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

**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](http://www.stir.ac.uk/study-abroad-exchanges/module-information/course-catalogue)
Sample Course Description

Comparative Politics (POLU9CP)

Department: History and Politics
Semester: Spring
Credits: 20
Level: 09
Module Co-ordinator: Dr Tim O'Hare 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)

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
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

Please keep in mind that this is a historical record of past course equivalences. There is no guarantee that the same courses will be offered in the future, or that they will be offered during the term in which you are abroad.

1. Choose United Kingdom in from the “Country” pull down menu, then hit “Search”*
2. Select “Univ of Stirling” by clicking the link.
3. There are a few different ways to search for course equivalencies:
   o Search the first 300: To see the first 300, simply hit the “Search” button without putting in a subject. The first 300 courses, in alphabetical order by the U of Stirling “School Subject” (e.g. ACCU for accounting or BIOU for biology) will appear. However, more than 300 courses have been evaluated for Stirling. As such you cannot see all Stirling courses by searching in this way.
   o Search by U of Stirling “School Subject”: For example, if you only want to see courses designated as biology by U of Stirling, input “BIOU” in the search function, which is the biology subject code at U of Stirling. To find the Stirling subject codes, look at the course catalogue. You will need to select the subject to find the subject code
Search by course: If you want to see if a particular U of Stirling course has an established UWEC equivalency, you can enter the U of Stirling subject code and course number (e.g. ACCU9A1) in the “Search”. Some courses may not have an established equivalency. An official equivalency can be established for the course.

4. On the right hand of the Transfer Wizard page, you will see the UWEC equivalency. Below you will find a list of abbreviations that may appear in the UWEC “Long Course Title”. The key below will help decipher what they mean.

**Key to Chart:**

- **Elec** = elective in no particular department, not for GE
- **LD** = lower division (100 & 200 level courses)
- **UD** = upper division (300 & 400 level courses)
- **No credit** = you will not receive UWEC credit if you take this course
- **GE3, 4**, etc = general elective, category 3, category 4, etc
- **Consult** = you will get elective credit unless you take a Prior Course Approval Form and course description to UWEC department chair, get a written equivalency, and turn it in to the Registrar’s Office
- **Defe**r = you will not receive UWEC credit unless you take a Prior Course Approval Form and course description to UWEC department chair and get a written equivalency, and turn it in to the Registrar’s Office

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