

Graduate Studies

2006-2007
SPRING SEMESTER

IMPORTANT DATES

- Jan. 22—Classes Begin
- March 19-23—Spring Break
- March 30—Written Comprehensive Examination
- April 6—No Classes
- May 14-18—Final Exams Week
- May 19—Commencement

DEADLINES

- Jan. 26—Application for Spring Semester Graduation
- Jan. 26—Application to take the Written Comprehensive Exam
- March 1—Application for Graduate Assistantships/Fellowships
- May 9—Last Day for Oral Examinations
- May 10—Deadline for submission of (2) unbound copies of Thesis or Research Paper to Graduate Dean
- May 31—Bound Theses Due



Congratulations Laura!

Theses submitted in Fall 2006, Spring 2007, and Summer 2007 will be eligible for the 2008 thesis competition. Nominations will be due around November 1, 2007.

WELCOME BACK!

Happy New Year! We hope that you had a nice holiday break and that you are ready to dive into a new semester. We thought we would kick-start the spring semester with our first Graduate Studies newsletter. The purpose of this e-newsletter is to keep students and faculty apprised of upcoming deadlines and other important announcements. We are experimenting with the best format for the newsletter, so we would appreciate any feedback about readability from different browsers, especially from those of you who are viewing the newsletter from off-campus. If this is a problem, we will change the format for the next letter. Thank you.

2007-08 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 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 note on your Assistantship/Fellowship application. The March 1 deadline also pertains to the Advanced Opportunity Program (AOP) Fellowships for the 2007-08 academic year.

The Application for Graduate Assistantship and/or Fellowship form can be found at the bottom of the following website: <http://www.uwec.edu/admissions/graduate/fininfo.htm>

If you have any questions about the application process, please contact Graduate Studies.

PLANNING TO GRADUATE SOON?

If you are planning to graduate this semester, please be sure to apply for graduation by January 26, 2007.

You now have the option of applying online via MyBlugold. Just go to UW-Eau Claire's homepage (www.uwec.edu) and select "MyBlugold (Insider)" under "Current Students." Click "OK" to the security alert notice. You will then be prompted to enter your UWEC username and password. Select the "My Info" tab and look for "Application for Graduation" under "My Academic Info." You may also apply for future terms, such as this summer and next fall.

You may still opt to submit a hard copy of the Application for Graduation, but you do NOT need to do both.



DID YOU KNOW?

There is a study lounge in the library reserved just for graduate students!

Just go to the front desk of the library and request the combination for the graduate study lounge on 5th floor (Room 5029). You may be asked to show your UWEC Blugold ID card. Please use it, so we don't lose it!

HAVE YOUR "HURD" WHO WON THE THESIS OF THE YEAR?

If you haven't already heard, the winner of the thesis of the year was Laura Hurd! Laura A. Hurd, a May 2006 graduate of the Master of Science - Communication Sciences & Disorders program, recently received UW-Eau Claire's 2007 Distinguished Master's Thesis award. Laura's thesis, "A Comparison of Language Production, Language Comprehension, and Cognitive Functioning in Identical Twins with Williams Syndrome," was nominated by her thesis adviser, Dr. Kristine Retherford. Laura has a personal interest in her research findings because she has sisters diagnosed with Williams Syndrome.

If you would like to hear more about Laura's thesis, she will be presenting at an open session on Wednesday, April 25, 2007, from 2:00-2:50pm, in the Potawatomi Room of Davies Center. Please join us in congratulating Laura. Refreshments will be served.

Each year the graduate faculty are invited to submit nominations for exceptional quality theses for this award. In addition, the winner of this award is then nominated to the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools (MAGS) thesis competition by the Graduate Dean.

WHAT NEXT?!?

Have you ever wondered, Where can I find this form? When is this due? or What's next? If so, here are some recommendations:

- Consult with your program adviser, thesis adviser, or program director.
- Check the Graduate Studies website. Most of the forms that you will need can be found on our website under "Forms/Documents." Just download the form, type online, print, and submit to your program adviser or Office of Graduate Studies.
- Check your Graduate Studies newsletter for answers!
- Call, email, or stop by the Office of Graduate Studies. We would be glad to help!

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