Founded in 1916, UW-Eau Claire continues to build its national reputation based on the achievements of its students and faculty. As one of the Midwest’s top public universities, UW-Eau Claire provides students with small classes led by talented professors, cutting-edge programs, endless opportunities to get involved and experience more of the world, and the support they need to meet their goals for success. Add to that a safe and friendly campus community and beautiful surroundings (from rivers and bike trails to shopping and entertainment), and you’ve got one exceptional place.

Fast facts:

**Location:** Eau Claire, Wis.; city pop. 65,000+, metro. pop. 151,000

**Campus:** 28 major buildings, 333 acres and one beautiful river

**Walk across campus:** About 10 minutes

**Undergraduate students:** 10,499

**Graduate students:** 547

**International students:** 262

**Multicultural students:** 847

**Faculty and academic staff:** 796

**Men-to-women ratio:** 7-to-10

**Students studying abroad:** 289

**Students engaged in faculty-mentored research, scholarly and creative activity:** 800+

**Average high school rank:** 75%

**Faculty-student ratio:** 1-to-22

**Full-time faculty with Ph.D.s or terminal degrees:** 78%

**Average class size:** 28

**Student organizations:** 250+

**International tuition/fees, room and board (undergraduate, two semesters):** $26,970

**Nickname:** Blugolds

**Colors:** Navy and old gold

**Motto:** Excellence. Our measure, our motto, our goal.

**Seal:** Council oak tree
Where is Eau Claire?

Driving Distances from Eau Claire

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The Eau Claire Area

- Consistently ranked as one of the safest cities in the US
- Population of 65,000 people
- Largest city in Western Wisconsin

Things To See

- Scenic Rivers
- Lakes
- Parks
- Bike Trails

Things To Do

- Shopping
- Fine Dining
- Cultural Festivals
- Live Outdoor Music
- Concerts
- Art Exhibit
- Theater Production
- Athletic Events
- Outdoors Activities
The Eau Claire Advantage

- No SAT score required
- Conditional Admission for those who cannot provide TOEFL/IELTS score
- 90% of incoming international students receive scholarships
- On-campus housing guaranteed
- Week long in depth orientation upon arrival
- Host family program
- Average class size: 28
- Students engaged in faculty-mentored research, scholarly and creative activity: 800+
- Faculty-student ratio: 1:22
- Undergraduate students: 10,499
- Flexible application deadlines
- Quick application and 1-20 turnaround times
- Intensive English Program through University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
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Majors and Minors

Undergraduate majors and minors

Accounting (M,m)
Actuarial Science (M,m)
American Indian Studies (M,m)
Art & Design (M)
Athletic Training (M,m)
Biochemistry/Molecular Biology (M)
Biology (M,m)
Business Administration (M,m)
Business Economics (M)
Chemistry (M,m)
Chemistry/Business Emphasis (M)
Communication (M,m)
Communication Sciences and Disorders (M)
Computer Science (M,m)
Criminal Justice (M)
Economics (M,m)
Education - Elementary (M)
Education - Secondary (M)
Education - Special (M)
English (M,m)
Environmental Public Health (M)
Finance (M,m)
Foreign Languages (M,m)
French (M,m)
Geography (M,m)
Geology (M,m)
German (M,m)
Health Care Administration (M)
History (M,m)
Information Systems (M,m)
International Business (M,m)
Journalism (M,m)
Kinesiology (M,m)
Kinesiology - Human Performance (M)
Latin American Studies (M,m)
Liberal Studies (M)
Management (M,m)
Marketing (M,m)
Mass Communication (M,m)
Materials Science (M,m)
Mathematics (M,m)
Music (M,m)
Nursing - Traditional (M)
Nursing - Marshfield site (M)
Nursing - Accelerated BSN (M)
Philosophy (M,m)
Physics (M,m)
Physics and Engineering Dual Degree (M)
Political Science (M,m)
Psychology (M,m)
Religious Studies (M,m)
Social Work (M)
Sociology (M,m)
Spanish (M,m)
Theatre Arts (M,m)
Women’s Studies (M,m)
Undergraduate minors only
Ancient Studies
Adaptive Physical Education
Anthropology
Art History
Computational Science
Dance
Environment, Society, and Culture
Environmental Science
Family Studies
General Science Teaching
Gerontology
Global Studies
Health Science, Pre-professional
Information Systems Audit and Control
Japanese
Kinesiology - Adaptive Physical Education
Kinesiology - Coaching Science
Language Arts Education
Language Studies
Learning Disabilities
Library Science
Marine Science
Middle East Studies
Russia and East European Studies
Spanish for Health Professions
Teaching English as a Foreign Language
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
Topical Minor
Web Design and Development

