Political Science and Public Administration Department (POL/PUB)

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The Department of Political Science and Public Administration in the College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities at UW-La Crosse offers both political science and public administration major and minor degree programs. There is also an honors program and a political science/public administration honor society. These provide special recognition to those who excel.

The department stresses the value of extracurricular activities and seeks to provide special opportunities for political science students. We especially excel in providing internship opportunities whereby students can earn up to 12 credits while gaining on-the-job experience with government agencies, law firms, etc. Many of the internships pay a salary; all help students get jobs upon graduation, and some are international. In addition to internships, the department sponsors or participates in the Model United Nations and Mock Trial programs and in a number of tour and study abroad programs.

The department's strengths are in public administration, pre-law, international studies, and American government. The department provides internships, special opportunities, and career counseling in all of these areas. Many of the department's graduates are working for the Wisconsin state government and federal government. Graduates who are interested in law school or graduate school have been quite successful in being admitted and in graduating with advanced degrees.

Pre-law program

Students interested in attending law school are encouraged to select a major that interests them, and which challenges them. Law schools make admissions decisions based on a strong record of academic success regardless of major, and law schools are interested to see that a student has pursued coursework that has emphasized research and writing. In addition, students are encouraged to take courses from a wide variety of areas that will prepare them for work in law school, including political science, philosophy, history, English, sociology, communication, business, and economics. In particular, the legal studies minor collects courses together focused on topics and skills that are desirable for students who are interested in legal fields, and is therefore recommended for students interested in law school. Courses that develop critical thinking and analytical skills will also help students prepare for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), which tests reading, reasoning, and thinking skills.

General education writing emphasis

This department incorporates a significant amount of writing through the required courses instead of identifying particular courses as writing emphasis courses. Students who complete a major in this department will fulfill the general education writing emphasis requirement.

2022-23 Faculty/Staff

The following is the department's faculty and staff as of the publication date of this catalog. This list will not be updated again until the next catalog is published in July.

Professor
Alan Bigel
Timothy Dale

Associate Professor
Regina Goodnow
John Kovari

Assistant Professor
Jeremy Arney
Anthony Chergosky
Agatha Hultquist
Kristina LaPlant
James Szymalak
Adam Van Liere

Lecturer
Daniel Mueller
Samuel Scinta

Administrative Support
Sean Hurubise

Majors

- Political science major - BA (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/politicalscience/major-ba/)
- Political science major - BS (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/politicalscience/major-bs/)
- Public administration major - BA (http://catalog.u wlax.edu/undergraduate/politicalscience/major-public-administration-ba/)
- Public administration major - BS (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/politicalscience/major-public-administration-bs/)

Online major option

The option to complete the political science major online is available to students who have completed an associate's degree (or the general education requirements for the bachelor's degree). If interested, please meet with the department chair.

Minors

- Criminal justice minor (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/politicalscience/minor-criminal-justice/)
• Legal studies minor (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/politicalscience/legal-studies-minor/)
• Political science minor (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/politicalscience/minor/)
• Public administration minor (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/politicalscience/minor-public-administration/)

Honors
• Political science and/or public administration honors program (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/politicalscience/honors-program/)

Political Science Courses

+POL 101 Cr.3
American National Government
An introduction to the underlying principles and values, administrative and political decision-making processes, and institutions of American national government in an international context utilizing a comparative approach. The course includes discussion, analysis and development of critical thinking skills related to public policy-making problems and current issues. The course emphasizes the development of intellectual skills associated with an informed, involved and active citizenry. Offered Fall, Spring, Summer.

+POL 102 Cr.3
State and Local Government
An introduction to the underlying principles of federalism and focus on the new increasing decentralization of government program responsibilities to subnational governments in the United States. This is complemented by a comparison of the complex cultural, economic and intergovernmental settings of subnational governments. Students consider the implications of different environments for citizen participation, government characteristics, policy processes, and values associated with policy outcomes. The course emphasizes constructive citizenship in an environment where subnational governments will increasingly affect their lives. Offered Fall, Spring.

