Political Science at UW-Platteville
Political science is one of the basic elements of traditional liberal arts education. Political scientists are interested in how governments are structured, how governments make vital decisions and how they solve societal conflicts.

Political science students acquire skills in such topics as extensive politics and leadership, legislative politics, judicial systems, bureaucracies and administrative procedures, comparative government, international politics, public law, state and local government, ethnic rights and politics, politics and the media, and constitutional law. Along with the institutional approach, students use the decision-making approach and engage in the study of public policy.

Students majoring in political science take courses from four subfields: American government, comparative government, international relations, and political theory.

Major Requirements
A major in political science requires a minimum of 36 credits, while a minor requires a minimum of 24 credits. For majors Introduction to Politics, Introduction to American Government, International Relations, Political Theory, and Scope and Social Research are required.

Career Opportunities
Students who major in political science move into a variety of professional careers upon their graduation. Some seek a career in the public sector by becoming mid-level administrators of city, state, or federal governments and their affiliated agencies. Some go on to graduate school for a master's degree program in public policy and administration, which practically assures challenging and rewarding positions in management. Others go to law school to study law, later becoming attorneys. UW-Platteville's pre-law concentration has been commended for its quality and relatively high ratio of the enrollees admitted to law schools.

Other students successfully develop their careers in the business sector as mid-level managers. Students interested in a business career are advised to take courses in public management, economics, business, and psychology. Foreign service and international organizations are yet another highly competitive career option for political science majors. The ability to comprehend the significance of events, the ability to write with clarity, and the ability to influence the views and perceptions of others are substantially cultivated and enhanced at UW-Platteville through a well-designed program of political science and related disciplines.

Is Political Science for You?
In light of the career options described, UW-Platteville especially welcomes those who are highly motivated, aspire for executive or other leadership positions, and earnestly wish to be active in the field of public service–administrative, judicial, legislative, and diplomatic.

High School Preparation
While in high school, these individuals are expected to become interested in the analysis of social, economic, and political issues faced by their community, state, and nation. They should also make solid efforts to develop skills in the application of basic mathematics and statistics and gain experience in computer technology. It is vital for them to strive to upgrade their ability in English, particularly the written form.

For More Information
For more information about the political science program at UW-Platteville write to the Department of Social Sciences/Political Science, UW-Platteville, 1 University Plaza, Platteville WI 53818-3099 or call 608.342.1787.

For general information on the university and its programs, consult the website at www.uwplatt.edu or contact Admission and Enrollment Services, UW-Platteville, 1 University Plaza, Platteville WI 53818-3099 or call toll free 1.877.897.5288 or locally 608.342.1127.

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## Political Science Requirements

**MAJOR (36 cr.)**

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Choose 21 additional Political Science credits from the following:

### Political Science Courses:

- 1430 Current Issues and Democracy 3
- 1530 Intro to Public Policy 3
- 2430 Comparative Politics 3
- 2940 Political Economy of Race, Gender and Ethnicity 3
- 3230 Intro to Public Administration 3
- 3320 Congressional Politics 3
- 3330 American Political Parties 3
- 3340 Modern Japan 3
- 3350 Modern China 3
- 3520 The Judicial Process 3
- 3530 State and Local Govt 3
- 3610 British Isles to 1714 3
- 3620 British Isles Since 1714 3
- 3720 Politics of the Global Economy 3
- 3730 Ethnic Rights and Politics 3
- 3750 International Human Rights 3
- 3760 International Security 3
- 3830 Civil Liberties 3
- 4420 Constitutional Law 3
- 4660 Cooperative Field Experience 1–8
- 4720 Study and Research in Political Science 1–3
- 4730 Trial Advocacy 3
- 4760 Seminar in Selected Topics in Political Science 1–3

**MINOR (24 cr.)**

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Choose 15 additional Political Science credits from the Political Science Courses.