



THEATRE ARTS

UW-EAU CLAIRE UNDERGRADUATE FACT SHEET

Theatre arts studies human ideas, values, relationships, obsessions and accomplishments. The arts of the theater – acting, directing, playwriting, stagecraft, design, literature, costuming, makeup and lighting – enable students to explore the cosmic experiences of man in the universe. Through practical experimentation and practicing the theater arts, students at UW-Eau Claire enhance their ability to present the experience of human beings to audiences – for entertainment and for enlightenment.

WHY STUDY THEATRE ARTS?

- Receive training in various aspects of theater including technical theater, acting, directing, dance, dramatic literature, playwriting, oral interpretation and arts management.
- Enhance your oral and written communication skills and creative problem solving abilities, which are in high demand by employers in a variety of fields.

THE EAU CLAIRE ADVANTAGE

- Students can put their ideas and creative talent to work during the school year in a variety of theater projects including four or five major productions, two theater for young audiences productions, and 20-30 annual student productions, ranging from classics to contemporary works.
- Students have access to outstanding theater facilities including Kjer Theatre, a 400-seat proscenium theatre; Riverside Theatre, a 200-seat thrust stage; and Gantner Hall, a 600-seat concert hall.

- Student theater technicians work in two fully equipped wood/plastics/metals shops.
- A modern costume shop provides costumes for most productions, and the department maintains an extensive costume design collection.
- The department has four named endowments, which offer scholarships to new and continuing theatre arts students.
- Unlike many other public universities, classes are not taught by teaching assistants. Students work alongside interesting professors who inspire learning.
- Small classes, individual attention.

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

- Actor/actress in theatre, film or television
- Theatre teacher
- Scriptwriter
- Casting agent
- Costume designer
- Set, lighting or prop designer
- Director
- Technical director
- Stage manager
- Marketing or public relations professional

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

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

Majors

- Theatre Arts – Liberal Arts*
- Theatre Arts – Teaching*
- Theatre Arts – Liberal Arts

Minors

- Dance – Liberal Arts
- Theatre Arts – Liberal Arts
- Theatre Arts – Middle Childhood Early Adolescence Teaching
- Theatre Arts – Early Adolescence/ Adolescence Teaching

Certificate program

- Fine Arts Administration

*comprehensive major; requires no minor

HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

- Students planning to enroll in theatre programs at UW-Eau Claire are encouraged to successfully complete courses in English composition and public speaking. They also should be involved in school or community theater productions – on stage or behind the scenes.

- 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

Study in the department advances the student's development and practical application of knowledge, theory and skills. Courses explore areas such as:

- Stagecraft and play production
- Stage lighting
- Voice and diction
- Theatre history
- Stage makeup
- Costume history and design
- Acting and directing
- Oral interpretation of literature, poetry and prose
- Historical and modern drama and theater

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

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