



# LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

## UW-EAU CLAIRE UNDERGRADUATE FACT SHEET

Global interdependence makes second language proficiency and cross-cultural understanding essential. Nations and individuals are increasingly linked via media, technology, travel and business. UW-Eau Claire Latin American studies students gain in-depth knowledge and understanding of the Latin American region, its people and cultures.

### WHY STUDY LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES?

- Latinos are the largest minority group in the United States.
- Prepare for a career in the fields of education, government, social services, international business, journalism, law and medicine.
- Recent events, such as NAFTA, and the significant Hispanic population in the United States will increase the demand for professionals who are proficient in the Spanish language and prepared to work with the people of Latin America in the United States and abroad.

### THE EAU CLAIRE ADVANTAGE

- The UW-Eau Claire Latin American studies major includes a semester session at the Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Studies in Mexico or at some other approved university in Latin America.
- Students may become involved with our Conference on Latin America, Latin American Studies Week, the International Folk Fair and the North Central Council of Latin Americanists.
- Students gain leadership skills and meet people with common interests through student groups such as the Latin American Studies Club, the Spanish Club and Sigma Delta Pi

(the National Hispanic Honor Society).

- Prestigious scholarships and awards such as the Hilda Belle Oxby or the Dagny Midelfort Book Award, recognize outstanding students.
- For little more than it costs to attend UW-Eau Claire, students study abroad in Chile, Costa Rica or Mexico.
- A new, innovative Language Resource Center, equipped with audio tapes, foreign language video programs received via satellite, foreign films and computer-assisted foreign language instruction, allows students to practice and improve their listening and speaking skills.

### 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

### CAREER OPTIONS

- Serve in a governmental agency (Peace Corps, Armed Forces, Foreign Service, etc.).
- Work in an international business firm or with corporations in cities with significant Spanish-speaking populations.
- Work in the travel industry.
- Teach Spanish in a secondary school.
- Continue your education for a master's or doctoral degree.

### UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

The Latin American studies program is a multidisciplinary program including the following majors/minors:

#### Comprehensive Majors (require no minor)

- Latin American Studies – liberal arts
- Latin American Studies – teaching\*

#### Standard Major

- Latin American Studies – liberal arts

#### Minor

- Latin American Studies – liberal arts

\*Leads to licensure to teach Spanish in grades 6-12.

### HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

- Students interested in the Latin American studies major are encouraged to successfully complete high school courses in English, public speaking, world civilization and Spanish.
- 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

### **COURSE WORK**

The Latin American studies major, which is a multidisciplinary program, includes extensive coursework in Spanish. Students also will take courses in Spanish culture and literature, as well as art history, economics, history and political science. Students in the comprehensive liberal arts major also may pursue relevant courses in anthropology, sociology, communications and journalism. Study abroad requirement  
Students in the Latin American studies program must spend a summer (for a minor) or a semester abroad (for a major) in an approved program in Mexico, Costa Rica, Chile or elsewhere in Latin America.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

For more information about UW-Eau Claire's programs in Latin American studies, contact:

#### **FOREIGN LANGUAGES**

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

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