



# MUSIC

## UW-EAU CLAIRE UNDERGRADUATE FACT SHEET

Throughout history, the study of music has been regarded as one of the noblest pursuits of humanity. Music integrates and develops an understanding of our intellect, our emotions and our senses. As such, it is a personal and universal art. At the university level, musical study emphasizes the development of skills, concepts and sensitivity essential to the professional life of the musician. Whether a professional performer, composer or teacher, the musician must exhibit the technical knowledge of music and music literature, sensitivity in musical style and an insight into the role and effect of music in society. Courses for the university student provide an environment which promotes a broad intellectual and cultural appreciation of music.

### WHY STUDY MUSIC?

- The enjoyment, attitudes and values gained from the arts will allow you to live a richer, fuller life.
- As a music major, you will develop a variety of skills including teamwork, leadership, independence, communication and self-discipline – skills highly valued by employers in a wide range of fields.
- In addition to technical and analytical skills, the study of music, particularly in a liberal arts setting, allows you to gain a deeper understanding of human expression and the artistic process.

### THE EAU CLAIRE ADVANTAGE

- UW-Eau Claire has the largest undergraduate program in the UW System.
- The music department is an accredited institutional member of

the National Association of Schools of Music.

- Music at UW-Eau Claire has been recognized for its high quality in national publications, including *Money* magazine and *Down Beat* magazine.
- Students have access to outstanding theater facilities including Kjer Theatre, a 400-seat proscenium theater; Riverside Theatre, a 200-seat thrust stage; and Gantner Hall, a 600-seat concert hall; as well as rehearsal rooms, a practice room suite and a MIDI computer laboratory.
- UW-Eau Claire has an outstanding level of musical performance including more than 125 concerts and recitals presented each year by student soloists, student ensembles, faculty artists and guest

### 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

artists, providing students with endless opportunities to hear and participate in high-quality music.

- Several UW-Eau Claire ensembles have acquired national and international reputations, and many regularly present concerts off campus in regional or international tours.
- Unlike many other public universities, classes are not taught by teaching assistants. Students work alongside professors who inspire learning.
- Small classes, individual attention.

### CAREER OPTIONS

- Professional performer as a soloist or with an ensemble
- Composer, arranger, or conductor
- Music teacher in elementary or secondary schools
- Music teacher in colleges or universities
- Church musician
- Music librarian

### UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

The UW-Eau Claire department of music and theatre arts offers the following programs in music:

#### Majors

- Bachelor of Music
  - Performance
  - Composition
  - Music Theory
- Bachelor of Music Education
  - Instrumental Music
  - Choral Music
- Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in Music
- Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in Music History

#### Minor

- Music

#### Certificate program

- Fine Arts Administration

## Special department admission requirements

Students are required to successfully complete an audition for instrument or voice and a piano placement examination prior to enrolling as a music major or minor. Auditions are given on selected Saturdays, typically during November, February and April. Applicants may schedule an audition by contacting the department of music and theatre arts. An online Audition Scheduling Form is available at [www.uwec.edu/mus-the](http://www.uwec.edu/mus-the). Applicants are asked to complete and return the form prior to the audition date selected. Applicants to the music major or minor program also must apply to and be accepted into the university. Because the faculty wants to maximize the students' potential for success, music is a selective admission program.

## Scholarship information

Freshman music majors are eligible for scholarships which are based on musical ability. All music applicants are considered for scholarships during the admission audition.

## Course work

All undergraduate music majors complete a core of coursework in music theory, music history and literature, and conducting. Additionally, all music majors study an instrument or voice and participate in an ensemble throughout their degree programs. Instruction is offered in all instrumental areas and voice, and large and small ensembles offer opportunities to study diverse styles and traditions of music. Many music students take the following courses during their first year.

- Written and aural theory
- Introductory music literature course
- Private lessons in an instrument or voice
- Music ensemble
- Group piano, if needed
- General electives

## HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

- 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

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the music program:

### MUSIC AND THEATRE ARTS

Haas Fine Arts Center  
156 UW-Eau Claire  
Eau Claire, WI 54702-4004  
715-836-4954  
[www.uwec.edu/mus-the](http://www.uwec.edu/mus-the)

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

### ADMISSIONS

Schofield Hall 112  
UW-Eau Claire  
Eau Claire, WI 54702-4004  
715-836-5415  
[admissions@uwec.edu](mailto:admissions@uwec.edu)  
[www.uwec.edu/admissions](http://www.uwec.edu/admissions)



Experience the Eau Claire Advantage.