Academic Aspects
What a Liberal Education provides:

- Broad knowledge in a variety of areas
- More in-depth knowledge in a specific major or field of interest
- Helps develop a sense of social responsibility
- Helps develop intellectual and practical skills that span all areas of study
  - communication
  - analytical and problem-solving skills
  - demonstrated ability to apply knowledge and skills in real-world settings
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Study of:
- Sciences
- Mathematics
- Social Sciences
- Humanities
- Histories
- Languages
- The Arts
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Inquiry and Analysis
Quantitative Literacy
Information Literacy
Problem Solving
Creative Expression
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Undergraduate Colleges
Within the University

- ARTS & SCIENCES
  Departments

- BUSINESS
  Departments

- EDUCATION & HUMAN SCIENCES
  Departments

- NURSING & HEALTH SCIENCES
  Departments
### Components of a Degree
**120 Credits**

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Setting Academic Goals
Criteria for Good Academic Standing

- Semester GPA of 2.0 (C) or better
- Cumulative GPA of 2.0 (C) or better
- Completion of 75% of credits for which the student is officially enrolled
Three Stages of ACADEMIC DIFFICULTY

1. Academic Warning
2. Probation
3. Suspension

A student will be suspended automatically if the semester grade point average is less than 1.0 (D)
## Admission to Colleges/Programs

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Other program requirements listed in Catalogue
FERPA TRANSITIONS

- Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, ownership of a student’s academic record transitions from the parents to the student when the student enters college.

- The University cannot disclose student academic information to anyone outside the university without written consent of the student.
How Can a Parent Help?

- Keep the lines of communication open
- Refer student to the help that is available
- Call the Dean of Students or the Hall Director if really concerned
Will My Student Graduate in 4 Years?

- Most programs require 120 credits
  - 15 credits a semester for 4 years

- Many students choose to extend their education by:
  - Studying abroad
  - Adding another major or minor
  - Changing majors
  - Participating in internships
Years to Graduation

For students staying at UW-Eau Claire

- 38% graduate in 4 years
- 53% graduate in 4.5 years
- 87% graduate in 5 years
Excess Credit Surcharge

- UW-System policy
- Wisconsin residents only
- 165 credits or 30 beyond required for degree
- 100% surcharge = Tuition would double
- Included: transferable credits from all UW-System and WI Technical Colleges
- Not included: credit by exam (AP, CLEP) confirming courses (retroactive credits)
Ways to Shorten the Time Until Graduation
Credit by Exam

- Advanced Placement results available in July
- CLEP testing available in foreign languages—French, Spanish and German, as well as other subjects
- Credit by confirming course for languages
Transfer Credit

- Students must send transcript to Admissions Office
- Equivalent courses are determined and the student and adviser are notified
- If questions, consult transfer adviser
Winterim and Summer School

AUG.  SEPT.  OCT.  NOV.  DEC.

JAN.  FEB.  MAR.  APRIL  MAY

JUNE  JULY  AUG.

Winterim  Summer School
What Academic Support is Available?
Freshman Year Experience Courses

- Elements of Continued Orientation
- Small Classes/Student Mentors
- Out of class activities
- Introduction to majors/careers
The Academic Adviser

- Is student’s connection to the university
- Explains academic programs and courses
- Knows university requirements, procedures
- Can refer students to resources
Assigning Advisers

- Students with majors are usually assigned a faculty adviser in their major
- Undeclared students are assigned an adviser in the Office of Advising and New Student Initiatives
- All students will leave today with an adviser assignment
Surveys have indicated that choosing a major and determining career goals are of huge concern to students.
Many Students are Undeclared

30%

Freshmen who enter with Undeclared Majors
Even more students change their minds

Two thirds of the students who enter with a declared major change that major at least once by the end of their sophomore year.
Students at UW-Eau Claire can study abroad in about 50 countries.

Approximately 24% of UW-Eau Claire students study abroad.
Student-Faculty Collaboration in Research and Creative Activity:

A powerful force in student learning and development
An Internship and its Benefits

- A field-based learning experience in a work setting, that provides ...
  - Experience – *learning skills that integrate career goals with their coursework and major*
  - Contacts – *80% of all jobs are obtained through personal connections.*
  - A Future Job – *Nationwide, over 50% of internships develop a job offer for the student.*
What Many Employers Seek in Applicants

- research, organizational and analytical skills
- communicating, writing, and interpersonal skills
- teamwork, leadership skills
- mathematic, scientific reasoning, technology skills
- work and internship experiences
- self confidence, motivation and work ethic
- integrity, honesty and enthusiasm