Placement and Competency Information

Placement and Competency Tests

The UW System Mathematics Placement Test and the Foreign Language Placement Tests are given during the orientation periods for new freshmen and transfers. Further information about placement or competency tests is available from the chair of the appropriate department or the Registrar’s Office.

Registration Requirements

1. All students in the College of Arts and Sciences (undeclared students, students with a declared Arts and Sciences major, or pre-professional students) must successfully complete the University Writing Requirement. This requirement should be completed by the semester in which their total semester credits will equal or surpass 60 credits.

2. All students in the College of Arts and Sciences (undeclared students, students with a declared Arts and Sciences major, or pre-professional students) must successfully complete the appropriate Mathematics Competency requirement for the baccalaureate degree program being pursued. This requirement should be completed by the semester in which their total semester credits will equal or surpass 60 credits.

3. All students who have not completed the Bachelor of Science Mathematics Competency will be considered Bachelor of Arts candidates and must demonstrate competency in a foreign language at the level of a 102 course (i.e., two semesters of college work). This requirement should be completed by the semester in which their total semester credits will equal or surpass 60 credits.

4. All students who transfer to UW-Eau Claire with 59 or fewer earned semester credit hours should meet the appropriate requirements listed in 1, 2, and 3 before registering for any semester or session after they have earned 60 semester credit hours including credits in progress.

5. All students who transfer to UW-Eau Claire with 60 or more earned semester credit hours and who intend to register as a student in the College of Arts and Sciences (undeclared students, students with a declared Arts and Sciences major, or pre-professional students) should meet the requirements listed in 1, 2, and 3 before registering for any semester or summer session.

Planning a Degree Program

To officially declare or change to a new major, minor, or certificate, a student must go to the Advising, Retention + Career Center (http://www.uwec.edu/connect/advising).

All students are encouraged to obtain a new degree audit during this process. Academic and faculty advisors will be assigned as appropriate.

Joint Degrees with Professional Schools

The Board of Regents has authorized the University to grant the Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree to students who have completed three years of residence at UW-Eau Claire and who complete the requirements for a Liberal Arts degree after transfer to a professional school. A maximum of 32 semester credits from the professional school may be applied toward the baccalaureate degree. For information, contact the College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s office (Schofield 220).

Dean’s List

At the end of each semester, the College of Arts and Sciences recognizes excellence in scholastic achievement by publishing the Dean’s List. To be eligible, a student must:

1. be in good academic standing;
2. have a minimum semester GPA of 3.70;
3. have completed at least 12 credits during the semester, with no incompletes, no courses below the 100 level, no repeats, and no Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory registrations (except in degree credit-bearing
courses that are offered only on the S/U grading system in which a grade of S has been earned).

Students who meet this standard of achievement receive personal letters of notification and congratulations from the Dean.

Special Curricular Offerings

Special Topics Courses (291, 491)
Under the numbers 291 and 491, several departments and interdisciplinary programs offer courses in which the topic for study may vary from semester to semester, often focusing on a contemporary issue or taking an innovative approach to a traditional subject. Students and faculty members are invited to recommend topics to appropriate departments/programs. Departments/programs provide basic course information as part of the schedule building process. Topics are announced in the Class Schedule for the semester.

Restrictions: A total of no more than nine credits in Special Topics courses (291, 491) may be applied toward graduation. Special Topics courses may not be applied toward completion of the Liberal Education Core requirements. Departments may further restrict the application of such credits to their majors and minors.

Directed Studies (395, 495)

Courses numbered 395 or 495 (and MUSI 496), offered by several departments and interdisciplinary programs under various titles, are designed to permit individual students or groups of students to undertake special projects related to their educational interests and goals.

Eligibility: Registration for a Directed Studies course requires the permission of the faculty member who agrees to supervise the project and of the department/program offering the course. Any further conditions of eligibility are established by the department/program and published as part of the course description.

Restrictions: A total of no more than six credits of Directed Study courses may be counted toward graduation. Directed Study courses may not be applied toward completion of the Liberal Education Core requirements. Departments/programs may also restrict the application of such credits to their majors, minors, and certificates.

