



University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Fall 2022-Spring 2023

Greetings from Eau Claire, Wisconsin to our exchange coordinators and exchange students!

COVID 19 Information:

UWEC is planning in person instruction at the current time for the 2022-2023 Academic Year. More updates can be found on our university website here: <https://www.uwec.edu/coronavirus-updates/>
Any changes in policy or status on campus or the local community will also be notified via email by the coordinator here at UWEC if a pivot to online learning occurred.

A checklist and information on the process of applying as an exchange student and requirements, including documents needed for admission can be found on the Center for International Education (CIE) website listed here: <https://www.uwec.edu/academics/explore-opportunities/study-abroad/cie/how-to-apply/>

*Please note, there is an online application the student must complete. All other materials listed online can be sent via email by the student, EXCEPT original transcripts. Those are required to be sent directly from the partner university via secure email to Lee Chepil, at chepillw@uwec.edu.

Important Information

Deadlines:

March 1 for fall semester & October 15 for spring semester

If you are exchange coordinator, please nominate the students no later than 1 month prior to the deadline.

Admitted International Student checklist

Once students are admitted, there will be a checklist to complete prior to their arrival in Eau Claire. This can be found on the Admissions website:

<https://www.uwec.edu/admissions/undergraduate/international-student/after-admitted/>.

Course Selection:

- For possible course schedules and offerings at UW-Eau Claire, students can browse the class schedule as a guest. See directions <https://www.uwec.edu/blugold-central/academic-planning/register-classes/class-schedules/>. Please note that these are just possible class selections. Not all courses may be available.
- Once accepted to UW-Eau Claire, students can expect an email from a UW-Eau Claire Academic Advisor who will register them for coursework. This email will come directly to their UWEC email-students should activate this as soon as possible, and check it frequently.
- Students should be prepared to be flexible and work with their home university for coursework substitutions as needed.

Limited or restricted coursework:

- Unfortunately, UW – Eau Claire is unable to welcome exchange students in **graduate programs**.
- Unfortunately, exchange students studying at UW-Eau Claire are not allowed to take course work in **nursing**.
- Before completing an application for study in **accounting or finance**, please send a detailed course / module description for your Introduction to Accounting and Introduction to Finance courses to the exchange coordinator at UWEC to determine if they meet UWEC requirements for enrolling in further accounting and finance courses. There may be limited opportunities for specific coursework, due to pre-requisite material required of students studying U.S. accounting and finance methods.

Mandatory Health Insurance:

- All exchange students are required to pay for and be enrolled in the University of Wisconsin System's Student Accident & Sickness Insurance Policy. **This is a University of Wisconsin System requirement, with no exceptions.** The cost for the Accident & Sickness Insurance Policy is approximately \$1000 per semester. **The CIE will enroll the students at the beginning of the semester and the charge will be applied to their UWEC account. Students do NOT need to purchase supplemental insurance.**

DS-2019 Immigration Document:

- Upon acceptance to UW-Eau Claire, the student will receive a DS-2019, along with other helpful information in their acceptance packet.
- The DS-2019 will allow the student to apply at a U.S. embassy/consulate for their J-1 student visa. To enter the United States, the student will need their DS-2019, passport and student visa.
- Students and Exchange Coordinators should contact their local U.S. embassy/consulate to determine if there are other requirements specific to their country, including any requirements for COVID-19.

SEVIS Fee:

There is a SEVIS fee imposed by the United States Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS). The U.S. government requires this fee for all J-1 students.

- The student needs to pay this fee before their visa interview.
- The student should bring the SEVIS fee payment receipt with them to their visa interview and keep this receipt with them when entering the United States.
- For more detailed information on the fee payment process, go to the SEVIS website: <http://www.ice.gov/sevis>.

Services for Students with Disabilities

Please be aware that UW-Eau Claire has an office that can provide a variety of services and accommodations to assist students with a variety of needs. The Services for Students with Disabilities office works with students, faculty, staff, and community partners to facilitate provision of services and accommodations. You can find out more here: <https://www.uwec.edu/equity-diversity-inclusion/edi-services-programs/services-for-students-with-disabilities/>

If you are a student in possible need of services or accommodations, please email the exchange coordinator and they will assist in connecting you to the office to see if you qualify for services. Documentation by a medical provider may be required.

Get Involved at UWEC!

Buddy Program

The Buddy Program, through the Center for International Education (CIE), pairs domestic and current international students (buddies) at UW-Eau Claire with incoming international students. The goal is to build intercultural relationships with a student familiar with UWEC and U.S. culture. This program is voluntary, and new students are given the opportunity to sign up at orientation. Students will be matched with their buddy within the first two weeks of classes.

Student 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.

<https://www.uwec.edu/activities-involvement-leadership/student-clubs-organizations/>

We look forward to welcoming your students to UW-Eau Claire!