

# STUDENT SERVICES, ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

## Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion professionals, in conjunction with faculty colleagues and community partners, assist University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire students to reach their unique potential in the areas of intellectual, personal, social, and cultural development. This is achieved by providing a variety of student services that include information sharing and advocacy, curricular and co-curricular offerings, professional development and training opportunities. These activities occur in the context of a liberal education enhanced by experiential learning and civic engagement.

The Division for EDI works to create a campus climate where all students, faculty and staff feel welcome and can thrive and feel like they can be successful here. Within the Division, students and faculty will find the services and programs aimed at providing support, information, assistance and leadership bringing equity and inclusion for all campus demographics. The work of staff in the Division will create a more welcoming and inclusive environment, increase the cultural competencies of the university community, and advance institutional goals of recruiting and retaining under-represented students, faculty, and staff. Units in the Division include: Affirmative Action, Center for EDI Training, Development, & Education, Center for Racial & Restorative Justice, Gender & Sexuality Resource Center, Multicultural Student Services, Ronald E. McNair Undergraduate Research Program, Services for Students with Disabilities, Student Support Services, and Upward Bound. The EDI administrative office is located in Schofield 101, 715-836-2387, or visit the website (<https://www.uwec.edu/edi-student-affairs/>).

## Student Affairs

Student Affairs professionals, in conjunction with faculty colleagues and community partners, assist University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire students to reach their unique potential in the areas of intellectual, personal, and social development. This is achieved by providing a variety of student services that include information sharing and advocacy, professional development and training opportunities, as well as diagnostic and clinical services. These activities occur in the context of a liberal education enhanced by experiential learning and civic engagement. Units in the Division include: Activities, Involvement & Leadership, Center for Awareness of Sexual Assault, Counseling Services, Dean of Students, and Student Health Services. The Student Affairs/Dean of Students office is located in Schofield 240, 715-836-5626, fax 715-836-5911, or visit the website (<https://www.uwec.edu/edi-student-affairs/>).

## Activities, Involvement, and Leadership

The Activities, Involvement & Leadership Office (<http://www.uwec.edu/activities/>) connects UWEC students with opportunities to transform personally and professionally outside the classroom. It is the home to many co-curricular leadership initiatives, recognition programs, campus-wide activities that entertain, challenge and promote the exchange of ideas and the development of life-long leadership skills. These co-curricular opportunities are available to complement UW-Eau Claire's strong academic tradition in order to give students a well-rounded college experience. The AIL staff encourages and supports the development and implementation of a variety of involvement

and leadership experiences, volunteer opportunities, student employment and internships, diversity and cultural growth initiatives, and community outreach.

The office oversees 230 student organizations and the annual Blu's Organization Bash, administers campus-wide programming including the Artists Series, The Forum lecture series, Summer Events and the UW-Eau Claire International Film Society, all which are funded through student segregated fees allocated by the Student Senate. Staff also advise Greek Life, the Student Senate's University Activities Commission, Student Senate Student Organization Commission, The Lookout event space, and the programs and services that are housed in the Student Organizations and Leadership Center.

The Activities, Involvement & Leadership Office is committed to guiding and supporting each student as they discover their own skill development and how they can connect those skills to the real world.

## Athletics

The University's intercollegiate athletics program challenges students physically, mentally, and emotionally. The various athletic practice and playing fields are really classrooms where leadership, self-discipline, commitment, work ethic, teamwork, fair play, problem solving, time management, motivation, and cooperation are taught. This fits in with the University's commitment to a rigorous, intentional and experiential undergraduate liberal arts education for life and livelihood. A well-conducted program, based on sound educational principles and practices, fulfills the educational mission by ensuring that every student has an opportunity to be involved in competitive athletics as a participant or spectator.

The programs are organized to meet the needs of the highly skilled and competitive student-athlete. The women's program consists of varsity teams in basketball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, ice hockey, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, and volleyball. The men's program consists of varsity teams in basketball, cross country, football, golf, ice hockey, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, and wrestling.

Both men and the women compete on the national level as members of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III. On a state level, the men and the women belong to the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC). The women's gymnastics program belongs to the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association (NCGA) in the sport of gymnastics.

