



# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN TEACHING HISTORY/SOCIAL SCIENCE

## UW-EAU CLAIRE GRADUATE FACT SHEET

The master of science in teaching history/social science is designed for persons who are certified or eligible for certification to teach history at the high school, middle school or elementary level, and who wish to pursue additional graduate study work.

### DEGREE

The master of science in teaching is a 30- to 36-credit degree program designed for teachers already certified in Wisconsin who want additional instruction, research experience and advanced pedagogy in history.

### GOALS AND PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM

The purpose of the MST degree is to help students achieve the following goals:

- To acquire a greater knowledge of subject matter in history and the social sciences.
- To obtain a broader understanding of history and the social sciences.
- To learn to do research, make critical analyses, interpret facts and present material in written and oral forms.

### PREREQUISITES FOR ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM

- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution.
- A minimum of 24 semester credits of undergraduate history, with 30 semester credits recommended.
- An overall GPA of 3.0 or of 3.15 in the second half of all undergraduate work.

- Proof of certification or eligibility for certification to teach history/social studies at the high school or middle school level.

The department admits the best qualified applicants from a pool each year depending on available space in the program and its assessment of a student's potential for graduate work. Students normally are admitted from this pool for fall semester and should complete their applications by **March 1**. Students may occasionally be admitted for spring semester or the summer session if their qualifications and space in the program permit.

### PROFILE OF UW-EAU CLAIRE

Founded in 1916, UW-Eau Claire is a top-ranked liberal arts university set on a beautiful campus in the heart of Eau Claire. Approximately 10,000 undergraduate and **500 graduate students** take advantage of the university's innovative curriculum, personal attention and numerous research opportunities. UW-Eau Claire offers 80 undergraduate and **19 graduate degree programs**, which are organized into four colleges: College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, College of Education and Human Sciences and College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Students enjoy small class sizes taught by expert faculty members – not teaching assistants – and plentiful opportunities to engage in projects that promote critical thinking and prepare students to be engaged citizens and perceptive leaders.

### ADMISSION APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To apply to the master of science in teaching history/social science program, an applicant should submit the following documents by March 1:

- A completed graduate application form and submission of the application fee.
- Official transcripts from all postsecondary schools attended.
- A letter of intent from the prospective student, stating as precisely as possible the student's special area of interest in history as well as career goals and expectations.
- Three letters of recommendation from professionals who are familiar with the applicant's past work and potential to do graduate work. These letters also may be used for applying for graduate assistantships and fellowships.
- A research paper or a writing sample of about 10 pages in length.
- A copy of certification to teach.

Send materials to:  
Graduate Admissions  
UW-Eau Claire  
Schofield Hall 112  
Eau Claire WI 54702-4004

### FURTHER NOTES TO APPLYING STUDENTS

It is strongly recommended that a student have completed two years of foreign language study at the college level or its equivalent. It is further recommended that the language be related to the intended area of concentration. It is recommended that the student possess computer literacy skills beyond word processing.

The department occasionally may consider admission of a student whose grade-point average and/or other qualifications do not meet all those specified above, if there is convincing evidence that he/she is capable of performing satisfactory graduate work. Admission under these circumstances is conditional. Completion of nine hours of graduate work with a grade of B or better in each course and removal of all deficiencies will lead to full standing. Any such admissions assume the department has adequate staff with appropriate specialization to accommodate such students.

### **FINANCIAL AID**

The department does all that it can with limited funds to assist every qualified, admitted graduate student with financial assistance. In addition to helping students gain access to loans for graduate education, the department has offered the following types of financial aid:

- Graduate assistantships, worth up to \$7,150, that require the student to work up to 20 hours per week for the department.
- Graduate fellowships, worth \$1,000 per year, and no work requirement.
- Private research assistance employment, usually for department faculty members who have external research grants.

For graduate assistantships or fellowships, applications must be complete by March 1. You may download the Assistantship/Fellowship application at [www.uwec.edu/GradAdmiss/Finaid.doc](http://www.uwec.edu/GradAdmiss/Finaid.doc).

### **THE EAU CLAIRE ADVANTAGE**

- The department of history has been awarded nearly \$5 million in grants from the U.S. Department of Education and the National Endowment for the Humanities to fund programming and graduate fellowships for teachers.

- U.S. News & World Report magazine consistently ranks UW-Eau Claire among the top public regional universities in the Midwest in its annual America's Best Colleges guidebook.
- Four UW-Eau Claire professors have been recipients of Wisconsin Professor of the Year awards.
- UW-Eau Claire is a member institution of The Council of Graduate Schools and is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.
- UW-Eau Claire offers flexible graduate programs, such as the Community of Learners, a program in which education graduate students spend one weekend a month together for two years sharing experiences, research and teaching strategies.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

For further information about the master of science in teaching history/social science program, contact:

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**Graduate Program Director**

**Department of History**

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For general information about the campus and admission to a program, contact:

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