



HISTORY

UW-EAU CLAIRE UNDERGRADUATE FACT SHEET

The study of history examines how men and women throughout the world have lived in the past. Paying special attention to continuities and changes in human communities over time and to interactions among people from different cultures encourages individuals to understand their own life experiences as part of a historical process.

WHY STUDY HISTORY?

- Explore how men and women, famous and ordinary, lived in the past.
- Develop an awareness of how the interactions between the diverse peoples and cultures of the past shape our lives today.
- Obtain the kind of perspective that is valuable in evaluating the institutions, ideas and values of the present day.
- Develop an understanding of how and why societies and cultures change or do not change over time.
- Learn to read critically, manage and analyze information, build logical arguments and write persuasively.
- Learn to conduct independent research, evaluate the views of historical scholars and produce a major research paper.
- Prepare for graduate or advanced study or a career in teaching or numerous other fields.

THE EAU CLAIRE ADVANTAGE

- UW-Eau Claire has a strong tradition of excellent teaching; history department faculty members received the 1992 and 1997 UW Regents Award for Excellence in Teaching.
- Through our faculty/student collaborative research program, students engage in research

projects while working closely with professors in their field and gaining in-depth knowledge for their careers or graduate school.

- The department's student-faculty research room provides an optimal setting for student and faculty projects.
- The department's microcomputers and terminals are connected to the campus' mainframe computer, along with the online library catalog where students can gain access to the university library's extensive holdings of historical journals and reference materials.
- Students have numerous social and leadership opportunities through the department's strong student honors organization, Phi Alpha Theta.

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

- UW-Eau Claire classes, unlike those at many other public universities, are not taught by teaching assistants. Students study with dedicated professors who inspire learning.
- Small classes, individual attention.

CAREER OPTIONS

- Work in any field that requires the ability to analyze a complex problem, synthesize the major issues of that problem, come to a reasonable and defensible solution, and write a literate, coherent report about it.
- Work in education as a teacher at any level.
- Work in the business world or for a government agency as a researcher, analyst, information processor or in a wide variety of other capacities.
- Work in a public history setting, such as a museum, historic preservation agency, historic park.
- Continue on to graduate or advanced study to prepare for work as an attorney, a journalist, a museum curator, a librarian or an archivist, or to gain an advanced degree in history.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

The UW-Eau Claire department of history offers:

Majors

- History – liberal arts
- History – liberal arts, public history emphasis
- History – teaching

Minors

- History – liberal arts
- History – teaching

DEPARTMENT
SCHOLARSHIPS

- Herbert and Eleanor Sack Memorial Scholarship for incoming freshmen.
- Taminiaw-Warloski Memorial Scholarship for UW-Eau Claire students with sophomore standing or above who are majoring in history, art or music.
- Gary P. Friedli Memorial Scholarship for UW-Eau Claire students entering their junior year with a grade-point average of at least 3.0 and majoring in history.
- Butterfield Scholarship for junior history majors from Wisconsin planning on further work in history at the graduate level.
- History Department Scholarship for outstanding history major who has demonstrated success in history courses at UW-Eau Claire.

HIGH SCHOOL
PREPARATION

- Additional courses in English, social sciences and foreign language are helpful.
- Students are encouraged to participate in activities that will strengthen writing and critical-thinking skills and the ability to use computers effectively.
- 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

FRESHMAN COURSE WORK

Sample First Year

FALL SEMESTER

COURSE#	TITLE	CREDIT
Hist 124	World History to 1500	3
Engl 110	Introduction to College Writing	5
	Social Science, General Education elective	3
	Natural Science, General Education elective	3
	Humanities elective	3

SPRING SEMESTER

COURSE#	TITLE	CREDIT
Hist 125	World History since 1500	3
	Communications, General Education elective	3
	Social Science, General Education elective	3
	Natural Science, General Education elective	3
	Humanities elective	3

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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