

Academic Policy Review  
 UW-Eau Claire and UW-Barron County

Process: A subset of the Student Information System Implementation Advisory Board (Carney, Hoffman, Manning) and Heather Pearson (Admissions) reviewed the following policies at UW-Eau Claire and UW Colleges with two criteria in mind:

- 1) No policy should be changed or adopted that would disadvantage access or opportunity for students at Barron County.
- 2) No policy no should be changed or adopted that limits the ability to report performance metrics from the main campus separately from those of the branch campus.

Recommendation:

- 1) The two campuses are governed by a single set of policies.
- 2) Where differences exist between current policies, adopting UW-Eau Claire academic policies will not have a negative impact on students at Barron County.

Policy	Notes and Recommendation
Academic Calendar	Calendar policies are phrased differently but are substantively the same. Use UW-Eau Claire language.
Academic Distinction	Dean’s List: As undeclared students, Barron County students will fall under the Dean’s list criteria of a 3.7 semester GPA for the College of Arts and Sciences. This is an increase from the 3.5 currently required by UW Colleges. Graduation with Distinction: policy at UW-Eau Claire is more generous than that at UW Colleges. Use UW-Eau Claire policy.
Academic Forgiveness	Points of difference on this policy include the time period students must be away from all higher education prior to applying for forgiveness (5 years at UWEC, 3 years at UW Colleges) and the semester GPA required upon return (2.5 at UWEC, 2.0 at UW Colleges). Barron County staff indicated that no student has ever sought academic forgiveness at Barron County. Use UW-Eau Claire policy.
Academic Load/Level Rules	Although presented differently, the Eau Claire and UW Colleges policies are the same. Use UW-Eau Claire language.
Academic Standing	Although presented differently, the two policies invoke warning, probation, and suspension at the same academic levels (with the exception of automatic suspension with a semester GPA below 1.0 at Eau Claire), and with the same consequences (with the exception of a mandatory two-semester second suspension at UW Colleges compared to one semester at UW-Eau Claire). Use UW-Eau Claire policy.

Attendance	Although the UW Colleges policy includes more specific details, the policies are the same. Use UW-Eau Claire language.
Auditing Classes	Although the UW-Eau Claire policy includes more specific details, the policies are the same. Use UW-Eau Claire language.
Certificates-Program Array	UW Colleges policy includes only a list of certificate programs. UW-Eau Claire policy includes requirements for certificate programs. Use UW-Eau Claire policy.
Changes in Courses, Programs and Policies	Use policies as established in Faculty and Academic Staff Rules and Procedures
Excess Credit Surcharge	UW Colleges does not currently have a policy. Use UW-Eau Claire policy.
Final Exam Policy	Policies are the same. Use UW-Eau Claire language.
Grades/Grading System (S/U Policy, etc)	Grade point scales are identical. Grade coding outside of standard letter grades differs. Use UW-Eau Claire grade codes and policy language.
Incompletes	The only substantial difference in the policy is the deadline for removal of an I grade (end of the tenth week of the next semester at UW-Eau Claire, end of the subsequent semester at UW Colleges). Use UW-Eau Claire deadline and language.
Leave of Absence/Reentry/Discontinuation	The only difference in the policies is the length of absence before a returning student is assigned to the catalog of their return date (2 semesters at UW-Eau Claire, 4 semesters at UW Colleges). Use UW-Eau Claire timeline and language.
Mid-Term Grades	UW Colleges policy is more specific about the definition of midterm (end of the ninth week). Otherwise the policies are the same. Use UW-Eau Claire language.
NSC/Degree/Enrollment Verification	The UW-Eau Claire policy is more comprehensive than that of the UW Colleges, but the policy that does exist is identical. Use UW-Eau Claire language.
Record Retention Policy	Both policies refer to UW System Records Management Resources. Use the UW-Eau Claire records custodian and records management schedule.

Registration Add/Drop	<p>UW Colleges policy indicates “some campuses” allow students to drop and add during the first two weeks of a semester; UW-Eau Claire policy is one week without a change of registration form. Eau Claire policy is more comprehensive.</p> <p>Use UW-Eau Claire timeline and language.</p>
Repeating	<p>UW Colleges policy does not limit the number of times a student may repeat a course. UW-Eau Claire limits students to a single attempt to repeat/replace.</p> <p>Use UW-Eau Claire policy.</p>
Residency Requirements/Reciprocity/MSEP/RTW	<p>Residency and reciprocity are guided by UW System policy, so these policies are the same.</p> <p>Use UW-Eau Claire language.</p>
Study Abroad/National Student Exchange	<p>UW-Eau Claire policy is more comprehensive.</p> <p>Use UW-Eau Claire policy.</p>
Transfer Policy	<p>Although there will be different admission standards for transfers to the main or branch campus, the remainder of the policies are very similar.</p> <p>Use UW-Eau Claire language.</p>
Confirming Course Credit	<p>Other than differences in procedure for receiving retro or confirming credit, the policies are identical.</p> <p>Use UW-Eau Claire language.</p>
Withdrawal	<p>UW-Eau Claire policy is more comprehensive, covering both withdrawal from individual classes and withdrawal from the university, while the UW Colleges policy only addresses withdrawal from the university. Withdrawal from the university policies are comparable.</p> <p>Use UW-Eau Claire language.</p>