UWJPS Submission Guidelines

The UW Journal of Political Science, run by undergraduate students, exists to showcase undergraduate student work of merit so that their authors may receive recognition for their effort and achievement.

Submission Types:

Shortform: 5-10 pages / Longform: 20-40 pages

Standards For Submission:

TOPIC

Submissions must engage with a topic in the field of political science, including but not limited to political theory, international relations, political economy, and public policy, though submissions from other disciplines such as economics, sociology, philosophy, and history may be accepted if they pertain to the study of political science. Submissions must be high-quality research and analytical papers with unique perspectives. Creative or opinion writing will not be accepted.

GRAMMAR AND FORMATTING

Submissions should be coherent and comprehensible, with few to no grammatical mistakes. Accepted pieces will be properly formatted, with citations for any information drawn from outside sources. All cited works, including class lectures and non-traditional materials, must be cited in a standard citation style in Chicago (Author Date) Style. Submissions that are improperly cited or for which sourcing cannot be found cannot be considered for publication.

QUALITY

We expect pieces submitted to the journal to be well-written and professional, suitable for publication in a sophisticated journal. Submissions should express their points efficiently but clearly, and should be consistently organized. Submissions should display original thought and thinking, clearly distinguishable from ideas and claims developed by others. In short, submissions should be work you can honestly feel proud of.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The UWJPS Editorial Team will also consider originality, creativity, and the involvement of research as part of their decision-making process. Submissions that have been previously published in other journals or publications cannot be considered for publication in the UWJPS. Rejected works may be revised and resubmitted for publication in future editions.

Further Formatting Guidelines:

Citation Type	Font	Spacing	What to Cite?
Author Date Chicago* Chicago Citation Guide	Times New Roman 12pt.	Double Spaced.	ANY WORK that is used to inform or justify an argument. Including but not limited to: - Historical Events - Names, Dates, and Places - Theory and Opinion developed by other subject authors (including professors/lecturers)