All student-athletes must conform to university academic policies and standards to be eligible. In addition, there are conference and national regulations which affect a student-athlete's eligibility status. Entering freshmen are eligible for varsity competition if enrolled as full-time students. Transfers and students who have not been in continuous enrollment at UW-Eau Claire should contact Athletics for a determination of their eligibility status. All other student-athletes must earn 24 degree credits for each season of competition they complete. Once a student-athlete has completed two terms of attendance, one season of competition, or earned 24 credits, there is a 2.00 resident grade point requirement.

All men's and women's sports are administered by the Director of Athletics. They are supervised by the Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management in consultation with the Athletic Committee.

## Awareness of Sexual Assault (Center for)

The Center for Awareness of Sexual Assault (CASA) is a sexual assault support service that maintains a victim-centered approach. We provide a safe place for people to come and talk about any issues that they may have surrounding their sexual assault, or those of someone close to them. Even if you are not

sure about a sexual experience and are now feeling uncomfortable with what happened, CASA would be glad to talk with you. We provide a variety of services that are confidential and free: crisis counseling, emergency room support, legal advocacy, assistance with campus reporting, information and referral, and a 24-hour crisis hotline at 715-836-HELP. For additional information, visit the website (<http://www.uwec.edu/CASA/>). To make an appointment, call 715-836-4357 or email [casa@uwec.edu](mailto:casa@uwec.edu). The CASA office is located the Hibbard Humanities Hall 311C.

## Center for Racial & Restorative Justice

Preparing graduates to foster equity in all areas of society. The newly established Center for Racial and Restorative Justice, a clearinghouse for research, scholarship, and action, aims to educate students and the greater Eau Claire community about the history of race in America and the barriers to upward mobility for people of color in areas such as education, criminal justice, health care, commerce, and housing.

Through a multi-pronged approach, the center will ensure that UW-Eau Claire is preparing graduates for life in a truly changing landscape. Understanding the concepts of race, justice, equity, equality, restorative justice, and critical identity theories will help our graduates stand above their counterparts as well as become leaders in ongoing social and cultural change.

## Children's Nature Academy (The Priory)

The UW-Eau Claire Children's Nature Academy (CNA), is a five-star (Youngstar) nature based early learning program, licensed by the state of Wisconsin. The program provides care and learning to children ages six weeks through age ten, on the University's beautiful 112-acre Priory Campus. Priority enrollment is given to UWEC students. However, all families from the UWEC and surrounding community are welcome. The center operates from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and some evening care upon request. The CNA offers flexible scheduling and special student discounted rates. The CNA also works with the Eau Claire Area School District to offer four-year-old kindergarten (EC4T) and AmeriCorps to offer ECLIPSE, a literacy and social skills program for preschool age (3-5) children. Please contact the Director at 715-836-2178 or [children@uwec.edu](mailto:children@uwec.edu) for more information on enrollment. Online interest forms (<https://www.uwec.edu/children/>) are also available.

## Counseling Services

Therapists in Counseling Services assist students in overcoming problems which may interfere with their educational, social, and emotional development. This is accomplished through individual, couple, and group counseling; psycho-educational workshops; and outreach services. Among the issues that students may bring to counseling are personal development, adjustment to college, depression, anxiety, stress management, relationship/abuse issues, alcohol and drug use, goal setting, time management training, and other personal concerns and psychological problems.

Confidential and free counseling is available to any student of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Scheduling is easy, call 715-836-5521 or stop by our office located in Vicki Lord Larson Hall 2122.

For more information on our services visit the website (<http://www.uwec.edu/counsel/>).

## Cultural and Social Activities

Artist Series (<http://www.uwec.edu/Activities/programs/artists/>). The Artist Series presents quality regional, national, and international artists in the

areas of music, dance, and theater to the University community. Through the performing arts, the Artist Series seeks to develop aesthetic awareness, promote interdisciplinary appreciation, and cultivate multicultural experience.

