

# STIRLING ACADEMIC PLANNING & UWEC COURSE EQUIVALENCIES

## Understanding U of Stirling Academic Systems and Restrictions

To plan for your semester at Stirling, you need to discuss the courses (or *modules* as they are called in the UK) you wish to take with your adviser.

### Credits

One Stirling semester module equals 20 SCQF, which is the equivalent of 5.00 US semester credits. Typically, students take 3 modules per semester for a total of 15 U.S. credits.

### Course Level

At Stirling, course level is indicated by the following numbers:

SCQF level 8= First Year Modules, Lower Division\*

SCQF level 9= Second Year Modules, Lower Division

SCQF level 10 = Third and Fourth Year Modules, Upper Division

Each course is assigned an SCQF level ranging from 8-10. Level 8 courses are generally first year courses, level 9 are normally second year courses which require some background knowledge, and level 10 courses are usually third and fourth year courses which are at an advanced level and require considerable background in this subject area.

**\*Special Note on First Year Modules:** You are only permitted to take one first-year module per semester. The first-year modules are clearly marked in our course catalogue with red text in the course catalogue. However, you can request special permission to take two first year modules.

### Pre-requisites

Where a pre-requisite is listed, you are not expected to have taken exactly the same course at UWEC. However, you are expected to have studied the same subject at the same level as the Stirling pre-requisite. **Stirling departments are quite strict about this as it is important for you to take modules for which you have the appropriate academic background.** For example, you should not select a level 10 history course if you only taken one or two history courses at UWEC.

Business and Management and Marketing and Retail departments are particularly strict on pre-requisites. In the past, students needed to have had at least UWEC Management 340 to enroll in a Business and Management course with a pre-requisite, and UWEC Marketing 330 to enroll in a Marketing and Retail course with a pre-requisite. **The UWEC business core does not fulfill pre-requisites for Business and Management and Marketing and Retail courses.**

### Term Offered

In the course description, you should look at the line "Availability" column to see if the course is typically offered in the fall or spring.

Autumn=fall semester

Spring= spring semester

## Sample Course Description

### Comparative Politics (POLU9CP)

**Department:**

History and Politics

**Semester:**

Spring

Term

**Credits:**

20

**Level:**

09

Level

**Module Co-ordinator:**

Dr Timothy Peace

#### Recommended Prerequisites

Before taking this module it is advised that you should have passed:

- Introduction to International Politics (POL9X3)
- or Introduction to International Politics (POLU9X3)

Pre-reqs

#### Prohibited Combinations

You may not take this module if you have previously passed:

- Comparative Politics (POL9CP)

#### Module Description

This module is designed to encourage students to think more deeply about political structures and processes in the UK by placing them in a comparative context. Comparison is with other Western democracies with a focus on the United States, France and Germany. The module introduces students to basic concepts used in comparative politics such as political executives, ideologies and party systems. It also explores major themes in the literature such as the nature of power and representation.

## UWEC Course Equivalencies for Stirling

In planning for a semester at Stirling, you will need two resources:

- 1) University of Stirling Course Catalogue: To see course descriptions and course credits, you must look at the online catalogue: <http://www.stir.ac.uk/study-abroad-exchanges/module-information/course-catalogue>.
- 2) Many courses you can take at University of Stirling have already been evaluated for UW-Eau Claire credit. To find courses that have been evaluated for Stirling, you will go to the Transfer Wizard site here: [https://my.uwec.edu/psp/PUBLIC/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/EAU\\_SS\\_CUSTOM.EAU\\_TRNCRDWZ.GBL](https://my.uwec.edu/psp/PUBLIC/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/EAU_SS_CUSTOM.EAU_TRNCRDWZ.GBL)

Here are step-by-step directions for [Using Transfer Wizard](#). Students already accepted to study abroad will also find this document in the Learning Content section of their online study abroad account.