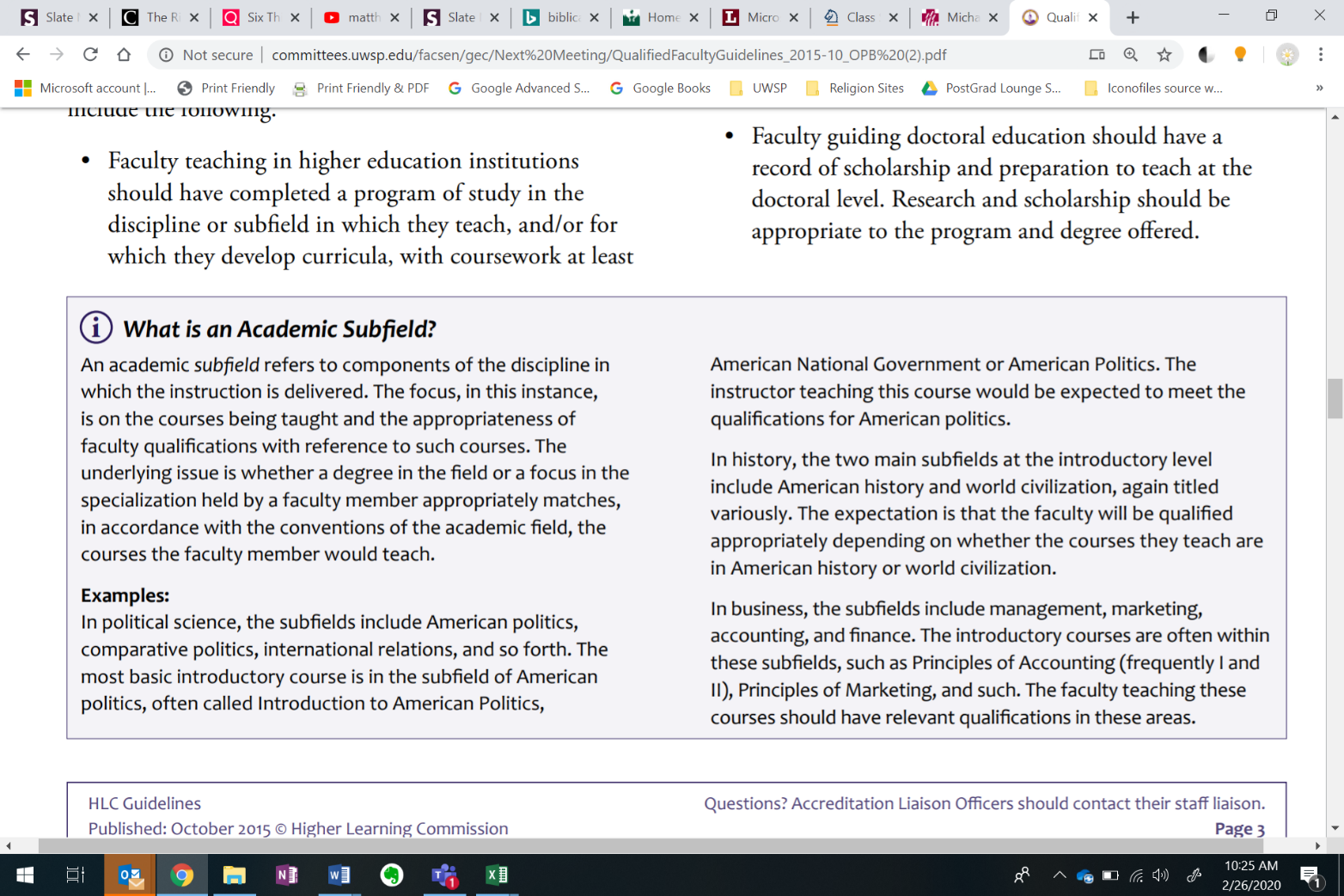
Social Sciences Qualifications Review

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| The requirement to assess the qualifications of all UWSP’s General Education faculty derives from HLC document, “Determining Qualified Faculty Through HLC’s Criteria for accreditation and Assumed Practices,” section B.2.a., which went into effect Sept 1, 2017. It requires that:  “Faculty teaching general education courses, or other non-occupational courses, hold a master’s degree or higher in the discipline or subfield. If a faculty member holds a master’s degree or higher in a discipline or subfield other than that in which he or she is teaching, that faculty member should have completed a minimum of 18 graduate credit hours in the discipline or subfield in which they teach.” |



Excerpt from HLC’s “Determining Qualified Faculty through HLC’s Criteria for Accreditation and Assumed Practices”

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| **UWSP GEP Social Science Learning Outcomes:**   1. Explain or apply major concepts, methods, or theories used in the social sciences to investigate, analyze, or predict human behavior. 2. Examine and explain how social, cultural, or political institutions influence individuals or groups. |

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| **Faculty Qualifications** |

In order to teach General Education courses in the Social Sciences category, faculty must submit the information below, which will be reviewed by the Associate Dean of General Education and the Associate Vice Chancellor for Teaching, Learning and Strategic Planning, in consultation with faculty, chairs, and administration.

1. If you have a master’s degree or higher in a discipline or academic subfield in the Social Sciences please provide the title, the discipline, and level of the degree completed.1 Faculty who fulfill this requirement may skip the remaining sections.

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If you hold a graduate degree in a field not generally considered Social Science but have completed the requisite 18 graduate credits of Social Science, provide details on those credits in the three category tables below.2 You may count up to eight thesis or dissertation research/writing credits toward the total. Add lines if needed.

It is recommended that you have at least one course for item two and one course for item three.

1. Identify and briefly describe graduate courses that emphasized major concepts or theories used in the social sciences to investigate, analyze, or predict human behavior.

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| Course title | Specific Field or Subfield | Number of credits | Brief explanation of relevance to category learning outcomes |
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1. Identify and briefly describe graduate courses you completed that focused on how social, cultural, or political institutions influence individuals or groups.

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1. Identify and briefly describe graduate courses you completed that focused on quantitative or qualitative research methods that are used in the social sciences.

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1 According to the National Institute of Social Sciences (<https://www.socialsciencesinstitute.org/>), the following fields of study comprise a short list of the social sciences: Anthropology, Economics, Education, History, Law, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology. According to the UK Economic and Social Research Council (<https://esrc.ukri.org/>), social sciences include demography, social statistics, development studies, human geography, environmental planning, economics, management and business studies, education, social anthropology, linguistics, law, economic and social history, politics, international relations, psychology, sociology, science and technology studies, social policy, and social work.

2 These lists are not all encompassing but suggest the disciplines within which one might take social science graduate courses or earn a social science graduate degree. Courses in applied fields of study such as the health sciences or natural resources that use social science models, theories, and research methods can also qualify but may require additional explanation.