The Forum (<http://www.uwec.edu/Activities/programs/forum/tradition/>). Since 1942 The Forum lecture series has presented many of the world's greatest minds and imaginations. Speakers have ranged from Sinclair Lewis to Maya Angelou, Margaret Mead to Cornel West, William Westmoreland to Noam Chomsky, Buckminster Fuller to Carl Sagan, and Bennett Cerf to Garrison Keillor.

The International Film Society (<https://www.uwec.edu/activities-involvement-leadership/programs-events/international-film-society/>) presents foreign and domestic films on campus for UW-Eau Claire students and faculty/staff, and for community members who purchase film passes. Since 1956 the series has represented various countries, cinematic styles, directorial methods, genres, and points of view in films that help to foster a better understanding of other people and cultures as well as a lifelong appreciation for the art of film.

Student Organizations and Leadership Center (<http://www.uwec.edu/Activities/>). This area in the Davies Center provides services and a home base for the more than 230 campus organizations at UW-Eau Claire. Students may learn more about organizations they are interested in joining through the Activities, Involvement & Leadership Office. Organization members may use the workshop space, supplies and resources. The Student Organizations and Leadership Center is also home for the Student Senate.

**Summer Events.** Free entertainment and films for the Eau Claire community is provided throughout the Summer Session.

**University Activities Commission (UAC).** The largest standing commission of the Student Senate, the UAC is the exclusively student-operated campus activities programming board. In selecting and producing high-quality, diverse, and accessible educational and entertainment programs for the university community, UAC members gain valuable leadership experience and develop personal skills such as exercise of responsibility, decision-making, and teamwork.

Five committees make up the commission. The **Cabin Committee** programs musical and performance arts events in an intimate setting. The **Concert Committee** presents on-the-rise regional bands, nationally and internationally touring artists, and cutting-edge performers. The **Festivals Committee** coordinates Homecoming, Winter Carnival, and Springfest activities. The **Film Committee** alternates with the International Film Society in screening contemporary and classic films throughout the academic year. The **Late-Night Activities Committee** provides social late-night activities for students, using spaces on upper campus and lower campus. The **UAC also** offers lecture-and-discussion programs, performing and visual arts events, tours to regional cultural events, comedy nights, and novelty programming.

Viennese Ball (<http://www.uwec.edu/centers/vball/>). Documented as the largest Viennese ball presented outside of Vienna, the Viennese Ball is a formal event recalling the romance and elegance of 19th-century Vienna. The program promotes positive university, community, and international relations by expanding an awareness of the culture, history, and music of Vienna, Austria. Proceeds from the annual two-night event have thus far provided more than \$2 million in music, service, and international study scholarships for UW-Eau Claire students.

**Department of Art & Design.** Student shows comprise a significant aspect of the annual calendar of exhibitions. A visiting artist is invited to serve as juror in the selection of works for the Annual Juried Student Art Show in the Foster Gallery of the Haas Fine Arts Center. Candidates for the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree present senior shows in their emphasis at the conclusion of each semester. Other exhibitions present the work of outstanding contemporary

artists who frequently visit the campus at the time of their show and meet informally with students. Gallery and museum directors, graphic designers, and art historians also visit the Department of Art & Design to present lectures and participate in seminars and workshops on a wide range of subjects.

Paintings, sculpture, prints, and drawings from the UW-Eau Claire permanent art collection may be viewed in numerous campus locations.

**Forensics.** A complete program of competitive intercollegiate speaking activities is offered. Categories include prose interpretation, poetry interpretation, dramatic interpretation, dramatic duo, impromptu speaking, extemporaneous speaking, persuasion, informative speaking, after dinner speaking, and communication analysis. CJ 100, Introduction to Forensics, allows students to obtain credit for participating in the activity. Students do not have to enroll in the course to participate.

UW-Eau Claire possesses one of the longest traditions of national excellence in forensics in the nation. The University competes against colleges of all sizes, yet is typically among the top programs in the country. The local chapter of Pi Kappa Delta sponsors several tournaments and workshops on campus for high schools and colleges. Any student, regardless of background in forensics, is welcome to take part in this activity. For further information contact the Director of Forensics, Hibbard 174, or visit the website (<https://www.uwec.edu/academics/college-arts-sciences/departments-programs/forensics/>).