POL 201 Cr.3
Introduction to Political Science
A general introduction to areas of study in political science. Basic concepts and approaches to the study of politics will be applied to current events. Offered Occasionally.

+POL 202 Cr.3
Contemporary Global Issues
This course offers a contemporary multi-disciplinary perspective regarding the major issues and trends confronting the global society in the 21st century. Emphasis will be given to a critical review and assessment of the origin and present condition of the plethora of situations and problems affecting modern global society. The student will also learn to critically evaluate current and future events. The course will incorporate the views and approaches of the following disciplines: sociology/anthropology, economics, geography, political science, and history. Students may only earn credit in one of the following: ANT 202, GEO 202, HIS 202, POL 202, SOC 202. Offered Fall, Spring.

+POL 205 Cr.3
Women and Politics
An examination of the positions and roles of women in the political arena. This course discusses the nature and extent of women’s political involvement, both in the United States and abroad, with particular emphasis on the cultural and racial diversity of women political participants in the United States. Additional topics will include the legal status of women, differences between male and female political behavior, factors that influence women’s political participation and current political issues related to women. Offered Annually.

+POL 212 Cr.3
Search for Economic Justice
Using humanistic and social scientific approaches, students will explore movements for economic empowerment as a critical dimension of justice in the increasingly global world. Through a mixture of face-to-face, online, and experiential methods, students will examine connections between the individual and larger systems and between the local and the global. They will critically analyze economic and political structures and movements as they pertain to gender, race, ethnicity, and class. The course will be informed by the perspectives of English, economics, political science, anthropology, and women’s, gender, and sexuality studies. Students may only earn credit in one of the following: ANT 212, ECO 212, ENG 212, PHL 212, POL 212. Offered Occasionally.

POL 215 Cr.3
Politics and Film
An investigation of the political messages and themes represented in popular films. The course aims to understand the use of film as a form of political communication, examine the politics of specific films, and consider what they reflect and communicate about the political world. Emphasis will be placed on developing the critical thinking and literacy skills necessary to interpret and analyze films for their political meanings and implications. Offered Occasionally.

POL 221 Cr.3
The American Legal System
An introductory survey of the American legal system in operation; utilizing case materials, class discussion, and hypothetical conflict situations to illustrate and study the range of problems, proceedings, actions, and remedies encountered. Offered Fall, Spring.

POL 222 Cr.3
Law, Governance and Politics
An examination of the numerous factors and influences acting upon and within the formal legal process; including: judicial interpretations and statutes and constitutions, litigation as a political strategy, legislation and litigation as an instrument of social change, law as a system of values, and law as a mechanism of political power and oppression. Prerequisite: POL 101 or POL 102. Offered Occasionally.

+POL 234 Cr.3
Comparative Politics
The course is devoted to the comparison and the critical analysis of selected topical global societies and regions. A general comparative framework will be utilized to develop a critical assessment of a representative sample of developed and developing contemporary societies. Emphasis will be given to a comparative study of institutions and their functions, various administrative and decision-making processes, and contemporary problems and issues. Finally, implications in the 21st century will also be discussed. Offered Fall.
+POL 244 Cr.3

**International Relations**
An introduction to the study of international relations and global politics. The course introduces both the concepts, like anarchy, states, and non-state actors, and the perspectives, like realism and liberalism, that are commonly used to assess areas like global conflict and security, the politics of globalization, and transnational political issues. Offered Fall, Spring.

POL 250 Cr.1-2

**Leadership and Engagement**
Introduces students to the benefits and obligations of being active participants in campus governance, and engaged citizens in their communities. Open to any university student who serves in the UW-L Student Association, Student Senate, Residence Hall Association Council, or is a resident of the service-learning community on campus. Repeatable for credit - maximum four. Pass/Fail grading. Offered Occasionally.

