

Policy on Political Science Affiliate Status

A courtesy affiliate appointment in the Political Science Department is meant to enhance scholarly connections and contribute to the intellectual environment across departments.

Affiliates are expected to maintain a connection to the Department. Indicators of this connection would include conducting research connected to political science, research collaboration with members of the Department, participation in Department colloquia and other departmental activities, serving on dissertation committees, advising undergraduate theses, outreach activities, and teaching (or cross listing) courses with political science content.

Faculty members may request affiliate status or be nominated by a member of the Political Science Department. The Special Appointments Committee will review affiliate requests based on whether a nominee's research and teaching interests are connected to the discipline of political science, and whether the affiliate would enhance the intellectual environment of the Department, and will make a recommendation to the Executive Committee. Affiliate appointments do not come with voting rights. Appointments are for three years and may be renewed by the Department. Faculty may submit applications for affiliate status to the Chair of Political Science Department before an initial appointment and at the time of renewal. Renewal is not guaranteed and requires continued evidence of meeting the requirements for affiliate status.

A potential affiliate member should consider the following questions in their appointment request to the Department Chair:

1. List any courses that you plan to teach or have taught which are cross-listed or may be of interest to political science students (may be undergraduate or graduate level).
2. List any political science undergraduate theses on which you have advised, or graduate dissertation committees on which you have served. If you have not advised any political science students, list potential topics or areas where you would be willing to advise.
3. List recent publications in political science journals or books that have political science content.
4. Describe your recent research interests in a paragraph, and explain if necessary how these interests are related to political science.
5. List any research collaboration with political science faculty at UW Madison.
6. List any workshops, colloquia, or other departmental activities you have participated in or plan to participate in.