Admission

All persons who wish to pursue a degree program at the University must file the following documentation with the Admissions Office, Schofield 111: an application for admission and any specific application fee, an official high school transcript, test scores (when applicable), and official transcript(s) of all previous post-secondary work attempted. Priority dates for applications are established each year. Contact the Admissions Office for information.

PREPARATION FOR UNIVERSITY STUDY

A successful University experience depends upon the student’s high school preparation. The course work chosen should include at least the maximum number of subjects selected from English, both composition and literature; foreign language; mathematics, with algebra, geometry, plus an additional college preparatory course; natural science; history, and other social studies. Students are strongly encouraged to take a mathematics class in the senior year.

Some high school courses may not satisfy University admission requirements for college preparatory academic course work. For information on applicability of high school courses to admissions requirements, contact the Admissions Office.

ADMISSION OF FRESHMEN

Freshman admission is competitive and selective. Academic preparation and success are the primary considerations for admission, although non-academic factors are also considered. Each application for admission is given a comprehensive review. Freshman applicants are considered using the following guidelines:

I. Applicants must present evidence of graduation from a recognized high school or equivalent certificate.
   A. A recognized high school is one which either (1) is operated by public school districts, or (2) is a private school accredited by an association that is certified by the U.S. Department of Education to accredit private schools, and those whose names appear in the Federal Register as an approved accreditation association, or (3) is a private school not accredited under (2) but may be “recognized” by an institution in the System based on the performance of previously admitted graduates from the high school.
   B. An applicant who has not graduated from a recognized high school must provide evidence of ability to begin college work. Such evidence may include General Education Development (GED) test scores or High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED) test scores, transcripts of course work completed in high school, high school rank-in-class before leaving high school, written recommendations, ACT/SAT test scores, and other evidence deemed appropriate by the University. High school equivalency applicants may not normally be enrolled unless they are a minimum of two years past their expected date of high school graduation.

II. Applicants should complete a rigorous college preparatory curriculum. Applicants who take courses beyond the minimum will be considered strong candidates for admission. Applicants must complete a minimum of 17 high school units (one unit equals one year of study)** distributed as follows:

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<th>Subject</th>
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<td>English (at least three composition and literature)</td>
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<td>Mathematics (algebra, geometry, advanced college preparatory math*)</td>
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<td>Natural Science</td>
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<td>Social Science (one must be world or American history)</td>
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<td><strong>Foreign Language (in a single foreign language)</strong></td>
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<td>Additional course work in any of the above areas, and art, music, speech, computer science, or other academic areas.</td>
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<td>17**</td>
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*In almost all high school curricula, algebra II or higher/advanced algebra is the third college preparatory mathematics course required.
**Students who begin taking high school course work prior to high school (e.g., mathematics, foreign language) must still present a total of 15 academic credits (English, mathematics, natural science, social science, and foreign language) in grades 9-12.

III. In addition to a rigorous high school curriculum, academic factors include high school class rank, high school GPA, trends in grades, and test scores. Secondary non-academic factors may include, but are not necessarily limited to, leadership, community service; achievement in the arts, athletics, or other areas; and diversity in personal background and experience.

Official test scores from The American College Testing Program (ACT) or Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) must be on file for all new freshmen under the age of 22. ACT is the preferred test. Students will not be disadvantaged in the admission process by taking one test rather than the other.

IV. Students may be considered for conditional admission during the spring semester only. Students successfully meeting University requirements at the end of the conditional period will be continued for the following semester as a student in good standing. To be considered for conditional admission, students must have been out of high school for at least two years or a minimum of two years past their expected date of high school graduation.

V. Particular consideration in admission will be given to applicants who have been out of school for two or more years; service veterans, as defined by state and federal policies; and students who have been challenged by a lack of educational opportunities.

VI. Requirements for out-of-state students will be the same as those of resident students, except that special requirements may be adopted for international applicants. If the number of qualified out-of-state students exceeds the ability of UW-Eau Claire to accommodate them, the University shall determine the criteria for selection from among qualified applicants.

VII. Final admission requires that students maintain their high school academic standing and successfully complete course work in progress as outlined on the application. The final (eighth semester) official transcript provided by the high school provides the required certification that the applicant has fulfilled this obligation. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that the proper supporting documents have been delivered to the Admissions Office.

COMPETENCY-BASED ADMISSIONS

High school students from schools that use a competency-based evaluation system may be considered for admission. High schools that use an alternative system such as this must complete the UW System Competency-Based Admission Profile. Contact the Admissions Office for additional information on the process and procedure.

ADMISSION OF HOME-SCHOoled STUDENTS

Home-schooled students seeking admission as freshmen must have excelled academically in high school course work. They must have completed the minimum array of 17 units of rigorous college preparatory course work. Academic preparation and success are the primary considerations for admission, although non-academic factors are also considered. Each application for admission is given a comprehensive review.

EARLY ADMISSION OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The University offers admission to exceptionally qualified high school students who will have completed the 10th grade by the time they will enroll at UW-Eau Claire. Such students must provide evidence of academic ability, motivation, and self-discipline necessary to engage in university-level study.

Admission requirements:
- Rank in the top 10 percent of their high school class or have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.75 or higher
- ACT composite score of 28 or higher with 25 or higher in all subscores (or equivalent scores from the SAT)
- Permission of parent(s) or guardian(s)