



# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN TEACHING HISTORY

## UW-EAU CLAIRE GRADUATE FACT SHEET

The master of science in teaching history is designed for applicants 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.

### GOALS AND PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM

The purposes of the MST degree are to help students in the following ways:

- Broaden and deepen their knowledge and understanding of history and techniques of historical research.
- Acquire an understanding of theoretical approaches to history and historiography.
- Apply their understanding of the historical complexity of the people, institutions, events and ideas that shape the world today.
- Comprehend the role of the history teacher in developing concerned and participating citizens.

### 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. Any deficiency in credits must be made up at the undergraduate level.
- An overall grade-point average of 3.0 or 3.15 in the second half of all undergraduate work.
- The applicant must show proof of certification or eligibility for certification to teach history at the high school or middle school level.

The history department admits the best qualified applicants from a pool each year depending on available space in the program and the department's assessment of an applicant's potential for graduate work. Students are normally admitted from this pool for fall semester and should have completed their applications by March 1 for fall admission. Applicants may occasionally be admitted on an ad hoc basis for any semester or the summer session when their qualifications and space in the program permits.

### 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 MST history 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 applicant'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

The department strongly recommends that applicants complete two semesters of foreign language study at the college level or its equivalent. The language should be related to the intended area of concentration.

The department occasionally may consider admission of a student

whose GPA 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 carry with them the responsibility 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**

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