Procedures: Registration is initiated through an e-form found on the Registrar’s Office website (https://www.uwec.edu/Registrar/student/stuforms.htm). Approval is required by the professor directing the study and the department chair/program director. When registration has been completed, the Registrar’s Office will file a copy of the project description with the College Dean and in the student’s permanent record.

Independent Study (399, 499)

Under the course numbers 399 and 499 (and CHEM 497 and HIST 496), departments and interdisciplinary programs in the College of Arts and Sciences provide advanced students with opportunities for independent study in fields where they have already demonstrated their competence.

Eligibility: Independent Study courses are open only to juniors or seniors. A student with a departmental major and/or minor may elect an Independent Study in the department of the major or of the minor, provided the student has at least 3.00 resident and total GPAs in that department. A student with an interdisciplinary major may elect an Independent Study in any department/program which has courses required in the major, provided the student has resident and total GPAs of at least 3.00 in the major and has earned a minimum of six credits with resident and total GPAs of at least 3.00 in the department/program in which the Independent Study is elected.

Restrictions: Only three credits of Independent Study (399 or 499; CHEM 497; HIST 496) may be elected during any semester. A total of no more than six independent study credits may be counted toward graduation. Independent Study courses may not be applied toward completion of the Liberal Education Core requirements.

Procedures: Registration is initiated through an e-form found on the Registrar’s Office website (https://www.uwec.edu/Registrar/student/stuforms.htm). Approval is required by the professor directing the study and the department chair/program director. When registration has been completed, the Registrar’s Office will file a copy of the project description with the College Dean and in the student’s permanent record.

Internships and Apprenticeships

Internship or apprenticeship experiences can be a valuable component in Arts and Sciences programs. Elective courses designated either as an internship or as an apprenticeship are offered in American Indian Studies, Art, Biology, Communication and Journalism, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Economics, English, Environmental Public Health, Environmental Studies, Geography, Geology, History, Latin American Studies, Liberal Studies, Mathematics, Music, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Religious Studies, Sociology, Theatre Arts, and Women’s Studies.

Departmental Honors Programs

The Departments of Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, English, Geography and Anthropology, Geology, History, Mathematics, Music and Theatre Arts, Philosophy and Religious Studies, Physics, Political Science, and Sociology have established Departmental Honors Programs for their majors. The majors in Criminal Justice and in Spanish (see the Department of Languages) also offer an Honors Program. See departmental listings or the interdisciplinary program section for requirements.

Degrees and Curricula

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.S.)
The B.A. degree and the B.S. degree are differentiated not by the major chosen, but by specific College requirements. For the standard and comprehensive majors listed below, students may elect either the B.A. or B.S. degree.

Standard Majors (Liberal Arts):

- American Majors (Liberal Arts):
  - American Indian Studies
  - Art
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
  - Communication
  - Computer Science
  - Economics
  - English
  - French
  - Geography
  - Geology
  - German
  - History
  - Integrated Strategic Communication
  - Journalism
  - Latin American Studies
  - Mathematics
  - Music
  - Philosophy
  - Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Religious Studies
Sociology
Spanish
Theatre Arts
Women’s Studies

Comprehensive Majors:

Art-Liberal Arts
Biochemistry/Molecular Biology-Liberal Arts (Interdisciplinary)
Biology-Liberal Arts
Chemistry-A.C.S.
Chemistry with Business Emphasis (Department of Chemistry)
Chemistry-Liberal Arts
Computer Science-Liberal Arts
Criminal Justice-Liberal Arts (Interdisciplinary)
Geography-Liberal Arts
Geospatial Analysis and Technology-Liberal Arts (Department of Geography and Anthropology)
Geology-Liberal Arts
Latin American Studies-Liberal Arts
Materials Science-Liberal Arts
Mathematics-Liberal Arts
Music-Liberal Arts
Political Science-Liberal Arts
Theatre Arts-Liberal Arts

Bachelor of Science (B.S.)
Comprehensive Major: Materials Science and Engineering

Bachelor of Liberal Studies (B.L.S.)
Comprehensive Major: Liberal Studies-Liberal Arts (Interdisciplinary)

Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.)
Comprehensive Major: Art

Bachelor of Music (B.M.)
Comprehensive Major: Music

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Public Health (B.S.E.P.H.)
Comprehensive Major: Environmental Public Health (Watershed Institute for Collaborative Environmental Studies)

Majors

All College of Business majors are accepted for Arts and Sciences degrees as second majors with the exception of Health Care Administration majors.