**Department of Music and Theatre Arts.** Each year the Department sponsors more than 225 recitals, concerts, and special musical programs by students, faculty, and guest artists. Many student musical ensembles have distinguished national reputations. Ensemble participation is open to all qualified students and includes the following organizations: University Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Symphony Band, University Band, Marching Band, Jazz Ensembles, Concert Choir, Symphonic Choir, Women's Chorus, Men's Glee Club (Statesmen), Women's Concert Chorale, Opera-Musical Theater Workshop, Concert Dance Company, and numerous small ensembles.

University Theatre annually casts five main-stage productions by open audition, including a Theatre for Young Audiences production. In addition to the main-stage plays, there are 20 to 30 student productions ranging from the classics to contemporary theatre.

Department performing spaces include the 600-seat Gantner Concert Hall used for concerts, recitals, opera, dance, and musical theatre; Phillips Recital Hall, seating 200 for solo recitals and chamber music; Riverside Theatre, a 200-seat thrust-stage facility used for main-stage theatre and studio productions; and Kjer Theatre, a proscenium facility seating 400 for main-stage plays and dance.

FM Radio (<https://www.wpr.org/wuec-fm-897-eau-claire/>). WUEC (at 89.7 on the dial) is a student-assisted FM station broadcasting from studios in the Hibbard Humanities Hall. WUEC is affiliated with Wisconsin Public Radio and National Public Radio. Programming includes classical, jazz, blues, and folk music; news; information; and public affairs programs.

**Campus TV.** Students enrolled in Advanced Broadcast TV News (CJ 426) prepare newscasts in the Broadcast TV News Laboratory, Hibbard Humanities Hall 105.

**Residence Hall TV-10.** Students living in the residence halls produce and direct live and taped television programs originating in the studio and control room located in Towers Residence Hall. These programs are sent out on the residence hall cable system and received on channel 10.

## Dean of Students

The Dean of Students Office staff plays an important role in helping all students navigate the campus environment and provide programs and services that

enrich students' personal and educational development. The staff works with programs and services to create a learning environment that integrates co-curricular and classroom experiences.

Services provided by staff in the Dean of Students Office include:

1. Student advocacy, counseling, advising, and crisis intervention to students experiencing personal, medical/mental health and academic problems.
2. Supportive response, accommodations, investigation and adjudication of complaints of sexual assault, stalking, dating/domestic violence, and hate/bias incidents.
3. Administration and coordination of the National Student Exchange Program.
4. Support and advising for student government and campus organizations and the administration of student conduct procedures.

Students are encouraged to seek assistance related to student life concerns and to use the office as a referral resource. Staff assist students to make positive connections with faculty, staff, other students, and services. The Dean of Students Office is located in Schofield 240, [dos@uwec.edu](mailto:dos@uwec.edu), 715-836-5626, fax 715-836-5911, or visit the website (<http://www.uwec.edu/dos/>).

## Gender & Sexuality Resource Center

The Gender & Sexuality Resource Center is dedicated to creating a safe and inclusive campus for all students, while advocating for and celebrating those identities that have historically been and continue to be marginalized. We believe in education and inspiration, not alienation, and that is reflected in all programs and events. Exploring privileges and oppressions is at the heart of our mission, and in so doing—and with a focus on intersectionality—we engage the campus community in ways that create room for understanding and empowerment.

The Gender & Sexuality Resource Center's staff provides resources, information, and programming in collaboration with existing departments, advisory committees, organizations, and offices; we foster a supportive campus environment through the development and sponsorship of intellectual, personal, and cultural programming.

For more information, visit the website (<http://www.uwec.edu/speakout/>).

## Housing and Residence Life

The University provides accommodations for 3,974 students in on-campus residence halls. Except for those who are married, living with parents or guardians, or veterans of the United States Armed Forces, all freshmen and sophomores are required to live in University-operated residence halls when such accommodations are available.

Information about living on campus is automatically sent to candidates for admission to the University. Room assignments are based on the date all properly completed housing contract items are submitted, including a \$75 deposit. The deposit is refundable through May 1 (see Deposits, under Tuition and Fees (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/paying-college/#header10>)). It is beneficial to apply as soon as possible after acceptance to the University. Whenever possible, specific room assignments will be made prior to freshman orientation in mid-June.

