The Master of Arts degree serves persons who already have substantial preparation in the discipline in which they seek a graduate degree, and who wish to extend their knowledge and skills in their area of specialization for self-improvement, professional roles, or further graduate study.

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

- Business Administration, UW MBA Consortium Online (Code 740-801)

The purpose of the College of Business MBA program is to guide students in becoming effective leaders who possess broad, practical understanding of the business world and the dynamic, global environment within which it operates. The program is designed to develop each individual’s ability to recognize the needs of customers, employees, stockholders, and other organizational stakeholders; secure competitive advantage through emphasis on quality, technology, and innovation; communicate effectively and interact with members of a diverse, global work force and business environment; apply a wide variety of problem-solving tools and techniques to today’s complex problem situations; and manage an organization in a socially responsible and ethical manner.

The program is designed to meet the needs of individuals currently in the work force who wish to pursue an MBA on a part-time basis while continuing their full-time employment. See the MBA Program section of this catalog for further information and specific degree requirements.

Master of Education-Professional Development (MEPD)

- Professional Development, MEPD (Code 949-807)

The Master of Education-Professional Development degree provides for the enhancement of professional competencies in education for experienced, certified educators. It is designed for individualized continuing education to assist educators in the development of competencies that relate specifically to their job needs and to their professional growth. To be admitted to a MEPD program an applicant must have a minimum of two years teaching experience or equivalent.

Master of Science (MS)

- Athletic Training (Code 995-801) (http://catalog.uwec.edu/graduate/programs/kinesiology/athletic-training-ms/)
- Communication Sciences and Disorders, Residential (Code 622-806)
- Communication Sciences and Disorders, Online (Code 622-807)
- Data Science, Online (Code 181-801)

The Master of Science degree is awarded to students who have demonstrated mastery of a specific field of study or area of professional practice. Students may enter such programs with substantial preparation in the discipline in which they seek a higher degree or it may be a new area of study for an individual, depending upon the requirements of the program.

Master of Science in Education (MSE)

- School Psychology (Code 442-803)

The Master of Science in Education degree is designed to develop capabilities in special professional roles in the field of education. The MSE in School Psychology is earned at the completion of the first year of the three-year Specialist in Education degree.
Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

- Nursing, Family Health-Education (Code 700-811)
- Nursing, Family Health-Administration (Code 700-812)
- Nursing, Adult-Gerontology-Administration (Code 700-816)
- Nursing, Adult-Gerontology-Education (Code 700-819)

The Master of Science in Nursing degree is designed to prepare nurses with a population focus in Adult-Gerontologic Health Nursing or Family Health Nursing to assume leadership roles in advanced professional nursing. The core curriculum is designed to develop and increase students’ competencies in theory analysis and evaluation, concept clarification and development, research, and refined skills in clinical inquiry, ethics, leadership, and analysis of contemporary issues. Building on the core curriculum, students apply new knowledge and skills in the clinical setting.

The program provides functional role preparation as a nurse educator or nurse administrator/leadership and management. Required nursing courses focus on the functional dimensions of the role, its theory and expectations, and strategies for implementation.

Master of Social Work (MSW)

Social Work

The University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Social Work offers its Masters in Social Work (MSW) program on the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire campus in cooperation with the Department of Social Work. However, UW-Madison will no longer be accepting applications to the UWEC campus option after the 2020 Fall Semester.

The MSW program offers a social problem and social issues focus to the education and preparation of students as advanced practitioners and leaders across the fields of social work practice. Students find that the teaching of practice, knowledge, values, and skills with an analytic approach fosters the ability to acquire and translate knowledge into sound professional social work practice with individuals, families, groups, communities, and organizations. The MSW program offered on the UW-Eau Claire campus is part-time and is designed to allow students who are not able to pursue full-time study to work toward an MSW degree on a structured time-extended basis.

Specialist in Education Degree (Ed.S.)

- School Psychology (Code 442-805)

The Specialist in Education degree is offered in School Psychology. This three-year program includes two years of full-time on-campus study, and a one-year, full-time internship. After successful completion of the first year of the program (31 credits of study and a passing grade on a comprehensive examination), students are awarded the Master of Science in Education degree. The Ed.S. degree requires an additional 37 graduate credits beyond the MSE degree. By earning this degree, students meet all of the requirements for certification by the State of Wisconsin as a School Psychologist and become eligible for National Certification in School Psychology.

Credit-Bearing Graduate Certificate Programs

- African American History (Code 380-614)
- Asian History (Code 380-615)
- Communication and Leadership in Health Organizations (Code 583-602)
- Director of Special Education & Pupil Services (Code 950-604)
- European History (Code 380-616)
- Global History (Code 380-617)
- Historical Research and Writing (Code 380-618)
- Latin American History (Code 380-619)
- Military History (Code 380-621)
- Native American History (Code 380-622)
- Public History (Code 380-623)
- Race and Ethnic History (Code 380-624)
- US History (Code 380-625)
- Women, Family & Gender History (Code 380-626)

Graduate certificates may be earned by graduate degree seeking or non-degree seeking students. Guidelines and standards are identical for both groups. Graduate certificate programs require no fewer than 15 credits, and all credits required for the graduate certificate program must be graduate-level credits (500-level and above). No fewer than six credits must be taken at the 700 level. At least 50 percent of the credits applied to the graduate certificate program requirements must be taken through UW-Eau Claire. Departments or colleges proposing graduate certificate programs have the right to specify

1. admission requirements for entry into a certificate program, and
2. minimum GPA requirements for course and certificate completion.

Additional details on the minimum standards, procedures, and process for approving new credit-bearing graduate certificates may be found on the Graduate Studies website.