+POL 251 Cr.3

**Political Theory**
An introduction to consequential ideas in political philosophy, including justice, power, freedom, equality, and democracy. The course provides a foundation for understanding the philosophical assumptions and arguments across a range of significant political questions, and investigates the intellectual roots of historical and contemporary political ideas. The course emphasizes the development of intellectual skills needed to analyze political arguments, and highlights the practical implications of answering theoretical questions about politics. Offered Fall, Spring.

POL 261 Cr.3

**Political Inquiry and Analysis**
An introduction to the scope and methods of political science and public administration. This course is designed to acquaint students with the process of developing and exploring political questions and conducting research. Topics include forms of knowledge, objectivity and values, methodological individualism and holism, formulating research questions, and basic research design. Offered Fall, Spring.

POL 301 Cr.3

**American Presidency**
The American Presidency will emphasize the development of the office, selection and institutional relations with Congress coupled with an assessment of presidential power in the modern era in domestic and foreign policy making. Prerequisite: POL 101 or POL 102. Offered Occasionally.

POL 302 Cr.3

**Legislative Process**
Study of the organizations and behavior of legislatures and their membership at both the national and state levels. Legislative influence on the administration of the law and effect of pressure groups on the legislative process will also be studied. Prerequisite: POL 101 or POL 102. Offered Occasionally.

POL 303 Cr.3

**Wisconsin Government and Politics**
An in-depth study of the governmental institutions and political system in the State of Wisconsin. Included are an examination of Wisconsin political parties, interest groups, and electoral behavior as well as institutions such as the state legislature, judiciary, governmental structures and administration. Both state and local aspects are discussed. Prerequisite: POL 101 or POL 102. Offered Occasionally.

POL 304 Cr.3

**Politics and the Media**
A critical examination of the media in its capacity as the 4th Estate. The course will assess the special relationship that has evolved and its implication for American democracy. Special topics to be examined include: role of the media in the democratic process, limits on the media, the role of bias and opinion, the impact of distortion and propaganda, the media and the electoral process, the media's role in creating news events, and an examination of the media/political relationship in other political systems. Prerequisite: POL 101 or POL 102. Offered Occasionally.

POL 305 Cr.3

**Political Parties**
An analysis of political parties and their role in the American political system. Organization, principles and practices of parties are discussed. Prerequisite: POL 101 or POL 102. Offered Occasionally.

POL 306 Cr.3

**Judicial Process**
A detailed examination of the participants in American courts and the procedures encountered by litigants at different stages in the judicial hierarchy. Among the topics covered are the role of juries and grand juries, plea bargaining, and the manner in which judges attempt to decide cases. Prerequisite: POL 101 or POL 102 or POL 221. Offered Occasionally.

POL 307 Cr.3

**Political Language and Communications**
A critical examination of the language of politics and power in American society, including how political language shapes perceptions and understandings about government and politics; deception as a method of governance; symbolism, ideology, popular political culture and campaign rhetoric as sources of political power. Prerequisite: POL 101 or POL 102. Offered Occasionally.

POL 308 Cr.3

**Interest Group Politics**
This course will first examine why interest groups arise, how they maintain their existence, and what sorts of interest groups exist in the United States. It will go on to investigate the strategies used by interest groups to influence public policy and the extent to which they are successful in doing so. Prerequisite: POL 101 or POL 102. Offered Occasionally.

POL 309 Cr.3

**Identity Politics**
Examines the role various identities, such as class and race, play in shaping who gets what, when, and how from the political system. The course draws on theoretical and historical debates to evaluate the political, social, psychological, and economic implications of processes like socialization and mobilization to explain participation and voting behavior by different groups in society. Prerequisite: POL 101 or POL 102. Offered Occasionally.

