LIBERAL STUDIES, COMPREHENSIVE MAJOR

Liberal Arts (Code 370-001)

University Requirements

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

Credit Requirements

- Minimum total for graduation  
- Upper division credits (courses numbered 300 and higher)  
- Liberal Education Core (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/graduation-requirements/#header1)  
- Academic Concentrations (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/graduation-requirements/#header16)  
- Grade Point Requirements (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/graduation-requirements/#header14)  

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<td>Certificate</td>
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Procedures Required for Graduation

- Obtain admission to the degree program and/or the College offering it.
- Apply for graduation on CampS.

1 Certain programs exceed this minimum.

2 See special requirements in each College.

Applicability of Credits Toward Graduation

Junior College or Two-Year College Credits. A maximum of 72 semester credits earned in a junior college or two-year college will be accepted as degree credits at UW-Eau Claire.

Extension Credits. Credits earned in credit outreach courses offered by UW-Eau Claire are treated as resident credits. Credits earned in extension courses offered by other units of the University of Wisconsin System are treated as transfer credits. All other (non-UW) extension and correspondence credits are normally limited to one-fourth of the total required for graduation from any curriculum.

WTCS Credits. A maximum of 72 semester credits earned in college parallel programs at Madison Area Technical College, Milwaukee Area Technical College, Nicolet Area Technical College, or Chippewa Valley Technical College may be accepted as degree credits at UW-Eau Claire. A set number of general education courses will be accepted from other technical schools.

Occupational and technical courses may also be considered for transfer if the quality and content of the course work from the technical college is judged to be comparable to course work at UW-Eau Claire. Refer to the Transfer Credit Wizard (https://my.uwec.edu/psp/PUBLIC/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/EAU_SS_CUSTOM.EAU_TRNCRDWZ.GBL) or contact the UW-Eau Claire Admissions Office for information about the current transfer policy.

USAFI Credit. UW-Eau Claire will accept up to 32 semester credits for work done through the United States Armed Forces Institute, under the provision for non-UW correspondence credit (see Extension Credits above).

Activity Credit (band, chorus, drama, KINS 100-184 courses) Students may count toward graduation no more than one credit of KINS 110-184 courses. Students may count toward graduation no more than four credits earned in any single activity course and no more than 12 credits resulting from any combination of activity courses (excluding KINS 110-184 courses).

Other Restricted Credits. For other University restrictions, see the following: Cooperative Education; Credit by Examination; Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Registration; Transfer of Credits. College or departmental restrictions may also be placed on Independent Study (399-499 courses), Directed Study (395-495), and other types of credits.

APPLICABILITY OF CREDITS TOWARD GRADUATION

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Liberal Education Core

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire measures learning outcomes to ensure that its graduates have achieved a liberal education and prepared themselves
to contribute to a complex society. Upon graduation, each undergraduate will have met the five learning goals of our liberal education core and the 12 learning outcomes they comprise.

**LIBERAL EDUCATION CORE REQUIREMENTS**

**Knowledge Goal**

Knowledge Outcome 1 (K1): Natural Sciences (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-k1/)  
Two (2) learning experiences  
One experience in laboratory science must be selected from either K1 or K2.

Knowledge Outcome 2 (K2): Social Sciences (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-k2/)  
Two (2) learning experiences  
One experience in laboratory science must be selected from either K1 or K2.

Knowledge Outcome 3 (K3): Humanities (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-k3/)  
Two (2) learning experiences

Knowledge Outcome 4 (K4): Fine Arts (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-k4/)  
One (1) learning experience

**Skills Goal**

Skills Outcome 1 (S1): Written and Oral Communication (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-s1/)  
Two (2) learning experiences

One S1 must meet the University Writing Requirement (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/graduation-requirements/#header10)

Skills Outcome 2 (S2): Mathematics (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-s2/)  
One (1) learning experience

One S2 to meet the University Mathematics Requirement (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/graduation-requirements/#header11)

Skills Outcome 3 (S3): Creativity (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-s3/)  
One (1) learning experience

**Responsibility Goal**

Responsibility Outcome 1 (R1): Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-r1/)  
Two (2) learning experiences

One R1 must satisfy Design for Diversity (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-DDIV/#header13)

Responsibility Outcome 2 (R2): Global Perspectives (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-r2/)  
One (1) learning experience

Responsibility Outcome 3 (R3): Civic and Environmental Issues (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-r3/)  
One (1) learning experience

**Integration Goal**

Integration Outcome 1 (I1): Integration (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-i1/)  
Two (2) learning experiences

**Service-Learning Goal**

Service-Learning (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-SL/#header13)  
30 hours

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**College Degree Requirements**

**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 (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/graduation-requirements/#header13).

**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.

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 (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#academicprogramstext).

**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).

**Major Requirements**

**Liberal Arts (Code 370-001)**

For advising, contact D. Tschida, Director of Liberal Studies, Department of Communication and Journalism.

The Liberal Studies Comprehensive Major (LSCM) provides an alternative to traditional majors. Every student majoring in Liberal Studies develops and proposes an individualized program of study that includes a primary academic theme, three interdisciplinary areas of concentration with courses that explore the primary theme, and the three required Liberal Studies core courses (LS 201, LS 301, and LS 480). Some courses in the program of study may satisfy Liberal Education requirements as well as providing credit toward the Liberal Studies major.