Each residence hall is staffed by a hall director and resident assistants selected from qualified continuing students. Insofar as demand permits, students are given a choice among the kinds of on-campus accommodations available. The residents of each hall determine, in accordance with the Wisconsin Administrative Code, certain policies and regulations for the governance of their hall.

All students living in traditional University residence halls are required to participate in the contract meal plan (see Dining Service). Certain buildings may be identified as exempt from the contract meal plan.

The University has no housing facilities for married students and students with children. Further information concerning all housing and residence life policies and services is provided in the Residence Hall Information booklet, available upon acceptance by the University or upon request to the Housing and Residence Life Office, phone 715-836-3674, or online (<http://www.uwec.edu/housing/>).

## Multicultural Student Services

Multicultural Student Services(MSS) provides quality services and programs that support and enhance the collegiate experience, particularly for students of color. MSS provides direct support to students who identify as African American, American Indian/Native American, Asian & Southeast Asian, Latinx, and multiracial/multiethnic students. In doing so, MSS not only advocates for multicultural students, but also assists them in areas such as community engagement, employment, financial aid, scholarships, housing, leadership development, and supplemental advising.

In addition, MSS supports campus-wide programming for all faculty, staff, and students through cultural programs, heritage month awareness activities, guest speakers, and classroom presentations and other training on EDI issues.

MSS is dedicated to an equitable, diverse, and inclusive campus community that helps students excel individually and collectively. MSS builds relationships, fosters a sense of belonging and community, creates relevance to learning, and connects multicultural students to resources that will enhance their leadership skills, equity/diversity/inclusion skills, academic growth, and personal growth at UW-Eau Claire.

All UW-Eau Claire students are encouraged to participate in the variety of opportunities and events sponsored by Multicultural Student Services. Learn more about MSS events and services by visiting the website (<https://www.uwec.edu/equity-diversity-inclusion/edi-services-programs/multicultural-affairs/>).

## Recreation and Sport Facilities

Recreation and Sport Facilities provides a wide array of opportunities for students to engage in healthy activities that promote learning, leadership development, health, wellness and fun! Opportunities for students and staff include: A wide variety of outdoor and indoor Intramural Sports, 27 unique Club Sport teams, Group Exercise class offerings seven days per week, Open Recreation (free-time use of gyms, pool, indoor track and racquetball courts), two state-of-the art work-out facilities(Crest Fitness Center and the McPhee Strength & Performance Center), the Environmental Adventure Center (Outdoor Equipment Rental, Adventure Trips, Indoor Archery Range, Eagle's View Challenge Ropes Course, Indoor Climbing Wall, Campus Biking Program and the Campus 9 Disc Golf Course), Massage Therapy, Special Events, Wellness Classes and the Hilltop Recreational Area (exercise and cycling studios, bouldering cave, billiards, games and TV).

Recreation and Sport Facilities also oversees the management and scheduling of all upper campus sport facilities including: McPhee/Ade Olson (gyms, pool, indoor track, racquetball courts, dance studio, equipment and laundry operations and classrooms), Simpson Outdoor Track and Field, Bollinger Fields Complex, Towers Field & Sand Volleyball Courts, Hilltop Outdoor Tennis and Basketball Courts and the Hilltop Recreational spaces.

Recreation and Sport Facilities is one of the largest employers of students on campus, offering enriching work experiences that provide opportunities for leadership development and learning.

For more information about Recreation and a complete list of opportunities, visit the Recreation and Sport Facilities website (<http://www.uwec.edu/recreation/>).

## Student Government

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire has long been committed to the active participation of students in institutional governance. Significant responsibility is accorded to qualified students who serve with faculty on departmental and College committees and on administrative committees of the University.

The Student Senate is the primary vehicle for the involvement of students in University governance. It has initial responsibility for recommendations on matters pertaining directly to student life, services, and interests, including the allocation of that portion of the educational costs designated as the segregated fee. In elections held each year, the student body elects eligible students from two geographical districts—on and off campus—to serve as senators.