POL 310 Cr.3

**Public Opinion and Political Behavior**
Political science as a “behavioral science.” A study of human attitudes and behaviors in political situations and the techniques for observing, measuring and classifying them. Prerequisite: POL 101 or POL 102. Offered Occasionally.
**Campaigns and Elections**
This course provides an overview of campaigns and elections in the United States. How can we explain the outcomes of American elections? Why do some people vote while other people do not? What strategies do candidates use to attract the support of voters, and are these strategies effective? How do national elections differ from state and local elections? What is the role of money in campaigns and elections? How do American campaigns and elections compare to campaigns and elections in other countries? These are just some of the questions our course will address. In our investigation of campaigns and elections, we will critically analyze the actions of voters, candidates, political parties, the media, and interest groups. We will study presidential elections, congressional elections, state-level elections, and local elections. Throughout the course, the questions "Are American elections broken?" If so, can our election system be fixed?" will be asked. Prerequisite: POL 101 or POL 102. Offered Fall - Even Numbered Years.

**Politics of Developing Areas**
An introduction to a wide range of issues and problems impacting political development in developing nations. The focus is on political systems of selected countries, the relationships between political processes and other aspects of development and on the factors which accelerate or impede development. Prerequisite: POL 202 or POL 234 or junior standing. Offered Occasionally.

**Politics of Democratization**
An examination of the processes by which countries attempt to transition from authoritarian to democratic forms of government, along with the political, economic, social, and historical factors related to their potential for success or failure. The course focuses on both theoretical explanations and empirical outcomes across a diverse set of cases from around the world. Prerequisite: POL 202 or POL 234 or junior standing. Offered Fall.

**Asian Government and Politics**
Comparison and analysis of contemporary governments and politics of the major Asian nations such as Japan, China, and India as well as the Philippines, Korea, Pakistan, Indonesia, and Vietnam. Prerequisite: POL 202 or POL 234 or junior standing. Offered Occasionally.

**Post-Communist Politics**
An examination of the politics of the countries of the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. The course evaluates the historical break with communism and subsequent political, economic, and social transformations across the region. It also investigates theoretical and empirical reasons for these countries’ divergent political and economic outcomes. Prerequisite: POL 202 or POL 234 or junior standing. Offered Occasionally.

**Middle Eastern Government and Politics**
An examination of Middle Eastern political systems and practices. General topics covered will include: political institutions, electoral practices, political parties, policy formation, leadership selection and critical contemporary issues. Prerequisite: POL 202 or POL 234 or junior standing. Offered Occasionally.
POL 347 Cr.3
Peace and Conflict
This course provides an overview of the scientific study of peace and conflict. How do various types of conflict such as inter-state war, civil war, terrorism, genocide, repression, and nonviolence differ from each other, and what do we know about trends in these types of conflict? Why do countries go to war with each other? Why do civil wars break out? What causes ethnic groups to rebel against their governments? What can be done to resolve these types of conflicts and prevent their recurrence? These are just some of the questions we will examine in this course. To do so, we will explore definitions, data, and trends in various types of conflict, as well as theories about the causes, termination, and resolution of various types of conflict. In the process, students will develop a better understanding of foundational and emerging research in the field of conflict studies that will enable them to make sense of various types of conflict worldwide. Prerequisite: POL 234 or POL 244 or junior standing. Offered Spring.

POL 350 Cr.3
American Political Theory
The history and development of American political thought, with attention to the thinkers and themes influential to institutions, ideologies, and controversies in American politics. The course will analyze the ideals and principles upon which the United States was founded, and critically assess their application and realization. Prerequisite: POL 251 or junior standing. Offered Spring.

POL 351 Cr.3
Classical Political Theory
The foundations of political theory from the ancient Greeks to the early modern social contract theorists. The course analyzes leading political theorists in their historical contexts, and evaluates their ideas according to the preceding tradition of political theory and their implications for political thought and practice. The survey includes studying the work of philosophers including: Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, Aquinas, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, and Rousseau. Prerequisite: POL 251 or junior standing. Offered Fall - Every Third Year.

POL 353 Cr.3
Modern and Contemporary Political Theory
The development of political theory from the 17th century to the present. The course will analyze leading political theorists in their historical contexts, and evaluate ideas according to the preceding tradition of political theory and their implications for political thought and practice. The survey includes studying the work of philosophers including: Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Kant, Hegel, Marx, Burke, Mill, Nietzsche, and Foucault. Prerequisite: POL 251 or junior standing. Offered Fall - Every Third Year.