Minors

College of Arts and Sciences Minors

A standard Liberal Arts minor is offered in each discipline in which a standard Liberal Arts major is available. In addition, a number of interdisciplinary minors are offered by the College of Arts and Sciences. Program descriptions are found in the College of Arts and Sciences Interdisciplinary section or in the noted academic department/program section.

Ancient Studies (Interdisciplinary)
Art History (Department of Art & Design)
Environment, Society, and Culture (Watershed Institute for Collaborative Environmental Studies)
Environmental Science (Watershed Institute for Collaborative Environmental Studies)
European Studies (Interdisciplinary)
Family Studies (Interdisciplinary)
Global Studies (Interdisciplinary)
Japanese (Department of Languages)
Interdisciplinary Linguistics (Interdisciplinary)
Marine Science (Interdisciplinary)
Middle East Studies (Interdisciplinary)
Multimedia Communication (Interdisciplinary)
Neuroscience (Interdisciplinary)
Pre-Professional Health Science (Interdisciplinary)
Public Health (Interdisciplinary)
Spanish for Health Professions (Department of Languages)
Topical Minor (Interdisciplinary)

Certificates

College of Arts and Sciences Certificate Programs.

The College of Arts and Sciences offers a number of certificate programs. Program descriptions are found in the College of Arts and Sciences Interdisciplinary section or in the noted academic department/program section.

Ancient Studies (Interdisciplinary)
Campaign Consulting (Department of Political Science)
Critical Studies in Literatures, Cultures, and Film (Department of English)
Computer Programmer (Department of Computer Science)
Dance Activities (Department of Music and Theatre Arts)
Earth Resources (Interdisciplinary)
Ethics (Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies)
Fine Arts Administration (Department of Music and Theatre Arts)
French Proficiency (Department of Languages)
Geospatial (Department of Geography and Anthropology)
Geospatial in GIS (Department of Geography and Anthropology)
Geospatial in Remote Sensing (Department of Geography and Anthropology)
Geospatial in Mapping (Department of Geography and Anthropology)
German Proficiency (Department of Languages)
Global and Comparative History (Department of History)
History of Race, Gender, and Society (Department of History)
Hmong Studies (Interdisciplinary)
Integrated Strategic Communication (Department of Communication and Journalism)
Interdisciplinary Linguistics (Interdisciplinary)
International Affairs (Department of Political Science)
LabVIEW (Department of Physics and Astronomy)
Latin American Studies (Latin American Studies Program)
Legal Studies (Department of Political Science)
LGBTQ Studies (Women’s Studies Program)
Middle East Studies (Interdisciplinary)
Ojibwe Language (Department of Languages)
Organizational Communication (Department of Communication and Journalism)
Responsible Mining (Interdisciplinary)
Social Advocacy and Change (Department of Communication and Journalism)
Social Diversity (Department of Sociology)
Teaching English as a Foreign Language (Interdisciplinary)
Transnational Asian Studies (Interdisciplinary)
Water Resources (Interdisciplinary)
Women’s Studies (Women’s Studies Program)
World History and Society: Past, Present, Future (Interdisciplinary)
World Religions (Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies)

**College of Business Minors** accepted for Arts and Sciences degrees:
- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Business Finance
- Information Systems
- International Business
- Management
- Marketing

**Note:** Arts and Sciences students selecting College of Business minors must meet College of Business admission requirements.

**College of Education and Human Sciences Minors** accepted for Arts and Sciences degrees:
- Gerontology-Liberal Arts
- Kinesiology-Liberal Arts
- Library Science-Liberal Arts
- Science of Coaching-Liberal Arts

Major/Minor, Major/Certificate and Major/Major Combinations in a Single Department or Program.
A major and a minor, or a major and certificate, or two majors (if available), may be elected within a single department or program only in the following approved combinations:

