



# RELIGIOUS STUDIES

## UW-EAU CLAIRE UNDERGRADUATE FACT SHEET

Religious studies centers on the distinctively religious aspects of life in a wide range of cultural and historical settings. Through lively classroom discussions, research projects, independent apprenticeship courses and directed studies, students study the meaning of religion and gain knowledge about world religions including tribal traditions, Western religions, Indian religions and Far Eastern religions.

### WHY STUDY RELIGIOUS STUDIES?

- Gain deeper insights into the way people think, feel and act.
- An excellent background if you're considering religious ministries or the field of religious education.
- Excellent preparation for educators and for graduate study in a wide range of fields. Philosophy and religious studies majors consistently earn top scores on the LSAT and GRE exams and go on to study in first-rate graduate and professional programs.
- A rich preparation for careers that require special knowledge, sensitivity and skills in relating to people of various cultures.

### 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, Stanford, Vanderbilt, Syracuse, Iowa, Minnesota, Northwestern and Marquette Universities.
- Advanced courses in the department are small and personable with between 20 and 25 students, providing many opportunities for one-on-one learning.

- 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.
- 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.
- The department has a Religious Studies Club and a chapter of the Religious Studies Honors Society – Theta Alpha Kappa.

### 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

- Teacher – teach religious studies in schools, colleges and higher education institutions.
- Minister of Religion – minister to the spiritual and social needs of people.
- Community Worker – assist and advise clients with social problems.
- Counselor – counsel people with personal problems and help them discover more positive ways of living.
- Personnel Manager – give advice on the use of human resources and of policies for employee planning, recruitment and selection.

### UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

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

#### Majors

- Philosophy – liberal arts
- Religious Studies – liberal arts

#### Minors

- Religious Studies – liberal arts
- 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, we encourage religious studies majors to take one or two of the following courses during their first year, starting with Rels 100 or 210:

- Rels 100, Introduction to the Religions of the World
- Rels 110, Basic Issues in Religion
- Rels 210, Religion and Morality
- Rels 230, Old Testament/Hebrew Bible
- Rels 240, New Testament

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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