

## **IWU Department of Political Science: Advising**

### **A. How to prepare for your advising appointment**

Things you will need to bring with you to your individual advising appointment

1. A printout of your Degree Evaluation
2. A completed four year plan form
3. A list of four classes you'd like to take next semester
4. A list of alternate classes in case you don't get into a class

How to access your Degree Evaluation

1. Login to MyIWU
2. Choose "Students" tab
3. Click "Banner Self Service" > "Student Menu" > "Student Records" > "Degree Evaluation"
4. Select "Spring 2010" and click "Submit"
5. Click on the link "Generate New Evaluation" at the bottom of the page
6. Click the circle next to the word "Program," select "Spring 2010," and click "Generate Request"
7. Select "Detail Requirements" and click "Submit"

### **B. Political Science Major Requirements Checklist**

A minimum of 10 course units in political science, including:

- \_\_\_\_1) Political Science 101, 102, or 103
- \_\_\_\_2) Political Science 315, 316, 317 or 318
- \_\_\_\_3) Political Science 392 (try to take by the second semester 2<sup>nd</sup> year)
- \_\_\_\_5) Political Science 420, 422, 424, 426 (only offered in the fall semester)
- \_\_\_\_6) Political Science 396, 397, or equivalent off-campus experience

five additional courses chosen according to the student's interests (one of which must be at the 300-level if the off-campus class is not 300 level)

**C. IWU Four-Year Course Plan**

**Suggestions for completing this 4-year Plan:**

- (1) Begin by writing in courses you have already taken.
- (2) Write in the **remaining** courses for your major. Just make your "best guess" as which courses and the semesters you would like to take those courses.
- (3) Write in your **remaining** General Education Courses. (Use place holders, such as "Intellectual Traditions" if you aren't sure which specific course you will take.)
- (4) If applicable, fill in courses for your minor, second major, or area of concentration.
- (5) Make sure you have at least *eleven* upper division courses.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Fall Term Courses</b>	<b>Spring Term Courses</b>	<b>May Term Course(s)</b>
<b>First</b>			
<b>Second</b>			
<b>Third</b>			
<b>Fourth</b>			
<b>Fifth (as needed)</b>			

### D. Off Campus Requirement Options

There are many different ways to fulfill your off campus requirement. Notice it is an experience requirement and so NOT NECESSARILY a course requirement. Here are some examples of how it can be fulfilled

- PSCI 396 Project-model internship.
- PSCI 397 Apprentice-model internship.
- Department-approved May term course. Professor Renner's trip to Martinique and Professor Munro's trip to South Africa are examples. Other May term travel courses may also be eligible. Contact the chair for approval for May Term travel courses outside the department.
- Summer internship. The Curry Fellows, a paid internship program in Springfield and Chicago, sponsored by the State of Illinois, is an example of this kind of experience. Paid internships CANNOT be taken for course credit, but they can satisfy the department's off-campus experience requirement. Contact the chair for approval for other summer internships you arrange on your own.
- Summer study. Here the example is the Beloit College language institute.
- Summer internship in Washington DC.
- Summer study abroad. Arcadia has six week summer programs in Paris, Cape Town, Pune (India), and Arusha (Tanzania). Fulbrights are available to fund these opportunities.
- Semester study in Washington DC.
- Semester study abroad. Here the possibilities are endless. See the International Programs office. Highlights include the SIT program, the DIS program, and IES in Brussels. Other examples are IWU's London and Barcelona semester-long programs.
- Year-long study abroad. The Pembroke College program with Oxford University is one such year-long opportunity.

### E. Off-Campus Study for Political Science Students: Questions and Answers

*Is study abroad more expensive than a regular semester at IWU?*

Yes, but mainly because of (1) airfare, (2) more expensive room and board, and (3) personal expenses, particularly travel that takes place during the semester. A good estimate of the additional cost for a study abroad student is between \$4000 and \$6000—comparable to what a student would pay for an international May Term course. IWU charges students their regular IWU tuition (unless the program tuition is higher) and allows students to use all of their current aid, so the cost for coursework is the same as if they were to stay on campus. Room and board in European countries is generally more expensive; in many developing countries located in Latin America and Africa, it is less. The SIT program is especially affordable.

*How are these extra expenses handled with the London Program?*

In the case of the London Program, IWU charges a fixed program fee. This fee includes airfare, a pass good for unlimited bus and subway travel in central London, and all ticket and entrance fees

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for classes and required program activities. This amount also covers the additional room and board costs for living in London, an International Student ID Card (ISIC), use of a cell phone, and support services through our educational partner AIFS.

*Do students still get financial aid if they study off campus?*

Yes, they receive the same aid as they would receive on campus for up to and including one May Term, one abroad semester, and one domestic off-campus semester. The only aid that cannot travel is a work study job.

*Are loans and scholarships available?*

From IWU, there are loans and some need-based scholarships to replace lost work study wages. (Note: You do not need to apply for the need-based funds). All of our affiliated programs (e.g., IES, CIEE, Arcadia, etc.) have scholarship programs of their own to which all eligible students are encouraged to apply. Other external scholarships include the Benjamin A Gilman Scholarship, the Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grant, and the NSEP/Boren Scholarship, and the Bridging Scholarship (for study in Japan).

*Can you get financial aid for a summer study abroad program?*

Some programs have summer scholarships, and the Phi Kappa Phi scholarship can be used for summer study abroad.

*Are there summer internships abroad?*

Yes, an internship is possible through the IWU London Program, and a number of our affiliated programs offer them though at a premium. It is also possible to do a for-credit internship as part of many semester study-abroad programs.