**Department/Program:**
- **Art & Design**
  - Art Major, Studio Emphasis (Code 020-208) and Art History Minor (Code 030-401)
  - Art Major, Art History Emphasis (Code 020-209) and Art Minor (Code 020-402)
- **Languages**
  - Any two languages
- **Music and Theatre Arts**
  - Music Major (Code 060-201) and Theatre Arts Minor (Code 601-422)
  - Music Major (Code 060-201) and Dance Activities Certificate (Code 605-601)
  - Theatre Arts Major (Code 601-223) and Dance Activities Certificate (Code 605-601)
  - Theatre Arts Major (Code 601-223) and Music Minor (Code 060-401)
  - Music Major (Code 060-201) and Theatre Arts Major (Code 601-223)
  - Music Major (Code 060-201) and Fine Arts Administration Certificate (Code 060-601)
  - Theatre Arts Major (Code 601-223) and Fine Arts Administration Certificate (Code 060-601)
- **Philosophy and Religious Studies**
  - Religious Studies Major (Code 411-201) and Philosophy Minor (Code 400-400)
  - Philosophy Major (Code 400-200) and Religious Studies Minor (Code 411-401)
  - Philosophy Major (Code 400-200) and Religious Studies Major (Code 411-201)
  - Religious Studies Major (Code 411-201) and Ethics Certificate (Code 400-601)
  - Philosophy Major (Code 400-200) and World Religions Certificate (Code 411-601)

**Watershed Institute for Collaborative Environmental Studies**
- Environmental Public Health Comprehensive Major (Code 640-001) and Environment, Society, and Culture Minor (Code 489-401)
- Environmental Public Health Comprehensive Major (Code 640-001) and Environmental Science Minor (Code 155-400)
- Environmental Public Health Comprehensive Major (Code 640-001) and Public Health Minor (Code 488-401)

**Women's Studies**
- Women's Studies Major (Code 486-201) and LGBTQ Certificate (Code 486-602)

Major/Minor, Major/Certificate and Major/Major Combinations Not Allowed. Program combinations with too much overlapping disciplinary content (though found in different academic departments or programs) also are not allowed:
- English Major, Linguistics (540-205) and Interdisciplinary Linguistics Minor (Code 570-402)
- English Major, Linguistics (540-205) and Interdisciplinary Linguistics Certificate (Code 570-601)
- Spanish Major, Linguistics (320-206) and Interdisciplinary Linguistics Certificate (Code 570-601)

**Degree Requirements**

**Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science Degree (B.A./B.S.)**

University Graduation Requirements. All candidates for degrees must fulfill the requirements for credits, curriculum, GPA, and University residency as specified in the section of this catalog titled University Graduation Requirements.

College Graduation Requirements: Grade Point Averages. All candidates for degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences must earn minimum resident and total GPAs of 2.00 in the major, the minor, and the certificate. The resident and total GPAs for the major are computed using all attempted credits applicable to the major including those offered by departments other than the major department. The resident and total GPAs for the minor and the certificate are computed similarly.

Major-Minor and Major-Certificate Requirements. A standard major (a minimum of 36 credits) must be supplemented by a minor (a minimum of 24 credits) or by a certificate (12 to 18 credits) to meet graduation requirements for completing a first and second degree program. No minor or certificate is required with a Comprehensive Major (60 or more credits) or with two majors of 36 or more credits each.

Certain degree programs which include Comprehensive Majors may require more than the minimum of 120 credits for graduation.

Acceptable academic program combinations are determined at the college level. A major and a minor or a major and certificate or two majors (if available) may not be elected in the same department or program, except in the approved combinations listed here.

College Credits. Earn at least 90 credits in courses offered by the College of Arts and Sciences.
Bachelor of Arts Degree in the College of Arts and Sciences (B.A.)
Fulfillment of all University Graduation Requirements (which includes the Liberal Education Core); all College-level degree requirements (major and minor/certificate emphases, GPAs, earning at least 90 credits in Arts and Sciences course work); foreign language competency at the 102 level. Foreign language competency may be met in one of two ways: (1) Achieve a score on the foreign language placement test that qualifies the student to enter the 201-level course in a foreign language. (2) Earn a grade of at least C (not C-) or a mark of S in a 102-level foreign language course (or AIS 112 or AIS 122 / LANG 122 or CSD 103).