Through the United Hall Council and the Coeducational Residence Hall Judicial Board, students also participate, with the Director of Housing and Residence Life, in the operation and development of residence hall programs and policies.

For further information, students may contact the Student Senate Office or the Dean of Students Office. Visit the website (<http://www.uwec.edu/studentsenate/>).

## Student Health Service

UW-Eau Claire's Student Health Service fosters a healthy campus community through high quality health care, inclusive and accessible service, and health promotion/advocacy. Student Health Service is the primary health care center for UWEC students.

Clinical services provided include mental health evaluations and follow-up care, evaluation and treatment of illnesses and injuries including those of the respiratory, gastrointestinal, and musculoskeletal systems. Physical examinations, minor surgical procedures, laboratory services, and reproductive health services, including contraceptive exams and supplies, are also offered. Diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases is also available. Some services are prepaid by student segregated fees, and some services and supplies are provided for a nominal fee. Additional information about Student Health Service is available on the website or by calling the clinic at 715-836-5360.

The Health Promotion Office works as an educational arm of Student Health Service. Located on lower campus in Schofield 26, this office works on health advocacy projects to make UW-Eau Claire's campus a healthier living place for learning and living, including developing and implementing strategies and programs to reduce high-risk drinking. This office also offers educational programming for residence halls and classrooms on topics such as nutrition, life/work/school balance, making healthy changes, and other topics.

For more information on our services, hours and locations, visit the website (<http://www.uwec.edu/shs/>).

## Student Publications

The Spectator (<http://www.spectatornews.com>), an award-winning student newspaper is published in print each Thursday of the regular academic year and daily online. at . The paper has offices in Hibbard 104. Paid staff positions



are available for interested students in editorial, production, and advertising departments. The Spectator is a member of the Associated Collegiate Press.

**NOTA** (*None of the Above*), the campus creative arts magazine published once per semester, provides an outlet for student writing, photography, artwork, and original music performance; in addition, NOTA publishes "Pocket NOTA," a magazine designated for pieces of longer prose. NOTA sponsors public readings by students, faculty, and professional writers and holds contests for fiction and poetry writers. Interested students may inquire at the NOTA Office in the English Department or via email: [nota@uwec.edu](mailto:nota@uwec.edu).

## University Centers

The University Centers (<http://www.uwec.edu/centers/>) comprises two buildings that are the center of campus life: The W. R. Davies Student Center and the Hilltop Center. University Centers programs and services operate within these facilities. The University Centers also manages the Zorn Arena and the Schofield Auditorium — multipurpose facilities that are heavily used by the university community for meetings, recreation, performances, dining, conferences, workshops and other curricular and co-curricular activities.

The University Centers develops and implements a variety of involvement and leadership experiences, volunteer opportunities, student employment and internships, diversity and cultural growth initiatives, and community outreach. These varying experiences help students to develop new skills, reflect on their personal identity and place in the world, and become engaged citizens. The University Centers builds and sustains partnerships with faculty/staff and community members, to ultimately enhance the quality of the experiences provided. The University Centers is funded by space, equipment and labor rentals (including those for meetings, programs, private weddings, camps, conferences and other special community events), student fees and commissions.

The University Centers provides services that are integral to campus life, including the undergraduate textbook rental program, the meal plan required for nearly all campus residents, and the official university ID card. The unit is responsible for all non-academic reservations on campus and ticketing of campus events. The University Centers administers bookstore services, dining, catering and vending services campus-wide, manages all printing services and provides the central source of campus information through the Service Center.