Through this structure, the Liberal Studies major offers students an opportunity to connect several areas of academic interest that are not located in any single...
Students completing this program will be expected to meet the following learning outcomes:

- Develop and implement a research, scholarly, or creative project.
- Be able to integrate knowledge and/or theories from more than one field of study or perspective to solve problems or answer questions they identify.
- Be able to discuss the differences and commonalities that characterize the disciplines within the liberal studies.
- Be able to evaluate changes in their own learning by building upon past experiences that have occurred over multiple and diverse contexts.

### Program Learning Outcomes

Students completing this program will be expected to meet the following learning outcomes:

- Be able to critically analyze and synthesize information and ideas from multiple sources.
- Be able to apply knowledge and skills in academic disciplines to solve complex problems.
- Be able to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing.
- Be able to work collaboratively with others.
- Be able to think critically and evaluate arguments and evidence.

### Sample Degree Plan

**Liberal Studies, Comprehensive Major, B.L.S.**

The following is a sample degree plan, based on the 2022-2023 catalog. It is based on the 120-credit graduation requirement and assumes no transferred credits, no requirements waived by placement tests, no courses taken in the summer or winter, no repeated courses, and no remedial courses that may be required. This sample degree plan is intended for first-year students entering UW-Eau Claire in the fall semester. Your own degree plan may differ depending on the course of study selected (second major, minor, etc.). UW-Eau Claire cannot guarantee all courses will be offered as shown, but will provide a range of courses that may enable prepared students to fulfill their requirements in a timely period. This sample degree plan is just a guide. Please consult your advisor, your degree audit, and the catalog to create your own degree plan. Note: In order to earn the required minimum of 120 credits for the degree in four years, you should plan to take 15 credits each semester or 30 credits each year.

To earn a degree, students must fulfill all University Graduation Requirements, including the Liberal Education (LE) Core. LE Core course work in the following includes the Liberal Education Core outcomes and requirements. Note that the LE Core may be completed through both course and non-course experiences.

Every student majoring in Liberal Studies completes three required courses totaling 9 credits and develops and proposes an individualized program of study. The program of study includes a minimum of 51 credits (at least 17 credits from each of three concentrations that when linked together constitute a coherent theme). Each program must also include at least 39 credits from College of Arts and Sciences course work and a minimum of 21 upper-division credits.

### Recommended Timeline for Required Courses

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#### THIRD YEAR

**SECOND SEMESTER**

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1. It is highly recommended students discuss their interest in a Liberal Studies degree with the Director of Liberal Studies in addition to an ARCC advisor and to get their degree completed proposal to the Director during their 3rd year – preferably no later than February. Selecting for courses in the proposal, adjusting course scheduling on the proposal to match when
courses are offered, and securing the approval of the proposal by the Liberal Studies Steering Committee is time-intensive and sensitive. Students are not guaranteed an approved proposal simply because they have completed a large number of credits toward graduation.

Minimum total for the baccalaureate degree = 120 credits

Note: All students must complete the 30-hour Service-Learning Requirement via a non-credit or credit option (see https://nextcatalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/graduation-requirements/ (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/graduation-requirements/)).

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HIGH IMPACT PRACTICES (HIPs)
The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire encourages all students to participate in High Impact Practices. The following information identifies any specific recommendations that faculty in this major have concerning which HIPs might be most beneficial to students, and any recommendations about when those HIPs best fit into the degree plan. Students should also consult their faculty advisor for information on HIPs. There are many additional high impact opportunities available. Talk to your academic advisor for more information about incorporating HIPs like Study Abroad, (https://studyabroad.apps.uwec.edu/) Intercultural Immersion (https://www.uwec.edu/immersion/), Internship, (https://www.uwec.edu/career-services/info-students/internships/) and/or Student/Faculty Collaborative Research (https://www.uwec.edu/orsp/students/student-faculty-collaborative-research-guide/) into your time at UW-Eau Claire.

Liberal Education (LE) Core Guidance

Liberal Education Core (LE Core)
The LE Core comprises 17 learning experiences across 11 learning outcomes. Students must complete a minimum of 36 credits in courses approved for the LE Core.

• K1 – Natural Sciences; two experiences (one lab science experience is required in K1 or K2).
• K2 – Social Sciences; two experiences (one lab science experience is required in K1 or K2).
• K3 – Humanities; two experiences.
• K4 – Fine Arts; one experience.
• S1 – Written and Oral Communication; two experiences (one experience must satisfy the University writing requirement).
• S2 – Mathematics; one experience (must satisfy the University math competency requirement).
• S3 – Creativity; one experience (can be fulfilled in a student’s major).
• R1 – Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity; two experiences (one experience must meet the UW System Design for Diversity (DD) requirement).
• R2 – Global Perspectives; one experience.
• R3 – Civic and Environmental Issues; one experience.
• I1 – Integration; two experiences (one experience can be fulfilled in a student’s major).
• SL—Service Learning; 30 hours

Additional LE Core Information

• Most LE Core learning experiences are course based, and many courses meet more than one learning outcome (e.g., K3 and R2 or K1 and R3).
• Some learning experiences can also be met outside of a traditional course (e.g., undergraduate research (S3), study abroad (I1)).
• S1 – An English placement score that fulfills the University writing requirement fulfills one S1 experience.
• S1 – A foreign Language placement score that qualifies the student to enter the 102 level satisfies one S1 experience.
• S1, R2 – A foreign language placement score that qualifies the student to enter the 202 level satisfies one experience in S1 and the R2 experience.
• S2 – A math placement score that qualifies the student to enter Math 111, 112, 113 or 114 fulfills the S2 experience.
• S3 – Completion of two credits from any approved music ensemble fulfills the S3 experience.
• I1 – Any semester long study abroad program can fulfill one I1 experience.