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# March Edition

# Alumni Spotlight

## Alex Joers '15



Alex Joers' journey in public service began at UWL, where the Political Science & Public Administration program fueled his passion for policy and community impact. Inspired by the department's strong reputation and a desire to improve his community through policy change, Alex found his academic experience both engaging and transformative.



His favorite class? Constitutional Law. Not only did it refine his writing skills, but it also deepened his understanding of how laws are applied and interpreted—a foundation that continues to serve him today as a Wisconsin State Assembly Representative.

Elected to the Assembly in 2023, **Alex represents the 81st District**, advocating for policies that strengthen Wisconsin communities. He encourages current students to "follow your passion and do something that inspires you." His commitment to public service is a testament to the power of education and civic engagement.

Congratulations, Alex, on your continued success in shaping policy and making a difference in Wisconsin!



# Handshake Highlights



**Housing Specialist**



**Contracts Specialist** with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services

**Madison WI**



**Summer Policy and Research Fellowship**

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# Jobs

Job/Career Fairs

# Internships

Major Exploration

# Interviews



# Summer and Fall Classes

**POL 344**

## Global Governance With Dr. Van Liere

How do countries and organizations work together to address global issues? POL 344 dives into the world of global governance, exploring the vital roles of states, non-state actors, and intergovernmental organizations. From international security to transnational politics, discover how these forces collaborate to solve our world's biggest challenges.



**Model UN**  
POL 346  
This Fall  
With Dr. Hultquist  
**11am-12:25pm**  
Tu/Thu

## Politics and the Media



**POL 304 with Dr. Chergosky**

Fall 2025

**PUB 320**

## Public Budgeting and Finance

Fall 2025



Join Dr. Kovari for a look at how public institutions craft their budgets and make decisions about how to finance them. This course develops practical skills and understanding around important fiscal and monetary policy actions, including how to: analyze **taxes** and **tariffs**, **fix deficits**, and building an **operating budget**. Perfect for students in both **Public Administration** and **Finance**.



**PUB 338**

## Environmental Policy

Dive into the dynamic world of environmental politics and policy-making! Starting with the rise of American environmentalism in the 1960s, this course explores the evolution of global environmental politics in the 21st century. We'll examine key environmental issues, ethical dilemmas, institutional challenges, philosophical perspectives, economic impacts, and the hurdles of policy implementation. Get ready for a comprehensive journey through the complexities of environmental governance and decision-making.

**POL 399**

## Politics of Mass Incarceration

*Why does the U.S. lock up more people than any other country? Explore how politicians, courts, and public opinion shape mass incarceration. Dive into crime rhetoric, policing laws, and reform efforts—all through the lens of race, class, and gender. Join Dr. LaPlant this fall and uncover the politics behind the prison system!*

## Want to take a class over the summer?

**POL 102- State and Local Politics with Dr. J**

**POL 205- Women and Politics with Dr. LaPlant**

**POL 244- International Relations With Dr. Van Liere**

**POL 251- Political Theory With Dr. Chergosky**

**\*All online options**

## Check out ours!





# Announcements

**Tomorrow at 6:00pm  
in Cleary!**

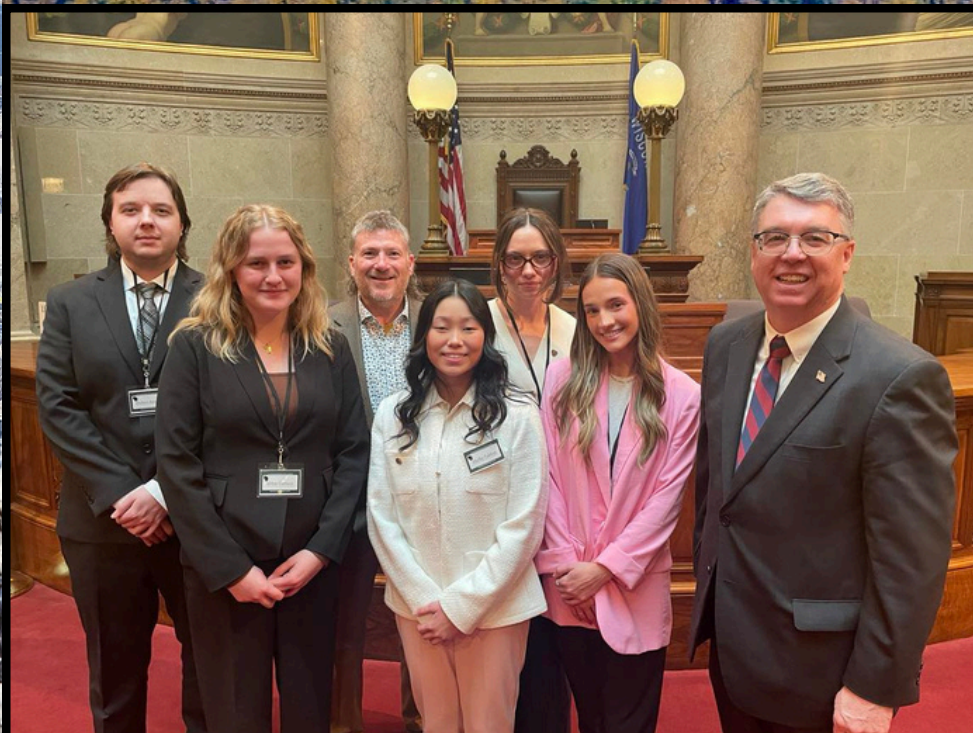
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OF THE LA CROSSE AREA



**CHAMBER**  
LA CROSSE AREA



Check out our  
two student  
orgs!



**Dr. J's capstone class had an incredible opportunity to participate in Public Health Advocacy Day in Madison! They spent the day engaging with legislators, discussing important policy issues that impact their communities, and gaining firsthand experience in advocacy. Great job everybody!**