Bachelor of Science Degree in the College of Arts and Sciences (B.S.)
Fulfillment of all University Graduation Requirements (which includes the Liberal Education Core); all College-level degree requirements (major and minor/certificate emphases, GPAs, earning at least 90 credits in Arts and Sciences course work); mathematics competency at the MATH 111, MATH 112 or MATH 113 level. Mathematics competency can be met in one of three ways: (1) Achieve a score on the mathematics placement test that qualifies the student to enter MATH 114. (2) Earn a grade of at least C (not C-) or a mark of S in MATH 111, MATH 112, or MATH 113. (3) Achieve a satisfactory score on the MATH 112 competency test. This test may be attempted no more than two times.

Bachelor of Liberal Studies Degree (B.L.S.)
Bachelor of Liberal Studies
University Graduation Requirements. All candidates for degrees must fulfill the requirements for credits, curriculum, GPA, and University residency as specified in the section of this catalog titled University Graduation Requirements.

College Graduation Requirements: Grade Point Averages. All candidates for degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences must earn minimum resident and total GPAs of 2.00 in the major, the minor, and the certificate. The resident and total GPAs for the major are computed using all attempted credits applicable to the major including those offered by departments other than the major department. The resident and total GPAs for the minor and certificate are computed similarly.

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College Credits. Earn at least 90 credits in courses offered by the College of Arts and Sciences.

Bachelor of Liberal Studies Degree in the College of Arts and Sciences (B.L.S.)
Fulfillment of all University Graduation Requirements (which includes the Liberal Education Core); all College-level degree requirements (major and minor/certificate emphases, GPAs, earning at least 90 credits in Arts and Sciences course work).

Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree (B.F.A.)
Bachelor of Fine Arts
University Graduation Requirements. All candidates for degrees must fulfill the requirements for credits, curriculum, GPA, and University residency as specified in the section of this catalog titled University Graduation Requirements.

College Graduation Requirements: Grade Point Averages. All candidates for degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences must earn minimum resident and total GPAs of 2.00 in the major, the minor, and the certificate. The resident and total GPAs for the major are computed using all attempted credits applicable to the major including those offered by departments other than the major department. The resident and total GPAs for the minor and certificate are computed similarly.

Major-Minor and Major-Certificate Requirements. A standard major (a minimum of 36 credits) must be supplemented by a minor (a minimum of 24 credits) or by a certificate (12 to 18 credits) to meet graduation requirements for completing a first and second degree program. No minor or certificate is required with a Comprehensive Major (60 or more credits) or with two majors of 36 or more credits each.

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Acceptable academic program combinations are determined at the college level. A major and a minor or a major and certificate or two majors (if available) may not be elected in the same department or program, except in the approved combinations listed here.

College Credits. Earn at least 90 credits in courses offered by the College of Arts and Sciences.

Bachelor of Music Degree (B.M.)
Bachelor of Music
University Graduation Requirements. All candidates for degrees must fulfill the requirements for credits, curriculum, GPA, and University residency as specified in the section of this catalog titled University Graduation Requirements.

College Graduation Requirements: Grade Point Averages. All candidates for degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences must earn minimum resident and
total GPAs of 2.00 in the major, the minor, and the certificate. The resident and total GPAs for the major are computed using all attempted credits applicable to the major including those offered by departments other than the major department. The resident and total GPAs for the minor and certificate are computed similarly.

**Major-Minor and Major-Certificate Requirements.** A standard major (a minimum of 36 credits) must be supplemented by a minor (a minimum of 24 credits) or by a certificate (12 to 18 credits) to meet graduation requirements for completing a first and second degree program. No minor or certificate is required with a Comprehensive Major (60 or more credits) or with two majors of 36 or more credits each.

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Acceptable academic program combinations are determined at the college level. A major and a minor or a major and certificate or two majors (if available) may not be elected in the same department or program, except in the approved combinations listed here.

**College Credits.** Earn at least 90 credits in courses offered by the College of Arts and Sciences.

**Bachelor of Science in Environmental Public Health Degree in the College of Arts and Sciences (B.S.E.P.H.)**

Fulfillment of all University Graduation Requirements (which includes the Liberal Education Core); all College-level degree requirements (major and minor/certificate emphases, GPAs, earning at least 90 credits in Arts and Sciences course work).