



# EDUCATION - ELEMENTARY

## MIDDLE CHILDHOOD THROUGH EARLY ADOLESCENCE (OPTION A – AGES 6-13)

### UW-EAU CLAIRE UNDERGRADUATE FACT SHEET

#### INTRODUCTION

Teaching children and young adolescents is one of the most important and personally rewarding occupations in our society today. Becoming a successful elementary/middle level teacher requires hard work, creativity and responsibility. Teachers must understand the children they teach and their learning processes. They also must be able to use a variety of methods for presenting ideas and information to students.

#### WHY STUDY ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE EDUCATION?

- The middle childhood through early adolescence program leads to licensure to teach in elementary and middle level schools grade 1-8 in the state of Wisconsin as well as an additional licensure in a certifiable minor.
- 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 elementary and middle schools and their role in society.

#### CAREER OPTIONS

Following are just a few examples:

- Teach grades 1-8 in public or private schools.
- Teach and train employees such as sales representatives in businesses or industries.
- Work in public relations positions or child care settings.
- Work for child-related or other public social services agencies.
- Tutor children with special needs.
- Become a reading teacher or reading specialist (requires graduate level course work and

two years of successful teaching experience).

#### UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

UW-Eau Claire's department of curriculum and instruction offers the following majors and minors

##### Major

Middle Childhood through Early Adolescence (teaching in grades 1-8)

##### Minors

French  
General Science  
Language Arts  
Teaching English as a Second Language  
Mathematics  
Social Studies  
Learning Disabilities  
Library Science  
Spanish  
Theatre Arts

#### THE EAU CLAIRE ADVANTAGE

- UW-Eau Claire has earned an excellent reputation for the quality of its preparation of teachers, and its graduates are employed throughout Wisconsin and the United States.
- Our curriculum and instruction programs are accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

#### UW-EAU CLAIRE FACTS AT A GLANCE

- Location: Eau Claire, Wis.; city pop. 64,000, metro. pop. 151,000
- Fall 2005 enrollment: 10,549
- Undergraduates: 10,055
- Graduate students: 494
- International students: 140
- Multicultural students: 498
- Average men-women ratio: 2-to-3
- Students who spend at least a semester studying abroad: 20%
- Students doing undergraduate research with faculty/staff: 710+
- ACT composite average: 24
- Average high school rank: 78%
- Average class size: 29
- Faculty-student ratio: 1-to-20
- Computers-student ratio: 1-to-9
- Student organizations: 190+
- Walk across campus: About 10 minutes
- Nickname: Blugolds
- Colors: Navy and old gold

- Early in the program, students work in schools to become acquainted with the professional responsibilities associated with the profession and to examine their educational and career goals.
- An extended period of student teaching is required during a professional semester that allows students to put their book and classroom learning into practice.
- Instructional and information technology are well integrated throughout the program, providing for mastery of emergent tools and materials.
- Students can participate in overseas student teaching experiences sponsored by the Teacher Education Program in London as well as the Department of Defense Schools in different countries. Campus resources such as the Human Development Center and the children's literature collection help students become outstanding teachers.
- Student organizations, such as the Future Teacher's Club, Student Wisconsin Education Association and Kappa Delta Pi, provide extra social and learning opportunities for students in education.
- The Center for Collaborative Leadership involves students in planning events including an annual speaker series.

#### HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

- High school students are encouraged to develop their personal skills by tutoring, working on playgrounds or at summer camps, teaching in church schools, or 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

#### SPECIAL DEPARTMENT ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the UW-Eau Claire Teacher Education Program requires success in the university's pre-program. Admission to the pre-program requires passing the Praxis I test of math, reading and writing; and earning a 2.75 minimum GPA and a grade of C or higher in English 110.

#### FRESHMAN COURSE WORK

##### Sample First-Year Program

##### **FALL SEMESTER**

| <b>COURSE #</b> | <b>TITLE</b>                             | <b>CREDITS</b> |
|-----------------|--|----------------|
| Engl 110        | Introduction to College Writing          | 5              |
| Hist 201        | U.S. History to 1877                     | 3              |
| Art 106         | Introduction to the Visual Arts (Studio) | 2              |
| CJ 202          | Fundamentals of Speech                   | 3              |
| Phys 100        | Physical Science                         | 4              |

##### **SPRING SEMESTER**

| <b>COURSE #</b> | <b>TITLE</b>                                 | <b>CREDITS</b> |
|-----------------|--|----------------|
| Math 203        | Mathematics for Elementary/Middle Teachers I | 3              |
| Biol 100        | General Biology                              | 4              |
| Hist 101        | Western Civilization to 1660                 | 3              |
|                 | Physical Education                           | 1              |
| Pols 110        | American National Politics                   | 3              |
| Pols 203        | Supplement to 110 or 201                     | 1              |

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about UW-Eau Claire's programs in middle childhood through early adolescence contact:

#### **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

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Eau Claire, WI 54702-4004  
(715) 836-2013

Or check out the Web pages for curriculum and instruction at [www.uwec.edu/ci](http://www.uwec.edu/ci).

For general information about the campus including costs, housing, admission requirements and tours, contact:

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