



SOCIOLOGY

UW-EAU CLAIRE UNDERGRADUATE FACT SHEET

Sociology is the study of social causes and consequences of human behavior. Students in sociology explore inter-group relationships, social change, urban and rural life, contemporary social issues and social movements.

WHY STUDY SOCIOLOGY?

- Gain a deeper understanding of contemporary issues such as the causes and consequences of social inequality, family patterns and relationships, demographic changes, crime and delinquency, and the role of race, class and gender in society.
- Prepare for graduate study and/or administrative positions in nonprofit settings, businesses, social service agencies or hospitals to work with people in areas such as family, employment, aging, administration of justice or health services.
- Learn about various cultures and societies around the world to enhance understanding of intercultural and international issues.

THE EAU CLAIRE ADVANTAGE

- The on-campus Sociology Organization for Students (SOS) sponsors numerous opportunities for student involvement.
- In the spring, qualifying sociology majors may apply for the Albert and Marie Blumenthal Sociology Scholarship, which is worth approximately \$800.
- Students can participate in the Rowan Student Paper Competition, which is open to all department majors and minors. Monetary awards are made to the winners.
- Field practicum opportunities allow students to complete internships in

private or public organizations under the supervision of faculty and agency representatives.

- Unlike many other public universities, classes are not taught by teaching assistants. Students work along-side interesting professors who inspire learning.
- Small classes, individual attention.

CAREER OPTIONS

- Work in a nonprofit agency administering programs, assessing the programmatic needs of a community and writing grants to fund needed programs.
- Work as a personnel/human resource manager, advising on policies related to the use of human resources including employee training, recruitment and promotion.
- Work as a community worker,

assessing the social needs of an area and encourage community action to improve quality of life.

- Work for a social service agency as a vocational assistant or job coach.
- Teach in secondary schools.
- Analyze demographic data for the Census Bureau.
- Work in the administration of educational, health or recreational organizations.
- Conduct social research for public or private agencies.
- Work in sales or marketing.
- Work as a research technician for the federal government in sectors such as the Labor Department, Health and Human Services or the National Park Service.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

The UW-Eau Claire department of sociology offers:

Majors

- Sociology – liberal arts
- Sociology – middle/secondary teaching

Minors

- Sociology – liberal arts
- Sociology – middle/secondary teaching

Multidisciplinary programs

The department has administrative responsibility for a multidisciplinary family studies minor and contributes to the following multidisciplinary programs: criminal justice major, women's studies minor and gerontology minor.

HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

- Students planning to enter a degree program in sociology are encouraged to do well in English, mathematics, social sciences, history and contemporary world

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

issues. Writing and communicative abilities are especially important.

- 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

If you plan to major or minor in sociology, take Sociology 101, Introduction to Sociology, as soon as possible as it is required for both programs and is a prerequisite for most other sociology courses. Other required courses for liberal arts sociology majors include:

- Soc 331, Sociological Data Analysis (fall semester only)
- Soc 332, Methods of Social Research (spring semester only)
- Soc 344, Sociological Theory
- Soc 490, Sociology Capstone

Liberal arts majors typically take seven sociology elective courses. The elective courses are varied and examine topics such as race and ethnic relations, women's and men's roles and experiences in society, social class issues, marriages, families and relationships, and demography.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about UW-Eau Claire's programs in sociology, contact:

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