POL 355 Cr.3
Political Ideologies
A survey of the ideas and implications of political ideologies that have impacted consciousness and behavior in the 20th and 21st centuries. Topics include liberalism, conservatism, capitalism, communism, socialism, fascism, anarchism, multiculturalism, and feminism. Prerequisite: POL 251 or junior standing. Offered Fall - Every Third Year.

POL 361 Cr.3
Research Methods in Politics and Government
An analysis of politics, public policy and government administration utilizing contemporary research methods. Special emphasis is placed on the scientific method and the basic elements of research, research design, measurement, and data analysis utilizing statistical software. Prerequisite: STAT 145. Offered Spring.

POL 370 Cr.3
Constitutional Law I: Powers of Government
An examination of the United States Constitution, and the role of the judiciary in elaborating its fundamental principles: judicial review, the federal system, the range of national power, and presidential-congressional relations. Prerequisite: POL 101 or POL 102 or POL 221. Offered Occasionally.

POL 371 Cr.3
Constitutional Law II: The First Amendment
The First Amendment protects freedom of speech, press, religion and assembly. This course will carefully examine U.S. Supreme Court opinions in these areas. Among the topics to be covered are the constitutional relationship between speech and conduct, separation of religion and government, definition of obscenity and pornography, and the latitude available to those who use the media and newspapers to communicate ideas. Prerequisite: POL 101 or POL 102 or POL 221. Offered Occasionally.

POL 372 Cr.3
Constitutional Law III: Racial, Gender and Targeted Group Discrimination
A careful examination of U.S. Supreme Court rulings on racial and gender discrimination. Prerequisite: POL 101 or POL 102 or POL 221. Offered Occasionally.

POL 373 Cr.3
Constitutional Law IV: Rights of the Accused
In recent years the U.S. Supreme Court has issued a large number of opinions dealing with the rights of the accused. This subject is primarily addressed in the 4th, 5th and 6th amendments. This course will examine Court rulings in the areas of police searches and arrests, coercion in criminal proceedings, empaneling and deliberation of juries, right to counsel, and the protection against self-incrimination. Prerequisite: POL 101 or POL 102 or POL 221. Offered Occasionally.

POL 374 Cr.3
Constitutional Law V: Right to Life
A careful examination of U.S. Supreme Court's opinions on capital punishment, abortion, and mercy killing, as well as other issues affecting the constitutional right to life. Prerequisite: POL 101 or POL 102 or POL 221. Offered Occasionally.

POL 375 Cr.3
Constitutional Law VI: Criminal Procedure
This course will carefully examine criminal procedure as interpreted in U.S. Supreme Court rulings pertaining to the 5th and 6th Amendments. Among the topics to be covered are protection against self-incrimination and double jeopardy, trial by jury, plea bargaining, right to counsel, and due process in the courtroom. Prerequisite: POL 101 or POL 102 or POL 221. Offered Occasionally.

POL 376 Cr.3
Constitutional Law VII: Administrative Law
An introduction to the field of administrative regulation in the United States and its relation to the constitutional foundations, the political structures and the policies of our various governmental units. Prerequisite: POL 101 or POL 102 or POL 221 or PUB 210. Offered Occasionally.
POL 377 Cr.3

Constitutional Law VIII: 1787 and Original Intent
The central inquiry in Constitutional Law, and the question which most guides the U.S. Supreme Court, is whether the intentions of the Framers of 1787 should exclusively direct justices in interpreting constitutional provisions, or if it is necessary to adjudicate cases in light of changing legal and social circumstances not known to members of the Philadelphia Convention. We will begin with a study of the 1787 Convention and then read a series of law review articles advocating both of these perspectives. Supreme Court opinions will not be covered in this course. Prerequisite: POL 370 or POL 371 or POL 372 or POL 373 or POL 374 or POL 375 or POL 376. Offered Occasionally.

