider getting involved in the [Student Government Association](#)
- If Pre-Law, join the [Student Legal Society](#)

CAREER READINESS

- Talk with Political Science professors about career opportunities in the public, private, and non-governmental sectors
- Attend Political Science Career Night
- Look for on-campus jobs through [Quest](#)
- Seek volunteer opportunities through UWSP and/or local non-profit groups
- Create a [college resume and Handshake profile](#)

MAKING PROGRESS

- If B.A., take foreign language course sequence
- Take POLI 300: Political Inquiry and Analysis and POLI 301: Methods of Policy Analysis
- Pre-law students, take upper-level course on constitutional law, environmental law, or law and society
- Consider a double [major, minor, or certificate](#) to complement your Political Science major

- Connect with faculty members to explore ideas for an independent study project
- Apply for a [Political Science scholarship](#)
- Use LinkedIn Learning or other online learning platform to develop skills and certifications in things like grant and public policy writing
- Practice public speaking in your classes and through experiences like [Model United Nations](#)

- Consider studying a foreign language
- [Studying abroad](#) is highly encouraged
- During an election year, volunteer with a campaign, political party, or get-out-the vote efforts
- Seek leadership opportunities in student organizations and student government

- Ask your Political Science professors about internships
- Pre-law students - meet with the pre-law adviser to discuss law school
- Explore federal government internships in D.C. and abroad
- Use your own networks and connections to conduct an [informational interview](#) or [job shadow](#) with someone in a field of interest

MAKING PROGRESS

- Take POLI 201: Career Development in Political Science
- Take POLI 315: Minority Group Politics or POLI 360: Gender and Politics in Comparative Perspective
- Take upper-level courses that interest you in both American and Global Politics
- Take upper-level courses that will prepare you for graduate work or law school—speak with your adviser about course selection

- Develop your skills in data analysis, interpretation and professional writing
- Consult with your adviser and other faculty members about the types of knowledge and skills that are needed for graduate or law school
- Develop your leadership skills through involvement in student organizations, internships, and campus jobs like Residential Assistant or Writing Tutor in the TLC

- Study abroad
- Enroll in the [Washington Seminar](#)
- Consider applying for [AmeriCorps](#) or the [Peace Corps](#)
- Join the Political Science Honors Society – [Pi Sigma Alpha](#) (by invitation only to juniors and seniors)

- Review job announcements in political science, public policy, public administration, government, non-profits, and the private sector
- Work as an intern in government, law, or NGO setting
- Attend the [All-Major Career and Internship Fair](#) and/or graduate and law school fairs
- Explore graduate programs and law schools online. Understand testing requirements and application timeline

PREPARING FOR WHAT'S NEXT

- Review your graduation plan and make sure you have completed all necessary courses
- [Apply for graduation](#)

- Present your research at the [COLS Undergraduate Research Symposium](#) or [Research in the Rotunda](#)
- Attend and present a paper or poster at an academic conference
- Take a test prep course to prepare for graduate or law school exams such as [LSAT](#) or [GRE](#)
- Use LinkedIn Learning or similar platform to gain skills and certifications relevant to employment

- Apply for post-graduate internships and grants, such as [Fulbright](#)
- Rotary and State Department Fellowships

- Review federal government jobs at [usajobs.gov](#) and Wisconsin state government jobs at [wisc.jobs](#)
- Take appropriate exams for graduate or law school
- Apply to graduate school, law school, [AmeriCorps](#) or [Peace Corps](#)
- Network with UWSP Political Science alumni
- Join professional associations; take advantage of virtual and in-person [networking opportunities](#)

CAREERS

- Legislative Assistant
- City Administrator
- Lawyer
- Teacher
- Higher Education Administrator
- Communications Director
- Speech Writer
- Campaign Manager
- Elected Official
- Lobbyist
- Organizer
- Policy or Data Analyst
- Program Manager
- Government Relations Specialist
- Consultant

and many more!

AVAILABLE ONLINE

Major Map documents are available online with additional information!

The staff and faculty at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point want to help you craft your personal journey. Use this map as a jumping off point for conversations about your goals.

