



# PHILOSOPHY

## UW-EAU CLAIRE UNDERGRADUATE FACT SHEET

Philosophy is the disciplined and critical inquiry into fundamental questions of human existence – What is the nature of reality? What is knowledge? Does God exist? Is my will free? What is the difference between right and wrong? What is the relation between the mind and the body? What is the meaning of life? – to name a few. Philosophers use reason and argument in the attempt to answer these questions. The UW-Eau Claire philosophy major is designed to provide students with a working knowledge of reflective methods that can be applied to other areas of interest. A minor in philosophy complements other majors such as business or journalism and reinforces the issues involved in other fields.

### WHY STUDY PHILOSOPHY?

- The major is an excellent background for graduate study in a variety of areas. In fact, philosophy majors consistently score in the highest percentile of the LSAT, GMAT and GRE exams.
- In addition to preparing students to become philosophers, the study of philosophy also will lead you to a variety of fields including law, journalism, publishing, ministry, government, teaching, medicine, business and public health.
- As a philosophy major, you'll develop strong analytical and synthetic reasoning skills along with problem solving and organizational abilities that will make you extremely valuable to employers in the 21st century.
- It can broaden your intellectual horizons and enhance your capacity for self-expression.

### THE EAU CLAIRE ADVANTAGE

- The faculty of the department of philosophy and religious studies is of a high caliber. It includes professors who graduated from Cambridge, Iowa, Stanford, Vanderbilt, Syracuse, Minnesota, Northwestern and Marquette Universities.
- The advanced courses in the department are small and personable, between 20 and 25 students, providing many opportunities for one-on-one learning.
- The department has a Philosophy Club, a student organization that meets during the semester and sponsors a number of talks and presentations by students and faculty.

### 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

- Introductory-level and advanced students have the opportunity to publish articles in the department's journal, Prism.
- Students can gain credit(s) in apprenticeship courses within the department, the most popular being the teaching apprenticeship courses. They also can work as student interns assisting in a high school class in philosophy taught at Eau Claire Memorial High School.
- UW-Eau Claire classes, unlike those at many other public universities, are not taught by teaching assistants. Students work alongside interesting professors who inspire learning.

### CAREER OPTIONS

- Business – advertising executive, investment broker, bank officer, development manager, computer services.
- Education – admissions or alumni representative, researcher, educational tester, teaching, college administrator.
- Law/Government – congressional staff member, diplomat, policy analyst, planning consultant, city manager or planner, U.N. official.

### UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

The The UW-Eau Claire department of philosophy and religious studies (see separate Fact Sheet on the religious studies major) offers:

#### Majors

- Philosophy – liberal arts
- Religious Studies – liberal arts

#### Minors

- Philosophy – liberal arts

## **HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION**

- While in high school, students are encouraged to successfully complete courses in English composition, public speaking, social sciences, history, mathematics, foreign languages and psychology.
- 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**

In addition to a variety of general education courses, the department would like students to complete Phil 101 (Basic Philosophy), Phil 235 (Ancient Philosophy) or one general course in philosophy before taking upper level courses.

- Phil 101 Introduction to Philosophy
- Phil 120 Moral Problems in Contemporary Life
- Phil 150 Introduction to Logic
- Phil 235 Ancient Philosophy
- Phil 236 Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy
- Phil 335 Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Philosophy

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

For more information about UW-Eau Claire's programs in philosophy and religious studies, contact:  
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