



EDUCATION – SECONDARY (OPTION C – AGES 6-21)

UW-EAU CLAIRE UNDERGRADUATE FACT SHEET

The department of curriculum and instruction prepares teachers for elementary, middle level and high school classrooms through the following programs:

- Option A (middle childhood through early adolescence) – see separate Fact Sheet
- Option B (early adolescence through adolescence) – see separate Fact Sheet
- Option C (early childhood through adolescence)

Through a series of courses and experiences emphasizing reflection and decision-making in teaching, students develop knowledge and process skills and attitudes necessary for effective teaching. At the completion of a program, students are ready to assume responsibilities for classroom teaching and are prepared to continue developing as a professional. Students who choose Option C are prepared for early childhood through adolescence, ages 6-21, or for grades K-12 in selected areas.

WHY STUDY EARLY CHILDHOOD THROUGH ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION?

- The program leads to **early childhood through adolescence** licensure to teach in the state of Wisconsin.
- Teaching is one of the most important and personally rewarding occupations in our society today.
- 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 middle and secondary schools.

THE EAU CLAIRE ADVANTAGE

- UW-Eau Claire has earned an excellent reputation for the quality of its preparation of teachers for secondary schools – its graduates are employed throughout Wisconsin and the United States.
- Our curriculum and instruction programs are accredited by Northcentral Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.
- Students learn the teaching profession firsthand through continuous field experiences. In the sophomore year, students will assist teachers in elementary,

middle and secondary school learning environments to become acquainted with the responsibilities of teaching and the organization of school in general. In the junior year, students receive classroom teaching experience by serving as teacher assistants. Finally, a full semester of student teaching or interning is required during the senior year.

- Students may participate in overseas student teaching experiences through Global Student Teaching and meet Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction requirements. Students also may participate in student teaching experiences in the Milwaukee Public Schools or the Aldine School District in Houston, Tex.
- Instructional and information technology are well integrated throughout the program, providing for mastery of emergent tools and materials.
- Our on-campus Future Teacher's Club and Student Wisconsin Education Association provide social and learning opportunities for education 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

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Students who pursue Option C are required to complete a major and minor, double major or comprehensive major, and a professional sequence consisting of teaching methods and related courses. Completion of the program leads to K-12 licensure. Following is a list of comprehensive majors, majors and minors approved for teaching majors:

Comprehensive Majors (require no minor)

- Art

- Latin American Studies
- Music, Instrumental/General
- Music, Choral/General
- Kinesiology

Majors

- French
- German
- Spanish
- Theatre Arts

Minors

- Adaptive Physical Education (with Kinesiology major)
- French
- German
- Spanish
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

Program admission requirements

Before seeking admission to the program, students choosing Option C must complete CI 212, except for foreign language majors who take CI 210 and 211. Upon completion of these courses, students can apply to the program and should file a formal application during the first week of October (for spring admission) or of March (for fall admission). Candidates prepare a portfolio based on the 10 Wisconsin Teaching Standards for the department of curriculum and instruction. Additionally, content departments have requirements for admission which focus predominantly on content knowledge. Students are admitted on a selective and limited basis from a pool of candidates who meet minimum criteria.

Suggested program sequence

To learn more about the sequence that students should follow to successfully move through the program, go to the Curriculum and Instruction Web site.

Professional semester admission requirements

All students seeking licensure through programs in the department of curriculum and instruction must complete a full semester of student teaching or an internship. Before

doing this, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Earn a minimum grade of B- in each of the professional education courses – CI 210 and 211 (foreign language majors only), 212, 312, 317, 318, 328, content methods).
- Have resident, total and professional education course GPAs of 2.75 or higher.
- Receive departmental approval.

HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

- People interested in the field are encouraged to develop their personal skills by tutoring, working at summer camps or other youth activities and 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

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about UW-Eau Claire's programs in secondary and middle/secondary education, contact:

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