**W.R. Davies Student Center.** The 177,000 sq. ft. W. R. Davies Student Center opened its doors in July 2012. This student center, like its predecessor, is named in memory of William R. Davies (1893–1959), the university's second president. Its design was inspired by nature surrounding the Eau Claire campus — the Chippewa River, the woods, the stone formations, and the Little Niagara Creek. W. R. Davies Student Center occupies a site that was the historic meeting grounds of the Dakota and Ojibwe people, who made peace in the 1850s after a bitter war that spanned 150 years. The treaty line is thought to be at the mouth of the Little Niagara Creek on the Chippewa River. Names of meeting spaces in the original and the present Davies Center honor the Ojibwe and Dakota and other native people of Wisconsin, including the Ho-Chunk, Menominee and Potawatomi tribal members who used the Council Oak tree and its surroundings as a shelter and gathering place. Davies Center was planned as an expression of the role of the Council Oak, a beacon and symbol of community, gathering and a safe space for all. W.R. Davies Student Center is the center for social and cultural interaction on the lower campus. Offering a number of meeting and program spaces (<http://www.uwec.edu/centers/facilities/davies/map.htm>), dining facilities and service areas, W.R. Davies Center is the administrative core of the University Centers. It is also home to the Student Senate (<http://www.uwec.edu/StudentSenate/>), the primary vehicle for student involvement in university governance.

**Hilltop Center.** Spanning the road that connects the upper and lower campus, Hilltop Center was built in 1968 and is home to Riverview Café, the primary contract dining facility on campus. An extensive renovation of Hilltop Center in 2012 expanded the primary service cafeteria on campus. Riverview Café (<https://uwecdining.sodexomyway.com/dining-near-me/resident-dining/>) now comprises the entire second floor of the building, and up to 7,000 meals are served to students each day. The programs and services of University Recreation and Sport Facilities (<https://www.uwec.edu/recreation/>) are also based in Hilltop Center. Facilities include the Environmental Adventure Center (<http://www.uwec.edu/Recreation/eac/>) (EAC), the Bowling and Billiard Center (<http://www.uwec.edu/Recreation/bbc/>) (BBC) and The Lookout – event space.

**Crest Wellness Center.** Is home to Student Health Service, Crest Fitness Center, University Police and the Eagle's View Challenge Ropes Course. In 1999 a \$1.4 million upgrade remodeled the upper level of Crest Wellness Center for the fitness center, making it possible to relocate its weightlifting exercise equipment from the lower level. In 2013 the Eagles View Challenge Course was expanded offering both high and low rope challenges.

## Blugold Card Services

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire photo identification cards are issued and replaced for students, faculty and staff at Blugold Card Services (<http://www.uwec.edu/blugoldcard/>) in the W. R. Davies Center's east lobby. Upon initial enrollment and employment at the University, a Blugold ID Card is issued to every student and staff and retain their ID cards throughout their enrollment/employment. The Blugold Card entitles the bearer access to dining facilities; use of McIntyre Library; access to McPhee Physical Education Center facilities; reduced ticket prices for many campus activities and events; free use of the Eau Claire Transit System; access to the Blugold Account debit card system, Textbook Rental and many other options. Through the university's banking partnership, students and staff also have the option of using their Blugold Cards as ATM or pin/signature-based debit card. A branch bank is located in the W. R. Davies Center's east lobby.

## Blugold Dining

W. R. Davies Center retail facilities include a food court, coffee shop, convenience store, catering, and fine dining options are offered to the University community and to the public. Hilltop residential dining offers cafeteria, fast food, a la carte to students living in residence halls (except Chancellors Hall, The Priory and Haymarket Landing) and students can participate in one of several meal plan options. Einstein Bros. Bagels is located off the main lobby of Centennial Hall and in the Haas Fine Arts Center lobby. Meal plan information is available online (<https://uwecdining.sodexomyway.com/my-meal-plan/index/>) as well as social media.

## Event Services and Conferences

Responsible for all non-academic reservations on campus, Event Services is the University's centralized event planning organization. Event Services works with students, staff and the community to plan conferences, meetings and other events, and works with administrative offices and academic departments in executing programs that support the educational mission of the University. Event Services (<http://www.uwec.edu/eventservices/>) directs a highly responsible student staff trained in all aspects of safety and event production to ensure the well-being of all users of campus facilities. Professional video, lighting, sound & staging are also available for events.

## University Bookstore and Textbook Rental

Located on two levels of the W. R. Davies Center, the University Bookstore (<http://www.uwec.edu/Bookstore/>) sells a variety of course-related and general interest reading materials, gifts and University clothing, greeting cards, and school, art, computer, and office supplies. Gift certificates and a special order

service for books and merchandise are also available. Cash, credit card, and Blugold Account purchases are welcome.

