

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

GRADUATE STUDIES

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On behalf of the Office of Graduate Studies, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new graduate students and faculty members! Please know that we (Nancy and I) are here to help guide you through your transition to UW-Eau Claire and our graduate programs, and we look forward to meeting our new colleagues. Please do not hesitate to call, email, or stop into the office. For those of you that are returning for another year of excitement and educational endeavors—Welcome Back! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer and that you are refreshed and ready to dive into the 2007 Fall Semester. Have a great semester!

Andrew T. Phillips, Interim Dean of Graduate Studies

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES:

DATES	
Sept. 4	Classes Begin
Fri., Nov. 2	Written Comp. Exam, 8am-12pm
Nov. 21	Thanksgiving Recess begins @ 5pm
Nov. 26	Classes Resume
Dec. 15	Commencement
Dec. 17-21	Final Exams Week
DEADLINES	
Sept. 7	Applications for December Graduation
Sept. 7	Applications to take the Written Comp. Exam
Nov. 1	Nominations for Annual Distinguished Thesis
Dec. 12	Oral Examinations
Dec. 13	Submission of (2) Unbound Copies of Thesis or Research Paper to Grad Dean
Jan. 3	Bound Theses & Research Papers Due

RECENT GRADUATES RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

Five graduate students were recognized as UWEC's Outstanding Graduate Students of 2007 by the Alumni Association. The recipients were honored at a luncheon hosted by Chancellor Brian Levin-Stankevich on May 9, 2007. Congratulations to all! Tabitha Erdey, MA-History, Spring '07

NEW POLICIES IN EFFECT FOR 2007-08

The 2007-09 Graduate Catalogue is now available! Here are a few of the significant updates and changes:

- Graduate coursework has been modified to allow for plus (+) and minus (-) grading.
- Enrollment in at least one thesis credit is now considered as full-time enrollment for financial aid and enrollment certification purposes.
- Applying for graduation can now be done online from the convenience of your home or office using MyBlugold.
- The "unclassified" admission status for graduate students has been eliminated. Students not admitted to a specific program may still register as a "Special Student."
- A section on "Academic Integrity" has been added.
- A section on "Mission and Outcomes" has been added.

If you would like a copy of the 2007-09 catalogue, please stop by the Office of Graduate Studies. The catalogue is also available online: <http://www.uwec.edu/registrar/catalogues>.

Did You Know?

Transcripts from UW-Eau Claire are FREE!

UWEC is the only UW campus that offers free transcripts!

Jerry Kollross, MBA, Fall '06
 Jasmine Krotzman, MA-English, Summer '06
 Diane Marcyjanik, MSN, Spring '07
 Jessica Severson, MST-Reading, Spring '07

Current UWEC students may now submit requests for transcripts through MyBlugold.

www.uwec.edu/registrar/student/transcripts.htm

UWEC HOSTS 2ND ANNUAL GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL FAIR

The Golden Key International Honour Society and Career Services sponsored UW-Eau Claire's 1st annual Graduate and Professional School Fair last fall. Due to the energy and determination of the Golden Key students, organizational support of Career Services, and extremely positive reviews from representatives in attendance, the fair was a success! This year the fair will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2007, from 10:00am–2:00pm in the Tamarack Room of Davies Center. If you have suggestions for graduate programs or schools that you would like to see at the fair, please email your request to grad-prof-fair@uwec.edu. More info: <http://www.uwec.edu/career/GradFair>.

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR UW-EAU CLAIRE'S 2008 DISTINGUISHED MASTER'S THESIS AWARD

Graduate faculty members are invited to submit nominations of exceptional quality theses for the annual UW-Eau Claire Distinguished Master's Thesis Competition. A nominee must have been awarded the master's degree within the calendar year from October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007. Categories used to critique the thesis include clarity, scholarship, methodology, and contribution to field. Only one thesis will be selected.

Nominations are due to the Office of Graduate Studies by November 1, 2007. Nomination materials must include: 1. two copies of the thesis (which will be returned); 2. a one-page resume of the nominee; 3. two copies of an abstract, not to exceed 300 words, which describes the research and its significance (the abstract must contain the title of the thesis and the name of the author but not the name of the nominating institution); and 4. a letter of nomination addressed to Graduate Dean Andrew Phillips by the faculty nominator.

The winner of the competition will receive a \$200 cash award and will be recognized, along with the faculty mentor, at the November meeting of the Graduate Council and during Honors Week in the spring. In addition, the student's thesis will be nominated to the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools (MAGS) thesis competition by the Graduate Dean.

DO YOU HAVE NEWS OR IDEAS FOR THE SPRING 2008 NEWSLETTER?? IF SO, PLEASE LET US KNOW!