



PRE-LAW

UW-EAU CLAIRE UNDERGRADUATE FACT SHEET

UW-Eau Claire's pre-professional study programs prepare you to transfer to another institution for the completion of a professional degree or prepare you for graduate study after obtaining a bachelor's degree. Because the specific requirements of professional schools vary considerably, you should obtain current catalogues from the schools in which you are interested. A pre-professional adviser at UW-Eau Claire will then help you plan an appropriate curriculum.

Pre-Law program

The UW-Eau Claire pre-law program is not a major, but includes a selection of courses that will satisfy the general education requirements at UW-Eau Claire and prepare you for the law school admissions test and law school. A career in law requires a bachelor's degree in a major of your choice, followed by a three-year program in law school. You should declare the pre-law designation with the political science department chair so that you can be assigned to a pre-law adviser.

You should choose a major and minor of interest to you and also keep an alternative career plan in mind. You may wish to consider the comprehensive political science major with legal studies emphasis or the topical pre-law minor. Your pre-law adviser will help you choose an appropriate major and minor once you have sampled a variety of courses from different departments.

Placement

UW-Eau Claire graduates fare very well in seeking admission into law school. UW-Eau Claire places several students each year into UW-Madison. In addition, graduates regularly attend

the University of Minnesota, Hamline University, William Mitchell and Marquette. Other recent graduates have attended Indiana University, Boston University, Chicago-Kent, Drake, Northwestern, Northern Illinois and Southern Illinois.

THE EAU CLAIRE ADVANTAGE

- Many students select UW-Eau Claire because of its excellent reputation, comfortable size, convenient location and lower cost.
- Class sizes for beginning courses at UW-Eau Claire are typically much smaller than those at larger universities, and courses are taught exclusively by faculty members – not graduate assistants.
- Each pre-law student is assigned an adviser who is a faculty member

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

in the political science department. These advisers provide individualized attention to students and are available to answer questions about law programs, courses and other concerns. They also have up-to-date information on the admission requirements of local law schools.

- The high quality of the university's liberal arts education provides students a cultural awareness and breadth of knowledge that graduate and professional schools find desirable.

HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

- Students who plan to pursue a degree in law should take additional courses to improve writing skills, reading comprehension and analytical reasoning. These skills are most important for success in the pre-law program.
- 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

Econ 103	Principles in Microeconomics	3
Pols 110	American National Politics	3
Math competency course		4

SPRING SEMESTER

COURSE#	TITLE	CREDITS
Engl 201	Advanced College Writing	3
Econ 104	Principles in Macroeconomics	3
Natural science general education elective		4
Phil 150	Logic I	3
Hist 201	United States History to 1877	3

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about UW-Eau Claire's program in pre-law, contact:

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