UW-Eau Claire undergraduates rent textbooks and other course materials from the University Bookstore's Textbook Rental Department, which is funded by a designated portion of undergraduate tuition. Textbooks and other teaching resources are selected by instructors for each course and are arranged by department and course number on the bookstore's upper level for students to pick up.

## University Printing Services

University Printing Services (<http://www.uwec.edu/printing/>) provides affordable and convenient printing and production services for students, faculty/staff, academic departments and administrative offices, and the public. Printing Services offers competitive pricing on business cards, presentation materials, posters, labels, envelopes, postcards, brochures, booklets and much more. High-speed black-and-white digital copies, high-quality color copies, large-format printing and a range of bindery services are among the services offered. Student graphic designers are on staff to create custom materials such as resumes, graduation, wedding or special occasion save the date cards, invitations and thank you cards. Printing Services accepts walk-up and online orders. Cash, Blugold Account, campus account, and credit cards are welcome.

University Printing Services has a walk-up location in the first floor lobby of the W. R. Davies Student Center. It manages the contracts that provide copiers campus-wide for student and office/departmental use. University Printing Services is the designated agency printing manager for UW-Eau Claire, responsible for ensuring that all off-campus printing using state monies is purchased in accordance with state law and policy. Custom course packs are produced here and made available through the University Bookstore.

## University Service Center

The University Service Center (<https://www.uwec.edu/centers/services/>) plays a key role in University communication, acting as the central source of University information as well as answering the campus' main phone line. The area offers one-stop convenience for many essential services. Credit card and Blugold Account purchases are welcome.

- **Tickets** — The University's centralized ticket office works with organizations, academic departments, Blugold Athletics and other administrative offices to produce and sell tickets to campus events. Tickets for basketball, hockey, football, concerts, lectures and other campus programs are available at the Service Center, and bargain movie passes for community theatres also can be purchased in advance.
- **Postal Services** — The Service Center offers U.S. Postal Service domestic and limited international mail services. A United Parcel Service (UPS) drop box is also available outside Davies Center.
- **Information Services** — Campus information including directory assistance, activities information, campus/community maps and brochures can be found at the Service Center. The Service Center manages the sale board in Davies Center, as well as its online site; gives vending machine refunds, and provides the campus-wide lost and found services.

## University Student Governance and Organizations

Involvement in campus organizations is an important part of the university's total education program. These groups offer social and service opportunities for their members, the university, and the community at large. Membership can broaden acquaintances, develop leadership ability, build decision-making and problem-solving skills, and complement classroom instruction. Visit online (<https://www.uwec.edu/activities-involvement-leadership/student-clubs-organizations/search-organizations/>) for the current list of Student Organizations in the following categories:

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Academic & Professional  
Campus Department  
Campus Media  
Cultural & Identity  
Event Programming  
Governance & Politics (Student Government, Student Senate, etc.)  
Greek Life  
Honor Societies  
Non-Organization Opportunities  
Performing  
Recreational  
Service  
Special Interests  
Spiritual  
Sport Clubs  
Administrative Committees  
Residence Hall Government

## Veterans Services

The University is approved by the State Approval Agency for the education of veterans and veterans' dependents under both federal and state programs.

The Veteran Services Office (located in Blugold Central) advises veterans and eligible dependents on available state and federal veterans educational programs and assists them in applying for educational benefits. Veterans are also encouraged to use this office to seek assistance related to veterans' issues and as a referral resource.

Students requesting veterans benefits should meet with the staff of the Veteran Services Office to set up their benefits program(s). Students using veterans educational benefits are required to request certification of benefits after registering for classes each semester. Students also need to keep this office apprised on any changes in their enrollment status. For more information, visit the website (<https://www.uwec.edu/tuition-financial-aid/veteran-benefits/>).

In addition to Veteran's benefits services that are processed in Blugold Central, UWEC also has the Veteran's Center (<https://www.uwec.edu/dean-of-students/veterans-center/>), located in Schofield Hall, Room 020. The Veteran's Center is a space where veteran students, faculty and staff can learn more about resources specifically for them, attend programs on veteran needs, and participate in support groups.