



# ENGLISH

## UW-EAU CLAIRE UNDERGRADUATE FACT SHEET

English is a discipline devoted to the study of language, writing and literature that expresses ideas and represents the human condition. Through the study of English, UW-Eau Claire English majors expand their knowledge of the English language, learn to read with interpretive power and develop strong analytical and creative writing skills. Ultimately, the study of English gives students the tools to contribute to the world in which they live.

### WHY STUDY ENGLISH?

- Enjoy reading, writing about and discussing literature including novels, plays, poetry, short stories and films.
- Enhance your abilities to research effectively and communicate ideas clearly and forcefully.
- Prepare for graduate school or for a wide variety of career paths in fields such as writing, publishing, public relations, journalism, teaching, advertising, mass media and other areas requiring creativity and clear thinking.

### THE EAU CLAIRE ADVANTAGE

- Students coordinate and participate in the English department's annual festival, which highlights specific topics in English studies.
- Students can put their creative energies toward *NOTA*, the campus arts magazine, or toward other student publications.
- Students can interact with other English majors and gain leadership skills through the English honorary society, Sigma Tau Delta.
- Students can practice their communication skills, discuss technical topics and network with professional writers in our chapter

of the Student Society of Technical Editors and Writers (SSTEWE).

- Students can further their interests in the study of language by joining the Linguistics Club.
- Students have access to the Kate Gill Library, located in Hibbard Humanities Hall.
- Students have tutoring and employment opportunities through the English composition laboratory.
- Students have the opportunity to study international literature while spending a semester in one of 13 countries, including Great Britain, through the university's exchange programs.
- Students work alongside dedicated writers and scholars who put teaching first. UW-Eau Claire students, unlike those at many other public universities, are not

### 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

taught by teaching assistants.

- Students learn in small classes and benefit from individual attention. Faculty members often work with students outside the classroom through conferencing and by sponsoring independent studies and collaborative research projects.
- Students have opportunities to enjoy and learn from a variety of visiting writers and scholars.
- Students have ample opportunity to develop their word processing and desktop publishing skills because of UW-Eau Claire's impressive 1:9 computer to student ratio (a ratio that surpasses most national benchmarks).

### CAREER OPTIONS

- Teaching English at the secondary level; teaching at a two-year college.
- Entering graduate school in literature, linguistics, writing and education.
- Working as a librarian, reading specialist or school administrator.
- Working as a technical writer, creative writer or publisher.
- Pursuing careers and/or professional school in management, law, theory, advertising, public relations, customer service, real estate, media relations or any other related area demanding strong analytical, research and communication skills.

### UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

The UW-Eau Claire department of English offers:

#### Majors

- English – literature
- English – creative writing
- English – linguistics
- English – scientific and technical writing

- English – teaching, Early Adolescent and Adolescent (formerly grades 6-12)

**Comprehensive major (requires no minor)**

- English – teaching, Early Adolescent and Adolescent (formerly grades 6-12)

**Minors**

- English – literature
- English – teaching, Early Adolescent and Adolescent (formerly grades 6-12)
- Writing – scientific and technical
- Writing – creative

**HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION**

- An English major is a reader, a communicator, a researcher, an analyst, and an organizer of information; therefore, high school students preparing to study English should be involved in classes and activities that enhance and develop these characteristics.
- In addition to the four year high school program, students should consider advanced placement courses and other opportunities to study literature in elective courses.
- Personal reading and writing is also recommended along with extracurricular activities involving oral and written communication and analytical thinking.
- Since English is often a gateway to interdisciplinary learning, students should consider electives, or even a minor, in history, philosophy, the fine arts, journalism, psychology, social studies and political science.
- 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	CREDITS
Engl 110	Introduction to College Writing	5
Math 104, 106, 108 or 246		4
	Foreign language/general education course	4
	Humanities general education course	3

**SPRING SEMESTER**

COURSE#	TITLE	CREDITS
Engl 210	Introduction to Texts	5
	Foreign language/general education course	4
	Natural science general education course	3
	Social science general education course	3
	Physical education course	1

NOTE: English majors should consult with their faculty advisers as early as possible to build an effective plan for their specific program (i.e., teaching, literature, linguistics, writing).

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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

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For more information about campus including costs, housing, admission requirements and tours:

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