Pre-professional programs
Pre-engineering
Pre-law
Pre-med

Graduate programs
Business Administration (MBA)
Communication Sciences and Disorders (MS)
Education--Professional Development (ME)
Education--Special Education (MSE)
English (MA)
History (MA)
Nursing (MSN)
Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
School Psychology (Ed.S.)
Teaching Elementary Education (MST)
Teaching English (MST)
Teaching Reading (MS)
Accreditations

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is accredited at the bachelor’s, master’s and specialist levels by the Commission on Institutions of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The following associations accredit or approve specific programs or individual units:

- Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications
- AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business
- American Chemical Society
- American Music Therapy Association
- American Nurses Association
- American-Speech-Language-Hearing Association
- Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs
- Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
- Computer Science Accreditation Commission
- Council on Social Work Education
- International Association of Counseling Services, Inc.
- National Association of Boards of Examiners of Long Term Care Administrators
- National Academy of Early Childhood Programs
- National Association of School Psychologists
- National Association of Schools of Music
- National Environmental Health Association
- Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
- Wisconsin State Accounting Examining Board
- Wisconsin State Board of Nursing
Eau Claire Costs 2013-2014

90% of incoming international students receive scholarships!

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<td>$28,870</td>
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Host Friend Program

The Host Friend Program connects international students with community members in the Chippewa Valley and is a great way to share culture, learn about U.S. and international customs, and expand understanding and friendship.

Program Information for Host Friends and Students:

- Connect with others in the Chippewa Valley community
- Enjoy a 2-3 day homestay upon arrival in Eau Claire
- Attend Host Friend Program sponsored social events each semester
- Share cultural traditions and promote intercultural understanding
- Promote international goodwill on a personal level
International Buddy Project

A lot of participants have found that participation in the International Buddy Project is a wonderful opportunity to:

- Make new friends from all over the world
- Learn about different cultures
- Have fun!

International students have found that it is a good way to quickly emerge themselves in the American culture and new living environment, as well as to improve their English.
Residence Halls

Students are guaranteed on-campus living in the residence halls and will have opportunities to:

1. Be engaged citizens showing individual and social responsibility
2. Think creatively and critically
3. Effectively communicate with others
4. Respect differences and develop a broad cultural awareness
5. Demonstrate wellness in their personal and academic lives

Housing and Residence Life promotes student learning and success through engagement in diverse educational and social experiences. Living on campus also provides:

- Well-maintained, safe and affordable communities
- Eleven building choices for students to live in
- American roommate
- Room designs conducive to studying
- Comfortable living
- Single gender and chemical-free dormitories
- Housing during holiday, summer, and winter breaks
- Full meal plan
- Free public transportation
- Access to on campus computers, library, health services, and recreation services

International student, Daven Raj, says, “As an international student, it is the immersion opportunity and exposure to American culture in its simplest yet most enriching form; right where students live. It is where national meets international, through events and programs, all held towards the promotion of global awareness and the formation of lifelong connections... And the fact that everything is a 5 minutes walk away – classes, food, library, gym, student union.”

Halls include:
- Laundry
- Computer labs
- Kitchen
- Fitness
- Social rooms
- Lounges
- Security services

Rooms Include:
- Single beds
- Illuminated desks with chairs
- Bookcases
- Wardrobes
- Chests of drawers
- Draperies
- Mirrors
Housing Options

Living Learning Communities (LLCs)
LLCs offer students a unique living experience in a residence hall, and create a link between their lives and learning experiences in the classroom. Students can request to live in one of the four LLCs on their Housing & Residence Life form, which they will receive after admission to the university. Read below for descriptions of the four LLCs available at UW-Eau Claire:

- **Global Learning Community – Katharine Thomas Hall**
  The Global Learning Community provides an opportunity for domestic and international students to live together and engage in learning experiences related to living in an increasingly global society.

- **Leadership Learning Community – Governors Hall**
  The Leadership Learning Community provides an opportunity for 60 first-year students to explore the concept of leadership both in theory and practice. Students will live together on the first and second floors of Governors Hall, participate in credit-bearing leadership courses in the fall and spring semesters, attend leadership conferences and events, engage in hall activities, take field trips, and develop community service projects.

- **Social Justice Learning Community – Beginning Fall 2010 - Bridgman Hall**
  The Social Justice Learning Community will provide multiple opportunities for students interested in issues related to diversity and multiculturalism. Students in the community will be involved in a variety of in-class and out-of-class experiences designed to develop a personal sense of social justice and provide ideas for how individuals can work for positive social change. These opportunities will include specialized classes, speakers, field trips, and service opportunities that make a difference in the lives of others.

