



EDUCATION – ELEMENTARY (OPTION A – AGES 6-13)

UW-EAU CLAIRE UNDERGRADUATE FACT SHEET

Teaching children and young adolescents is one of the most important and personally rewarding occupations in our society today. Becoming a successful elementary/middle level teacher requires hard work, creativity and responsibility. Teachers must understand the children they teach and their learning processes. They also must be able to use a variety of methods for presenting ideas and information to students.

WHY STUDY ELEMENTARY/ MIDDLE EDUCATION?

- The **middle childhood through early adolescence** program leads to licensure to teach in elementary and middle level schools Grade 1-8 in the state of Wisconsin as well as an additional licensure in a certifiable minor.
- While studying education, you will develop a variety of skills that will be useful in other fields including time management, the ability to think on your feet, teamwork and communication.
- Explore general educational principles and practices while learning about the operation of elementary and middle schools and their role in society.

THE EAU CLAIRE ADVANTAGE

- UW-Eau Claire has earned an excellent reputation for the quality of its preparation of teachers, and its graduates are employed throughout Wisconsin and the United States.
- Our curriculum and instruction programs are accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

- Early in the program, students work in schools to become acquainted with the professional responsibilities associated with the profession and to examine their educational and career goals.
- An extended period of student teaching is required during a professional semester that allows students to put their book and classroom learning into practice.
- Instructional and information technology are well integrated throughout the program, providing for mastery of emergent tools and materials.
- Students may participate in overseas student teaching experiences through Global Student Teaching and meet Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction requirements. Students

UW-EAU CLAIRE FACTS AT A GLANCE

- Location: Eau Claire, Wis.; city pop. 64,000, metro. pop. 151,000
- Average enrollment: 10,500
- Undergraduates: 10,063
- Graduate students: 503
- International students: 124
- Multicultural students: 485
- Average men-women ratio: 2-to-3
- Students who spend at least a semester studying abroad: 24%
- Students doing undergraduate research with faculty/staff: 710+
- ACT composite average: 24+
- Average high school rank: 77%
- Average class size: 28
- Faculty-student ratio: 1-to-20
- Computers-student ratio: 1-to-9
- Student organizations: 224
- Walk across campus: About 10 minutes
- Nickname: Blugolds
- Colors: Navy and old gold

also may participate in student teaching experiences in the Milwaukee Public Schools or the Aldine School District in Houston, Tex. Campus resources such as the Human Development Center and the children's literature collection help students become outstanding teachers.

- Student organizations, such as the Future Teacher's Club, Student Wisconsin Education Association and Kappa Delta Pi, provide extra social and learning opportunities for students in education.
- The Center for Collaborative Leadership involves students in planning events including an annual speaker series.

CAREER OPTIONS

- Teach grades 1-8 in public or private schools.
- Teach and train employees such as sales representatives in businesses or industries.
- Work in public relations positions or child care settings.
- Work for child-related or other public social services agencies.
- Tutor children with special needs.
- Become a reading teacher or reading specialist (requires graduate level course work and two years of successful teaching experience).

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

UW-Eau Claire's department of curriculum and instruction offers the following majors and minors:

Major

- Middle Childhood through Early Adolescence (teaching in grades 1-8)

Minors

- French
- General Science

- German
- Language Arts
- Learning Disabilities
- Library Science
- Mathematics
- Social Studies
- Spanish
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
- Theatre Arts

HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

- High school students are encouraged to develop their personal skills by tutoring, working on playgrounds or at summer camps, teaching in church schools, or by getting involved in volunteer activities.
- All students who enroll at UW-Eau Claire are required to have a minimum of 17 college preparatory units including:
 - 4 years of English (at least 3 composition and literature)
 - 2 years of a single foreign language
 - 3 years of math (algebra, geometry, 1 advanced college preparatory math)
 - 3 years of natural science
 - 3 years of social science (1 must be world or American history)
 - 2 additional units in the areas already mentioned or other academic areas

Special department admissions requirements

Admission to the UW-Eau Claire Teacher Education Program requires success in the university's pre-program. Admission to the pre-program requires passing the Praxis I test of math, reading and writing; achieving a 2.75 minimum grade-point average; and earning a grade of C or higher in English 110.

FRESHMAN COURSE WORK

Sample First Year

FALL SEMESTER

COURSE#	TITLE	CREDITS
Engl 110	Introduction to College Writing	5
Anth 161	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3

Art 105	Introduction to the Visual Arts	3
CJ 202	Fundamentals of Speech	3
Phys 100	Physical Science	4

SPRING SEMESTER

COURSE#	TITLE	CREDITS
Math 203	Mathematics for Elementary/Middle Teachers I	3
Biol 100	General Biology	4
Hist 101	Western Civilization to 1660	3
Physical Education		1
Pols 110	American National Politics	3

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about UW-Eau Claire's programs in middle childhood through early adolescence, contact:

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