POL 399 Cr.3

Special Topics in Political Science
Special topics in political science not fully covered in the regular courses offered by the department. Repeatable for credit - maximum six. Offered Occasionally.

POL 400 Cr.2-3

Political Forum
Academicians and practicing politicians will be invited to address the students and lead discussion sessions on the important political questions of the time. Reading assignments, lectures and audio-visual presentations will be used to provide background information. Repeatable for credit - maximum six. Offered Occasionally.

POL/ECO/GE/HIS/PSY/SOC 408 Cr.4

Teaching and Learning History and Social Studies in the Secondary School
This course will be integrated with a field experience. In the context of a real classroom, teacher candidates will learn how to plan for and assess student learning in history and social sciences. With a focus on content knowledge, teacher candidates will plan a variety of meaningful learning experiences, assess student learning, and monitor and modify instruction to best support the individual learners in the classroom. The teacher candidate will design, enact, and assess activities that advance student understanding to more complex levels. Teacher candidates will gain experience in monitoring the obstacles and barriers that some students or groups of students face in school and learn how to design learning experiences to support all learners. A multi-day, consistent schedule in the field experience classroom will be established by the course instructor in consultation with the teacher candidate and cooperating teacher. Prerequisite: EDS 351. (Cross-listed with ECO/GE/HIS/POL/PSY/SOC; may only earn credit in one department.) Offered Fall, Spring.

POL 450 Cr.1-12

Internship in Political Science
An academically relevant work experience within the federal, state, or local government structure, or within other political organizations such as political parties, as arranged by the department. The experience will be supervised closely both by the local internship coordinator and the departmental staff. A written report relating the field experience to academic training will be required. Repeatable for credit - maximum 12. Consent of department. Offered Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer.

POL 451 Cr.3

Internship in Criminal Justice
An academically relevant field experience for minors in criminal justice. Prerequisite: SOC 324; junior standing; criminal justice minor. Offered Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer.

POL 494 Cr.3

Capstone Seminar in Politics and Government
Assessment of political science and public administration majors including a variety of written papers and oral presentations utilizing a seminar format. Prerequisite: POL 261 or POL 361; political science, political science education, or public administration major; senior standing. Offered Fall, Spring.

POL 498 Cr.3

Honors Research in Politics and Government
Honors research in political science and/or public administration, and under the supervision of a faculty advisor. Repeatable for credit - maximum six. Prerequisite: junior standing; political science and/or public administration honors candidate. Consent of instructor. Offered Fall, Spring.

POL 499 Cr.1-3

Independent Study in Political Science
Independent study comprised of readings and research in political science, and under the supervision of a faculty adviser. Repeatable for credit - maximum six. Consent of instructor. Offered Fall, Spring.

Public Administration Courses

PUB 210 Cr.3

Introduction to Public Administration
An introduction to the principles of bureaucracy, decision-making organization theory, individual and group behavior, personnel and budgetary policies, and the regulatory process within public agencies at all levels of government in the United States. It is highly recommended that either POL 101 or POL 102 be taken first. POL 102 is required for the public administration major/minor. Offered Fall, Spring.

PUB 320 Cr.3

Public Budgeting and Finance
An examination of the public budgetary process. Included are studies of the various approaches to taxation, decision-making and policy evaluation. Prerequisite: PUB 210. Offered Fall.

PUB 330 Cr.3

Public Policy
An intensive, in-depth analysis of selected public policies - their development, administration, effects and relationship to the broader political system from the perspectives of the policy maker and policy analyst. Prerequisite: POL 102 or junior standing. Offered Fall.

PUB 332 Cr.3

Urban Policy
An in-depth analysis of the forms, functions, and problems of urban governments with special attention to metropolitan areas. Field work and the materials of contemporary urban politics will be used. Prerequisite: POL 102 or junior standing. Offered Fall.

