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Free public lectures offered
through November.

For over 40 years, Continuing Education has hosted lectures in the [Fairhaven Lecture Series](#) in Whitewater, and began a similar tradition in Janesville in 2020 with the [Cedar Crest Lecture Series](#). This fall, lectures in the Election 2024: Looking Back and Ahead series will examine local and national issues in the upcoming election, as well as explore elections through a historical lens. Join us as we reflect back on politicians, presidents and events from the past, and forecast what may be in store for 2025 and beyond.



Lectures in the series include:

- A Look at Key 2024 Congressional Elections
- The Inaugural Address: A Look Back at Four of the Greatest Inaugural Addresses in American History
- The Founding Fathers Did Not Trust You: A Look at the Electoral College
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- Presidential Influence on the Supreme Court of the United States: The Trump Effect
- The Politics of News
- The Difference a Map Can Make
- The Promise and Potential of the 2024 Presidential Election
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- Recap of the 2024 Election Results

Faculty from Politics, Government and Law, Communication, Literature, Writing, and Film, and the College of Integrated Studies will offer informative presentations with lots of time for questions and discussion.



Lectures are held at 3 p.m. on Mondays at [Fairhaven Senior Services](#) in Whitewater and at 2 p.m. on Thursdays at [Cedar Crest, Inc.](#) in Janesville. Join us, won't you?

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Another Successful Summer on Campus

We welcomed nearly 20,000 visitors to campus this summer. Most of them served by Continuing Education Services.



[Continuing Education Services](#) (CES) hosted dozens of athletic, music, art and STEM camps and clinics at the UW-Whitewater Main and Rock County campuses this summer. A total of 6,330 campers and 700 camps staff filled the residence halls, classrooms, auditoriums, courts and fields. [Band](#), [football](#), and [tennis](#) remained popular in the 51st camps season, [piano camp](#) returned after a hiatus, and [all skills volleyball at Rock County](#) sold out in its first year.

In addition to hosting the programs developed by UWW faculty, staff and coaches, CES partners with external organizations to offer summer events. In 2024, over 5,500 people were served at events such as the [Special Olympics Wisconsin Summer Games](#) and [Drum Corps International Whitewater Classic](#). High school football programs from all over the region, including Fort Atkinson, WI and Woodstock, IL chose Whitewater to hold their summer events as well.

Continuing Education also serves students in summer session. This summer, nearly 3,700 students from UWW and other campuses enrolled in more than 300 summer session courses held online and

in-person, and as internships, practicums, and [travel study](#).

Programs for youth and adults are held throughout the academic year. Registration for most 2025 summer camps opens November 15. Enrollment in summer session classes begins in March.

Read more about summer 2024 visitors to UW-Whitewater [here](#).



High School Students Have Even More Opportunities to Earn College Credit

The Warhawk Dual Academy launched this fall.

Since 2012, UW-Whitewater has offered the [Partners in Education \(PIE\)](#) program in which high school students can earn college credit while learning from their qualified high school teacher, in their high school classroom. The program has grown to serve more than 400 students from 20 partner districts each year. An estimated 1,500 students have earned college credit that can be transferred to all Universities of Wisconsin schools, as well as many others.

Now high school students have even more options to earn UWW credits. The [Warhawk Dual Academy](#) is a fully online program, where students can gain valuable experience with college-level academics and get a head start on their degree. This flexible program fits into the schedules of busy high schoolers and allows them to save money on tuition by earning credits early.

Courses offered in the Warhawk Dual Academy include General Chemistry, Personal and Public Safety, Introduction to Philosophy, American Government and Politics, and Disability, Race, and Ethnicity in Society. Each of these 3-5 credit classes provide an excellent introduction to the college experience, and are affordable at \$110 per credit.

“The Warhawk Dual Academy is a great addition to our dual enrollment programs at UWW because it gives high schoolers a flexible option that isn’t dependent on their school district,” said Stacie Collins, educational pathways coordinator. UWW faculty are excited about the new program as well. “It’s a great opportunity for us to recruit future Warhawks, and help them get a head early,” said John Ejnik, chemistry professor and dual academy instructor. Universities of Wisconsin President Jay Rothman spoke at the program’s informal kick off on August 27 and praised the innovation for increasing access to higher education. Chancellor King agreed, calling the initiative “Warhawk Bold.”



For more information on PIE and the Warhawk Dual Academy, contact Stacie Collins at pie@uww.edu or 262-379-4171.

SGSCE Team Updates

Last month, the School of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education bid a fond farewell to Angela Harlan, assistant dean. She returned to the College of Letters and Sciences as its new associate dean. Morgan Anderson, director of Continuing Education Services has been tapped to serve in the role in the interim, with Lucas Peterson leading the CES team in the meantime. A national search for the position is tentatively planned for spring 2025.

Also moving on from the unit were Lori Trimble and Evan Arnold. Lori served in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, and recently accepted a position with the Janesville School District. Evan worked in Youth Compliance and Events in CES and will be moving on to Concordia University coaching their La Crosse team. Congratulations to both.

If you're interested in joining our team, visit the [employment page](#) for opportunities in SGSCE and across campus.

News and Upcoming Events:

Did you know that over 100 acres on the UWW campus's northeastern border are being restored and actively managed as a native prairie and woodland? Join us to [tour the preserve and help us collect seeds](#) for future seasons on Saturday, October 12. Registration required.

Calling citizen scientists of all ages! [Super Science Saturday](#) returns to the Rock County campus on October 26. Join faculty, staff and students for exhibits and hands-on activities that highlight the wonders of our scientific world. Everyone welcome, registration is required.

You're invited! The School of Graduate Studies is offering [complimentary webinars](#) tailored for industry professionals. Whether you are looking to enhance your expertise, explore innovative concepts, or connect with thought leaders, our webinars provide a unique opportunity to advance your professional journey. Visit our website for more information on these live and interaction webinars.

Check out this [story about Sam](#), a UWW LIFE student, and his summer job off campus. Nice work, Sam! Want to learn more about [UWW LIFE](#) (Learning is for Everyone)? Sign up for the for an open house on Friday, October 4! Visit with current students and ask questions about their experiences, then tour the campus and facilities.

New! The [Masters in Reading Instruction and Dyslexia Intervention](#) opened enrollment this fall. This fully online, cutting-edge program equips educators with the knowledge, skills, and strategies to support students with reading difficulties. Graduates of this program will be well-prepared to make a meaningful impact on struggling readers and contribute to the advancement of literacy education district-wide. Kudos to Dwight Watson (Curriculum & Instruction) and Amy Stevens (Special Education) for their cross-department collaboration on developing this innovative and necessary program.

Are you thinking of a career advancement or change? Continuing Education offers [advanced career training programs](#) that lead to professional positions in high demand fields like [medical assistant](#), [residential electrician](#), and [veterinary assistant](#). Looking for individual classes? We have those too. Hundreds of flexible, affordable [online classes](#) with start dates each month, with titles like [Project Management Fundamentals](#), [Discover Sign Language](#), and [Genealogy Basics](#) will help you meet your career, educational, and lifelong learning goals.



Above: photos from 2024 UWW summer camps. UW-Whitewater photo/Craig Schreiner