



## **Political Science Visiting International Student Program**

Experience the UW-Madison Political Science Visiting International Student Program! The University of Wisconsin Political Science Department is one of the nation's oldest and most respected programs. The Political Science department is highly ranked in national surveys, and our award-winning faculty are known for innovative research on the discipline's most current and important questions. We are one of the largest majors on campus, with a commitment to excellence in undergraduate instruction.

Students will be fully immersed in the classroom setting of the US higher education. Moreover, they have full access to all academic and student support services, such as libraries, computer labs, clubs, and sports facilities. They will enjoy opportunities to participate in VISP-sponsored social and cultural events. Upon completion they will receive an official UW-Madison transcript. We created three summer tracks: (1) **American Political Culture**, (2) **International Development and Cooperation**, and (3) **Political Economy, Philosophy, and Politics**. Each track offers one three credit course.

### **Track I: American Political Culture: Ideas and Practice**

This course will explore recurring themes and problems in American political thought, economy and practice. The course will draw on primary and secondary sources relating to the ideas and practices that have shaped the American conception of government, political economy, community, and nationhood through exploration of philosophy, political theory, history, and practical politics. We will read a wide variety of texts, ranging from philosophical treatises to newspaper articles, from presidential addresses to works of social science. Our ultimate goal is to become more knowledgeable and more critical observers of the American political experience.

### **Track II: International Development and Cooperation**

This course will explore the political, economic, and social challenges of international development, and will draw on theories of international development as well as foreign aids. Students will gain in-depth understanding of key themes, agencies, and both domestic and international institutions in international development and aids while learning to apply theories to policy practices. The course will cover various regions of the world including Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America which will facilitate students to think comparatively across

regions. Our ultimate goal is to train students to think critically about development theories and practices.

**Track III: Political Economy, Philosophy, and Politics**

“Openness”: this term captures a range of pressing problems central to contemporary political debates in democratic societies. Does free trade benefit all parties involved? Or should states act to protect certain industries? Should individuals be allowed free movement across borders? Or should states act to restrict their movements? Should speech be subject to minimal state interference, creating a market place of ideas? Or does the state or other entities have a compelling reason to intervene in speech, whether in person or online? This course will these problems and, more broadly, the theme of “openness,” from three disciplinary perspectives: economics, philosophy, and politics. As such, course material will include readings – contemporary and classic - from economics, philosophy, and political science. Over the course of the term, students will engage in the intensive study of the philosophical, economic, and political dimensions of “openness” through readings and in-class debates aimed at illuminating the economic, political, and philosophical dimensions of “openness.”

**Schedule of the 2019 Political Science VISP Program  
(July-August)**

Orientation	
July 11	Arrival & Check-in
July 12	Political Science VISP Orientation International Student Service Check-in Information session about Madison Life Grocery shopping
July 13	Campus Tour
July 14	Free Time

Week 1 (July 15-July 21)	
Academic Activities	Cultural Activities
Monday-Thursday 8:25am-11:25am  PS 401 American Political Culture: Ideas and Practice  PS 401 International Development and Cooperation	Teamwork Workshop State Capitol tour Chazen Museum of Art Docent Tour Wisconsin History Museum Farmers' Market

Week 2 (July 22-July 28)	
Academic Activities	Cultural Activities
Monday-Thursday 8:25am-11:25am  PS 401 American Political Culture: Ideas and Practice  PS 401 International Development and Cooperation	Bonfire at Dejope Circle—Music and S'mores  VISP Baseball game with the Madison Mallards  Atwood Festival  Free concert by the Capitol. Outdoor concert  Individual trip to Chicago

Week 3 (July 29-August 4)	
Academic Activities	Cultural Activities
Monday-Thursday 8:25am-11:25am	Cultural Exchange with UW Students
PS 401 American Political Culture: Ideas and Practice	Volleyball
PS 401 International Development and Cooperation	VISP Ice cream tasting (best ice cream in America!) & meet the UW-Madison cows
	Devil's Lake State Park

Week 4 (August 5-August 10)	
Academic Activities	Cultural Activities
Monday-Thursday 8:25am-11:25am	Volleyball
PS 401 American Political Culture: Ideas and Practice	Award Ceremony
PS 401 International Development and Cooperation (Monday-Thursday)	Farewell Dinner
	Departure

\*\*\* Cultural activities might be altered depending on the preferences of participants.