

2009-2010

# *B.A. in Economics/Political Science*

College of Business and Economics

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

## *What Is the Study of Economics/Political Science?*

This major provides students rigorous training in both economic theory and applications with in depth analysis of political theory. Students will gain insight in a variety of areas including trade, monetary systems, and the interplay between politics and economics.

Political Science is one of the oldest fields of academic inquiry. Social ideals and their realization through law were systematically studied in ancient Greece. In an increasingly interdependent world, the study of politics and government has flourished as the relations between persons, groups and nations have become more complex, and questions of freedom and authority have challenged every citizen. Modern Political Science is equally concerned with questions of political philosophy and with the pursuit of social scientific research. These concerns are reflected in a broad and diverse curriculum.

## *Why Should I Consider This Major?*

The curriculum prepares students for careers in public service-related occupations in both government and business. Many students majoring in Economics/Political Science go on to law school, graduate school and into the professions. By combining coursework in both Economics and Political Science, students gain an important interdisciplinary perspective to important political and economic issues.

## *How to Declare:*

Admission to programs in the College of Business and Economics (CBE) is selective and based upon prior academic performance and other evidence of high promise. Students may apply for admission to the College any time after they are offered admission to Western Washington University.

Students interested in Economics Major Programs, please see the Economics Department in Parks Hall 315 for information.

Political Science Department: Students are eligible to declare a political science major and any majors combined with political science if they have completed any **three** of the following core courses **with an average grade of 2.7 or above**: PLSC 250, 261, 271, 291, or an equivalent course(s) at another college or university. Due to high student demand and limited capacity, immediate access to specific courses cannot be guaranteed. Students who have no political science transfer credits: go to the Political Science department office, 415 Arntzen Hall, with an unofficial WWU transcript showing the three completed courses from the list above. Students with political science transfer credits from another institution: call 650-3469 to make an appointment to have credits reviewed, then visit the department office with the required documents as outlined above.

## *Mid-Program Checkpoint:*

### **Coursework:**

ECON 206 and 207  
Math 124 or 157 or equivalent  
DSCI 205 or equivalent  
Complete any three, with a 2.7 or above:  
PLSC 250, 261; 271 or 291, or equivalent  
courses

### **Other Activities:**

Student Club Activities;  
The Economics Association  
Political Science Honor Society

## *Contact Information:*

Economics Department Website:  
<http://www.cbe.wvu.edu/econ>

Political Science Department  
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## *Sample Careers:*

Attorney  
Financial Planner/Analyst  
Law School  
Politician  
Economist  
Banking  
Real Estate  
Entrepreneur  
Campaign Worker  
Insurance  
Government Consultant



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# *Economics/Political Science*

## *Major Requirements: 94-96 Credits*

ECON 206 Introduction to Microeconomics (4)

ECON 207 Introduction to Macroeconomics (4)

ECON 303 The History of Economic Thought (4)

ECON 306 Intermediate Microeconomics (4)

ECON 307 Intermediate Macroeconomics (4)

ECON 310 Public Finance (4)

DSCI 205 Business Statistics (4) *(or equivalent)*

MATH 157 Business Calculus (4)

Or MATH 124 Calculus and Analytic Geometry (5) *(or equivalent)*

12 additional credits in upper division Economics courses, under departmental advisement

PLSC 250 The American Political Systems (5)

PLSC 261 Intro to Political Theory (5)

PLSC 271 Intro to International Relations (5)

Or PLSC 291 Intro to Comparative Politics (5)

PLSC 372 International Political Economy (5)

PLSC 462 Political Theory & Political Economy (5)

ECON/PLSC 491 Issues in Political Economy (4) *(or approved alternative)*

9 additional credits from the American Politics and Public Policy field

4 additional credits from the Political Theory field

8-9 additional credits in upper-division political science electives, to complete the total 94-95 credits of the program.

Take one Communication Focus (CF) course and complete the upper-division Writing Proficiency (WP) requirement. The CF course must be taken within CBE while the WP requirement can be met with courses from any of the combined major departments. These requirements can be completed as part of the above required and elective credits.

**These courses are offered within this major and may be used to satisfy GUR or Writing Proficiency requirements.**

**QSR:** MATH 124 or 157

**SSC:** ECON 206, 207

PLSC 250, 372

**WP:** Three Writing Proficiency points are required for graduation (they are noted as WP1, WP2, and WP3). Check [Classfinder](#) or [Online Timetable](#) for departmental offerings each quarter.

### *Other Economics or Political Science Options:*

B.A. Economics (66-69 credits)

B.A. Financial Economics (94-97 credits)

B.A. Economics/Mathematics (94-95 credits)

B.A. Economics/Accounting (100-101 credits)

B.A. Economics/Environmental Studies (103-104credits)

B.A. Economics/Social Studies (90-94 credits)

B.A. Politics/Philosophy/Economics (83 credits)

B.A. Political Science (60 credits)

B.A. Political Science/Social Studies (91-93 credits)

Minor in Economics (24 credits)

Minor in Political Science (25 credits)

Minor in Economics (24 credits)