- **Healthy Living Community (Wellness Learning Community) –Murray Hall**
  The Healthy Living Community will provide students an opportunity to become engaged in all aspects of maintaining a healthy lifestyle. This community will be substance free and provide in-class and out-of-class experiences designed to learn about a wide range of wellness topics including but not limited to: stress management, healthy eating habits, a variety of exercise options, and the spirit-mind-body connection.
Employment

Working on campus is a great way for students to meet friends, develop valuable skills, and practice their English. Immigration regulations allow most international students to work on campus for up to 20 hours per week when school is in session. During annual vacations, students can work on campus up to 40 hours per week.

International students at UW-Eau Claire have worked on-campus in multiple ways, such as:

- Housing & Residence Life, Front Desk
- Housing & Residence Life, Resident Assistant
- Learning & Technology Services, Technology Support
- Library Services
- Tutoring
- Sodexo Food Services
- Davies Student Center, Service Counter
- Office Assistant
- International Student Orientation Peer Guide
- Phase II Orientation Assistant

UW-Eau Claire’s Financial Aid Office provides an online job board, which provides an updated list of all current job openings.
**Personal Experiences:**

“I consider this an extraordinary experience to gain in-depth exposure of English from various aspects and dynamic interaction with the ESL faculty who demonstrate their care, patience and diligence to students from all over the world. I would personally convey my thanks to those lecturers, Ms. Beth Ernst and Ms. Julie Adler who provided the sincere help and support when I was in UWEC and would strongly recommend this programme to those who intend to pick up English as a second language.”

--Student from China

“As a foreign exchange student, I was impressed with the UW-Eau Claire campus and people. After returning to Uzbekistan and receiving my bachelor’s degree, I decided to pursue my master’s degree in the U.S. Out of more than 3,000 universities, I chose UW-Eau Claire. They have the latest technology, dedicated staff, faculty-student collaborative research and an excellent Host Family Program. UW-Eau Claire truly does a great job at helping international students feel at home.

--Student from Uzbekistan

“This semester, I sat in Ms. Adler’s ESL 201 [Integrated Language Skills]. During these 12 weeks, I learnt a lot. And Ms. Adler’s teaching approach impressed me deeply. First, this is a real student-centered class in which students were initiated and motivated by the instructor. Next, the course focused a lot on all the language skills: speaking, listening, reading and writing. Especially, in writing, the remodifying approach is very helpful. Third, Ms. Adler is a very diligent and devoted teacher who does a lot of work for the students and in her research on teaching approaches.”

--Visiting scholar from China
Frequently Asked Questions

1. If my student does not meet the TOEFL requirement, can the student receive conditional admission?

Yes, a student may apply for a degree program with insufficient English proficiency and may be conditionally admitted to a degree program. The student may enroll in UW-Eau Claire’s Intensive English Program (IEP). The student would matriculate to their degree program after receiving recommendation from the ESL Coordinator. The student will not be allowed to take undergraduate/graduate courses until they matriculate.

Conditional admission is to the university, and then the student would need to go through any additional application processes that are in place to be considered for admission to majors with competitive/selective admission. Students do not receive conditional admission to a particular undergraduate program at the point of admission to the university.

2. If a student receives conditional admission, what does it say on the student’s I-20?

The I-20 would indicate that the student has been admitted for Language Training and the length of the language training program. A notation would be made on the I-20 that the student is conditionally admitted to the degree program and the length of program. When the student has met the language requirements and has been fully admitted to the degree program, the I-20 will change to indicate the degree program and new length of program.

3. What is the GPA required for admissions?

International applicants are evaluated keeping in mind the educational systems of each country. The admissions process is selective and competitive. As a minimum, a student needs to show 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Applications are reviewed comprehensively evaluating primarily academics, but also looking at other characteristics. The typical US student falls in the 78th percentile (top ¼ of graduating class) with a typical GPA of 3.5.
4. Who should I contact with admissions questions?

If you or the student should have any questions regarding admissions and the application process, please contact Ms. Heather Pearson, Admissions Officer for International Students. She is the primary contact in the Admissions office for international students and will be able to advise us on your specific application questions.

Ms. Pearson’s contact information is:
email: pearsonh@uwec.edu; phone: 1-715-836-4315.

5. How can I obtain printed materials about UW-Eau Claire?

We are happy to send you printed materials at any time. In addition, it may be more advantageous to have you print them locally and chargeback the printing costs to us. Just let me know if you plan to do this, and if you can get me a price quote first- all the better!