

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

GRADUATE STUDIES

2007-08 Spring Semester, Issue 3



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES:

DATES	
Jan. 22	Classes Begin
March 17-24	Spring Break
March 28	Written Comprehensive Exam, 8am-12pm
May 12-16	Final Exams Week
May 17	Commencement
DEADLINES	
Jan. 25	Applications for May Graduation
Jan. 25	Applications to take the Written Comp. Exam
March 1	Applications for Graduate Assistantships/Fellowships
May 7	Oral Examinations

This is an exciting time for graduate studies at UW-Eau Claire. As part of the university-wide strategic planning process, we have been having several discussions among our graduate faculty and staff about new ideas. We have had some suggestions for entirely new graduate degree programs, for new student support efforts like a second graduate student recruitment fair or an orientation program for all new graduate students, and special presentations on topics such as responsible conduct of research. Perhaps you have an idea as well? If so, we'd love to hear it, so let us know! Your graduate experience at UW-Eau Claire is largely what you make of it. You can be heavily involved, or just passing through. We hope you'll choose the former. Nancy and I are eager to hear from you on any topic of your choosing. Please take advantage of us, and have a great Spring semester.

Andrew T. Phillips, Interim Dean of Graduate Studies

2008/09 GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP & FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE BY MARCH 1

Please be aware that assistantships and fellowships are not automatically renewable from one academic year to the next. You must reapply for subsequent academic years by submitting an application by the March 1 priority deadline, with your application considered on a competitive basis. If you would like to reuse your letters of recommendation that were previously submitted, you are allowed to do so, just make this clear on your application. The March 1 deadline

May 8	Submission of (2) Unbound Copies of Thesis or Research Paper to Graduate Dean
May 29	Bound Copies of Thesis or Research Paper to Dean

also pertains to the Advanced Opportunity Program (AOP) Fellowships for the 2008-09 academic year.

The Application for Graduate Assistantship and/or Fellowship form may be downloaded from the following website: <http://www.uwec.edu/admissions/graduate/fininfo.htm>. If you have any questions about the application process, please contact Graduate Studies.

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Did You Know?

There is a new study lounge for graduate students and nontraditional students? It is called the Oasis Room, and it is located in Davies Center 127.

There is also a study lounge in the library for graduate and nontraditional students. Just go to the front desk of the library and request the combination for Room 5029. You may be asked to show your Blugold ID card.

For more information on Nontraditional Student Services: <http://www.uwec.edu/Advising/nss/>

2008 THESIS OF THE YEAR

Molly Barnes Nowlan, an August 2007 graduate from the MA-English program, has received the "2008 Thesis of the Year" award. Dean Phillips has also recommended Molly's thesis to the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools (MAGS) for their Distinguished Thesis of the Year. Molly will be presenting her thesis on Wednesday, April 30, from 1:00-2:00pm in the 2nd floor breezeway of the library.

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WHY ARE THERE STILL "PR'S" ON MY TRANSCRIPT?

Students often inquire as to why their thesis (or Research Paper) credits appear to still be in progress ("PR") even after they have submitted their thesis/paper. Since grades are not received for these credits, the "PR" will always remain on your transcript. However, once the bound copies have been submitted to Graduate Studies, a completion date will be noted on your transcript, which will appear as:

Month-date-year COMPLETED THESIS
DEPT 799 TITLE AVAIL-REGIST # of credits

If you should encounter a problem with an employer doubting your completion, please have them contact the Office of Graduate Studies.