Proposed changes for 2015-16 Undergraduate Catalog

University Graduation Requirements
BACCALAUREATE DEGREES
All candidates for baccalaureate degrees must meet the minimum requirements summarized below. For the specific requirements of each College and each curriculum, consult the appropriate section of this catalog. Items marked with an asterisk (*) are more fully explained in the pages following the summary.

Summary of Graduation Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees

Grade Point Requirements
*Total....................................................................................... 2.00 average
*Resident........................................................................ 2.00 average
*Major..................................................................................... 2.00 average
*Minor................................................................................... 2.00 average
*Certificate........................................................................ 2.00 average

NOTE: See special requirements in each College.

University Residency Requirements
*Minimum total........................................................................ 30 credits
*Senior year............................................................................ 23 credits
*Major, in upper division courses
*Major, Standard........................................................................ 12 credits
*Major, Comprehensive........................................................... 21 credits
*Certificate................................................................................ 25 percent of credits

NOTE: See special requirements for the College of Education and Human Sciences.

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GRADE POINT REQUIREMENTS
Eligibility for graduation is based upon two GPAs, resident and total:
Resident GPA: The GPA computed on all UW-Eau Claire course work.
Total GPA: The GPA computed on all UW-Eau Claire course work and all transferable course work taken elsewhere.
The Resident and Total GPAs are identical for the student who has completed all course work at UW-Eau Claire. In both computations, GPAs must meet all minimum standards.
A minimum total GPA of 2.00 and a minimum resident GPA of 2.00 is
required for graduation from all curricula. Individual Colleges may set higher grade point requirements. These are published, as appropriate, in the College sections of this catalog.

**Major, Minor, Certificate.** Minimum resident and total GPAs of 2.00 are required in the Major, Minor and Certificate. Colleges of the University may set specific requirements for GPAs in their majors, and minors, and certificates. Colleges may also require that GPAs in the major, and minor, and certificate be computed on all applicable courses attempted by the student in the respective areas.

**UNIVERSITY RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS**

Resident credit is earned by enrolling in UW-Eau Claire courses, both on and off campus.

**Minimum total.** Residence of one year (30 semester credits) is required of all candidates for baccalaureate degrees.

**Senior year.** Twenty-three of the last 30 credits prior to graduation from any curriculum must be earned in residence unless special arrangements have been made by petition to the Associate Dean of the College.

**Major.** At least 12 credits of the upper-division work (300- to 400-level courses) required in a standard major, and 21 in a comprehensive major, must be taken in residence.

**Certificate.** At least 25 percent of the credits applied to the certificate program requirements must be taken in residence.

Credits earned through the National Student Exchange Program, the Health Care practicum, internships, study abroad opportunities, and UW-Eau Claire Internet courses are counted as resident credits.

**CREDIT-BEARING CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS**

Certificate programs may be earned by degree-seeking students or by community members who are not pursuing a University degree. Guidelines and standards are identical for both populations.

For those not seeking a degree, these programs offer an opportunity for an individual to earn college credit and advance toward a credential that certifies a significant level of achievement within a prescribed area. As the rate of change in the workplace accelerates, more people find it necessary to engage in continuous learning to meet the challenges of new duties and responsibilities, or career changes. Often their need is for in-depth study that goes beyond what is generally provided in noncredit professional development activities. Credit-bearing certificate programs are of particular value since the program is verified by a university transcript.

For degree-seeking students, a certificate program can be pursued to demonstrate expertise in a particular academic field. Successful completion of a certificate program may serve to satisfy graduation requirements for a second program of study or to add credentials beyond any other required programs.
Certificates may be earned by degree-seeking students, as well as by
At least 25% of the credits applied to the certificate program requirements must
be taken in residence through UW-Eau Claire. Departments/programs or colleges proposing
certificate programs have the right to specify (a) admission requirements for entry into a
certificate program, (b) minimum GPA requirements for courses included in the program, and
certificate completion, (c) GPA requirements for certificate completion above the university
minimum, and (d) applicability of the S/U option, if any. A 2.00 GPA is the minimum
requirement for certificate completion for undergraduate programs, and a 3.00 GPA is required
for graduate certificate programs.
Specific certificates and their requirements are listed within their applicable
department/program or college section of the catalog.