



FOREIGN LANGUAGES

UW-EAU CLAIRE UNDERGRADUATE FACT SHEET

As interaction between nations increases and the United States becomes more diverse, other languages become more and more important. The UW-Eau Claire majors in French, German and Spanish provide students with two years of basic language followed by advanced composition and conversation, civilization, literature, and phonetics courses as well as courses in business foreign language. Instruction at all levels emphasizes practical usage combined with a solid liberal arts education with an emphasis on cross-cultural understanding. The department also prepares K-12 teachers in the fields of French, German, Spanish and TESOL.

WHY STUDY FOREIGN LANGUAGES?

- Studying a foreign language develops your oral and written skills — even in your native language. These are among the first skills at which employers look.
- Increased activity in international business, government and tourism has created a need for improved understanding and communication.
- The number of careers that require a major in a foreign language is increasing. Insight into a particular culture and capacity to learn languages will interest employers in a variety of fields including education, social work, health services, business, banking, insurance, advertising, travel, publishing and public service.
- Starting salaries for students graduating with proficiency in one or more foreign languages are at least 20 percent higher than for students who speak English only.
- Training in foreign languages is essential for jobs with multinational companies, in the U.S. Foreign

Service and numerous other governmental agencies.

- With a minor in TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language), you'll be prepared to teach English as a foreign language overseas.

THE EAU CLAIRE ADVANTAGE

- For little more than it costs to attend UW-Eau Claire, students can study abroad in one of more than 45 programs in nearly 30 countries, including summer, semester and year-long programs. Most language majors spend one semester abroad.
- On-campus language clubs and honor societies sponsor numerous activities throughout the school year to promote understanding of other languages and cultures.

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

Examples of such activities include International Folk Fair; Spanish theater; a German dinner and dance; and annual celebrations for French, German and Spanish weeks.

- The Roma Hoff Instructional Resource Center, equipped with audio/video facilities, foreign language programs received via satellite, foreign films and computer-assisted foreign language instruction, allows students to practice and improve their listening and speaking skills.
- UW-Eau Claire offers a strong teacher preparation program. Through our faculty/student collaborative research program, students can participate in fascinating research projects while working one-on-one with a professor in their field and gaining in-depth knowledge for their careers or graduate school.

CAREER OPTIONS

- Work in international business.
- Work with corporations in cities with significant minority populations.
- Work in the travel industry.
- Serve in a governmental agency (Peace Corps, Armed Forces, Foreign Service, etc.).
- Teach a foreign language in the United States or abroad.
- Continue your education for a master's or doctoral degree.
- Increase international collaboration in the health industry.
- Teach English as a foreign language overseas (with a TEFL minor).

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

The UW-Eau Claire department of foreign languages offers:

Major and minors

- French – liberal arts
- French – teaching
- German – liberal arts
- German – teaching
- German – liberal arts with business/professions emphasis
- Japanese - liberal arts (minor only)
- Spanish – liberal arts
- Spanish – teaching
- Spanish – liberal arts with business/professions emphasis
- TESOL – Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
- TEFL – Teaching English as a Foreign Language

Special programs

- English as a Second Language courses for international students.
- Latin American Studies (see separate Fact Sheet) offers three majors and a minor.
- Russia/East European Studies minor.
- Ancient Studies minor.
- The German section administers internationally recognized Goethe-Institut certificate exams in German (Deutsch Mittelstufe) and business German (Deutsch für den Beruf).

Other

- First-year instruction in Chinese, Latin, Greek, Hmong and Russian.

HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

- Students interested in studying foreign languages at the university level are encouraged to complete high school courses in English, public speaking, world civilization, Latin and modern foreign languages.
- 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

Placement in foreign language courses and programs

Foreign language competence at the second-semester level is required for the bachelor of arts degree in the College of Arts and Sciences. Students seeking the B.A. degree may demonstrate competency by earning the required grade in foreign language coursework or by achieving an appropriate score on a foreign language placement test taken prior to registration.

Retroactive credits

Students may obtain credit for previous non-college language experience by taking a "confirming course." Based on the results of the foreign language placement test and previous language study, the student enrolls in the appropriate UW-Eau Claire course. If the student earns a grade of B or better, he or she can receive credit for work at the levels lower than the confirming course.

Department scholarships

The UW-Eau Claire Foundation awards at least 10 foreign languages scholarships each year. To learn more about the various scholarships, requirements and the application process, contact the department of foreign languages.

FRESHMAN COURSE WORK

Sample First Year

FALL SEMESTER

| COURSE# | TITLE | CREDITS |
|----------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| For. Lang. 101 | Beginning Foreign Language | 4 |
| Engl 110 | Introduction to College Writing | 5 |
| Hist 124 | World History to 1500 | 3 |
| Fltr 250 | Classical Mythology | 3 |

SPRING SEMESTER

| COURSE# | TITLE | CREDITS |
|----------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| For. Lang. 102 | Beginning Foreign Languages | 4 |
| Comm 202 | Fundamentals of Speech | 3 |
| Phys 115 | Survey of Astronomy | 3 |
| Art 105 | Introduction to the Visual Arts | 3 |

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about UW-Eau Claire's programs in foreign languages, contact:

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