

Answers to General Questions

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How do I...

...get involved in *campus life*?

Each residence hall has a Hall or Community Council. This is a great place to begin your involvement. Each Hall Council meets weekly. Ask your RA for more information. On September 10th, there will be an activity called the Blugold Organizations Bash (BOB). This will help introduce students to the activities the campus has to offer.

...check my personal *email*?

Each resident has his or her own email account through [webmail](#). Your default password will be uwec?XXXX. You will receive your four-digit PIN at Orientation this summer. It is important not to lose this number; it will be needed to access all personal information.

...find ways to get a *ride home*?

There are [ride boards](#) in Davies Center. Students can sign up for rides with others who are also going to their area of destination, while other students going in that direction can find riders in order to save money on gas.

...add money to my *Blugold account*?

There are several Value Transfer Stations on campus where you can add cash to your [Blugold account](#) or [meal plan account](#). If you wish to add money to your account with a check, you can do this at the Service Desk located in [Davies Center](#).

...learn to use the *library*?

Library tours will be offered during CUBEfest. Please let your RA know if you are interested in participating in a tour. If you are enrolled in English 110, you will also be given a tour of the [Library](#) at the beginning of your class. Don't forget, you will need your Blugold Card to check out books.

Should I bring a *bike*?

Bringing your bike to campus is a matter of personal preference. There are many beautiful trails to bike on in Eau Claire. There are also places to lock your bike on campus. If you choose to bring your bike, Housing & Residence Life provides an [online bike registration service](#).

Should I bring a *car*?

On campus parking permits are awarded by lottery. Very few freshmen qualify for a permit. Non-permit parking areas are very limited. Most students have found it not necessary to have a car on campus. The Eau Claire City Bus Service is free to all students with an active University ID card. Bus routes cover the entire city. Refer to the [Clean Commute Initiative letter](#) and brochure included with your hall and room assignment.

Where do I get my PIN to access email and other personal information?

You will receive your email address and personal security code during Orientation. You will need this code in order to register for classes during Orientation. Please contact the [Registrar's Office](#) if you forget or lose your Personal Identification Number. A photo ID will be required to get your PIN.

Where can I go if I get sick?

Part of each student's segregated fees covers costs at [Student Health Service](#). Staff will see students by appointment when school is in session. [UWEC Student Senate](#) also provides access to student health insurance. For more information about health insurance, call 715/836-4646.

Where can I get a checking/savings account?

You may use a bank at home or one of the banks near campus. You'll need a checking/savings account for direct deposit of paychecks if you're employed anywhere on campus.

Where can I get a job?

Many offices on campus hire federally and non-federally funded students for a wide variety of positions. Apply early! Housing and Residence Life employs students for front desk reception, security staff, maintenance, help desk/computer labs and upholstery crew positions. [Applications](#) for these positions are available at your residence hall front desk as well as in the [Housing and Residence Life Office, Towers 112](#).

Where do I find information about financial aid?

The [Financial Aid Office](#) is located in Schofield 115.

When...

should I start planning in order to study abroad?

Many students find it necessary to start planning to study abroad as early as their freshman year so that they still have general education credits to take while abroad. Talk to the [Study Abroad Office](#) for more information.

do I get my books?

You can pick up your books from the [University Bookstore](#) during these times: **8/24-8/28** (7:30am-4:30pm); **8/29** (11am-3pm); **8/30** (11am-3pm); **8/31-9/4** (7:30am-7pm); **9/5** (11am-3pm)

Important Numbers:

Dean of Students: 715/836-5626
Health Service: 715/836-4311
Parking Office: 715/836-2002
Financial Aid: 715/836-3373