PUB 334 Cr.3

Health Policy
An intensive, in-depth analysis of health policies - their development, administration, effects and relationship to the broader political system. The perspectives of the policy maker and public policy analyst are emphasized. Prerequisite: POL 102 or junior standing. Offered Alternate Years.

PUB 338 Cr.3

Environmental Policy
An in-depth exploration of environmental politics and policy making beginning with American environmentalism in the 1960s and concluding with global environmental politics in the 21st century. Environmental issues, ethics, institutional problems, philosophical approaches, economic analyses and implementation problems will be studied. Prerequisite: POL 102 or junior standing. Offered Occasionally.
PUB 340 Cr.3
Public Personnel Administration
The study of principles and problems of public personnel management and behavior. Prerequisite: PUB 210. Offered Fall.

PUB 342 Cr.3
Urban Administration
An examination of the politics and policy problems facing urban administrators. Emphasis will be placed on policy formulation and implementation, particularly the systematic approaches to urban service delivery. Prerequisite: PUB 210. Offered Spring.

PUB 344 Cr.3
Health Administration
Examination of the policy, political and management problems facing health administrators and policy analysts. Emphasis will be placed on policy formulation and implementation. Prerequisite: PUB 210. Offered Alternate Years.

PUB 346 Cr.3
Ethical Decision Making in Government
This course familiarizes students with a set of concepts, frameworks, and approaches for reasoning, arguing, and writing about the normative issues that confront public administrators. We will connect concepts from political philosophy and applied ethics - including utility, liberty, justice, rights, and deliberative democracy - to assess real-world challenges facing government administrators. The course also addresses why ethical failures occur by explaining such concepts as administrative evil, lying, blind spots, moral hazard, and how deviancy is justified. Last, students will understand the various ways of combating unethical behavior, to include whistleblowing, inspectors general, and expressing loyal dissent. Prerequisite: PUB 210 or legal studies minor. Offered Annually.

PUB 399 Cr.3
Special Topics in Public Administration
An introduction and study of selected topics in public administration. Local officials, visiting lecturers, or persons specializing in a particular sub-area of public administration will be invited to present a course focusing on a particular topic. To be on an ad hoc basis. Repeatable for credit - maximum six. Offered Occasionally.

PUB 440 Cr.3
Recent Court Decisions Impacting Public Law and Administration
Through deep discussion and analysis of federal and state court decisions of the past year, this course helps explain how the third branch of government shapes the institutional foundations of government and its policy implementation. Such substantive analyses will illustrate the relationship between law, government, and society, while providing an opportunity to apply legal theories and criticisms of law and politics. Covered cases will range broadly, to include topics such as speech, religion, policing, prohibited discrimination, and government regulation and policy. Prerequisite: POL 221. Offered Annually.

PUB 450 Cr.1-12
Internship in Public Administration
An academically relevant work experience within the federal, state, or local government structure, or within other political organizations such as nonprofit organizations, as arranged by the department. The experience will be supervised closely both by the local internship coordinator and the departmental staff. A written report relating the field experience to academic training will be required. Repeatable for credit - maximum 12. Consent of department. Offered Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer.

PUB 451 Cr.3
Civic Engagement and the Wisconsin Idea
The study of the Wisconsin Idea of Community Service and late twentieth century communitarian and service learning philosophies are examined. The course includes service learning work in non-profit and local governmental agencies as well as the study of the meaning of democracy, citizenship, personal political efficacy, leadership and political culture. Lect. 1, Lab 4. Prerequisite: junior standing. Offered Occasionally.

PUB 453 Cr.3
Nonprofit Organizations
The management of nonprofit organizations has become an increasingly important field of study given the importance and role of nonprofit organizations within our society. This course will provide students with a general overview of management practices that are specific to nonprofit organizations. Specifically, this course will examine the scope, dimensions, and roles of nonprofit organizations, particularly those designated by the IRS as 501(c)(3), in order to understand their distinctive characteristics and functions in society. Prerequisite: POL 102 or junior standing. Offered Occasionally.