GRADUATE OVERVIEW

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Mission and Outcomes
The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire provides graduate education in select 
programs that grow clearly from institutional undergraduate strengths 
and that meet identifiable regional and state needs. Graduate programs 
foster students’ intellectual development, contribute to the advancement of 
disciplines, and enhance students’ personal lives and their ability to contribute 
to their professions and communities. Graduate studies at UW-Eau Claire 
emphasize personal working relationships between faculty and students in a 
variety of learning situations.

A hallmark of graduate education is scholarly and creative activity, emphasizing 
discipline-specific research, the acquisition of new knowledge, or the 
application or transmission of existing knowledge. Expected outcomes for all 
UW-Eau Claire graduate programs are that graduates will have the ability to:
1. Demonstrate advanced mastery of the methodology, techniques, and 
practices specific to the field of study;
2. Excel in written and oral communication, with the ability to convey 
complex ideas clearly, consistently, and logically;
3. Demonstrate understanding and mastery for appropriately managing a 
range of general and discipline-specific ethical dilemmas;
4. Utilize the research or scholarship of the discipline and produce scholarly 
or creative products consistent with disciplinary standards.

Each of the Colleges is responsible for promoting high standards of scholarship, 
for offering professional preparation appropriate to societal needs, and for 
maintaining an appropriate balance between the academic and professional 
components of graduate programs.

Graduate Faculty and Council
The Graduate Faculty consists of about 400 faculty and academic staff who 
hold doctoral or appropriate terminal degrees, and who possess a broad array 
of special qualifications and backgrounds in their academic specialties.

The Graduate Faculty recommend to the Chancellor, and to the Board of 
Regents as appropriate, all major policies and programs relating to graduate 
studies.

The Graduate Council is a representative body of the Graduate Faculty and 
graduate students and acts on their behalf. The Graduate Council serves and 
acts to develop and maintain standards of academic quality in all graduate 
programs; to provide initiative and insight in developing graduate programs 
to meet current, new, and emerging needs; to formulate general academic 
policies and procedures relating to graduate programs in the University; 
to foster creativity and scholarship in graduate programs; to represent the 
interests of the Graduate Faculty and graduate students in the University; 
and to advise the Graduate Dean concerning the administration of graduate 
education.

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