

## Social Work

### At UW-Eau Claire

Social workers help meet the basic human needs of all people and empower those who are vulnerable, oppressed or living in poverty. A historic and defining feature of social work is the profession's dual focus on the individual in a social context and the betterment of society.

### Great preparation

The curriculum is designed to prepare you for entry-level professional social work and graduate study. Graduates of our social work degree are eligible for certification as social workers in the State of Wisconsin. The accredited BSW degree from UW-Eau Claire also permits advanced standing of as many as half the credits needed to obtain a master of social work degree.

### Hands-on experiences

Students will take Social Work 290: Human Rights and Global Justice, which involves completing 30 hours of volunteer service in a social service agency to help them determine their interest in social work as a career. In their senior year, students complete a professional internship that involves working in a social service agency to develop the skills necessary to help others solve personal and environmental problems.

### Uniquely UW-Eau Claire

Unique to UW-Eau Claire are the internship and cultural immersion programs. Students can do internships in South Africa and in area correctional facilities, schools, adoption agencies, and child welfare settings. They can take cultural immersion trips to places such as Appalachian mountain villages or Native American Reservations. In addition,

our student organizations are extraordinarily active, and our engagement in community programs is a win-win for the students in the program and the people of the Chippewa Valley.

### Research opportunities

Students conduct research with faculty in both local and faraway places. Students have worked in Costa Rica, Nicaragua, South Africa and Guatemala, and locally with correctional facilities and the Eau Claire Area Hmong Mutual Assistant Association.

### Innovative facilities and support

Students have access to computers campus wide, a special resource reading room and well-equipped laboratories. There are also rooms with one-way glass and modern



digital equipment for monitoring and improving students' interpersonal and interviewing skills. Students also have supportive faculty (half of the faculty are doing research with students) and include many scholarship opportunities.

To learn more about the Eau Claire Advantage go to [www.uwec.edu/advantage](http://www.uwec.edu/advantage)



*"Being a part of the social work program has allowed me to investigate my relationship to the world through international research, an opportunity I couldn't have hope to find elsewhere."*

— Victoria

### Our graduates

Typical positions held by our graduates include county social services, hospitals, schools, mental health facilities, child and family welfare agencies, nursing care facilities, probation and

parole offices, and domestic violence shelters.

### Places our grads go:

- *Social Worker*, Burnett County Department of Human Services, Spooner, WI
- *Youth and Family Director*, YMCA, Milwaukee, WI
- *Graduate Student*, University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI
- *Children's Service Society*, Eau Claire, WI
- *AmeriCorps*, Sitka, AL
- *Peace Corps*

## Majors

Social work, Liberal Arts (comprehensive major; requires no additional programs)

Certificate programs

- Child welfare
- Gerontology

## Course work

In addition to a variety of general education courses in the natural sciences, social sciences, communications and humanities, social work majors are required to take the following:

- Introduction to Social Work
- Interpersonal Skills
- Human Rights and Global Justice
- Generalist Social Work Practice with Individuals
- Methods of Social Work Research
- Human Behavior and Social Environment
- Social Welfare Policies and Programs
- Ethnic-Sensitive Practice
- Generalist Social Work Practice with Groups/Families
- Generalist Social Work Practice with Communities/Organizations
- Social Work Internship

## Accreditation

Council on Social Work Education

## note:

### Special admission requirements

Sixty credits including IDIS 100, SW 220, SW 290, POLS 110, PSYC 100, PSYC 230, BIOL 151, SOC 101. GPA in above courses and overall GPA must be 2.5 or above.

### Commitment to Service

The major requires 480 service hours including 30 hours of diversity service. Many students have completed their service commitment through internships and work at homeless shelters, government agencies, community correction agencies, Girl Scouts, and specialized schools.

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