

anticipate the probable area of journalistic specialization, such as science reporting or performing arts criticism. Practical journalistic experience may be obtained by working on the staff of the campus newspaper, radio station, yearbook, literary magazine, or office of marketing and communications. Experience may also be obtained at the local cable access channel located in downtown Ripon. A semester or summer internship with a newspaper, radio station, or television network is highly recommended.

A student who goes from Ripon into specialized training at a school of journalism may, by previous arrangement, qualify for a degree from Ripon and from the school of journalism provided that the student completes three years at Ripon, the distribution requirements, and a major.

## Law

Admittance into post graduate law school or legal administration programs require a liberally educated student who can demonstrate a mastery of communication and analytical skills. No specific major or set of courses is required however a strong background in logic either from the philosophical or mathematical discipline combined with writing courses in journalism, English, or the social sciences will prove useful. The introductory law and constitutional law classes will provide an excellent test for a student's interest level. These preparatory classes as well as classes in a definite interest area such as politics, business, sociology, or psychology will give the student the background needed for a successful legal career.

The interdisciplinary nature of the Ripon College program permits a student to prepare for the rigors of post graduate law school or other schools of legal and court administration. In today's world of specialization, a successful candidate for

a legal career must have the opportunity to explore the legal environment while developing that niche in environmental law, business law, criminal law, sports law, literary law, labor law or one of the over one hundred specialities practiced today. For more information consult Professor Steven Sorenson

## Library and Information Science

Librarianship offers students an excellent opportunity to use knowledge and skills gained through their liberal arts education. Professional librarians have masters or doctoral degrees in library and information science and come from a variety of undergraduate backgrounds. Librarianship offers specialization in fields such as music, law, the medical sciences and business, to name a few. Students interested in a career in library and information science will benefit from courses in computer science, education (for school librarianship), and history and art history (for archival management). Lane Library's work study positions offer student assistants the opportunity to shadow librarians in their departments and learn about the various facets of library work. Internships in the College archives are also available. For more information consult the library staff.

## Military Leadership

The U.S. Army and Ripon College offer Army ROTC courses that can lead to a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. Excellent opportunities, benefits and a variety of careers in the military service are available as a commissioned officer. Students may also apply for graduate study and professional studies such as law, medicine or dentistry prior to commissioning. Qualified cadets in the Military Science program may compete for ROTC schol-

arships which, in addition to a subsistence allowance, cover the full cost of tuition, books, and fees. Consult the Military Science Department for further information.

## Ministry

The best preparation for special study at a divinity school or seminary is a well-balanced liberal arts education, with emphasis on English, philosophy, religion, and social sciences. Public speaking is also important. Consult Professor Brian Smith.

## Social Work

A liberal education is excellent preparation for a career in social work because it gives broad exposure to problems that people and societies face and that social workers typically encounter. Students interested in social work may major in anthropology, economics, history, philosophy, politics and government, psychology, sociology, or may plan a self-designed major. Graduate work should be strongly considered. Consult Professor Jacqueline Clark.

## Teaching

*Licensure:* Under the supervision of Ripon's Educational Studies Department, a student may earn teacher licensure in several subject areas. Ripon believes a good teacher meets the standards of professional preparation in education, possesses competency in the subject matter taught, understands the human needs that motivate individual behavior, and is sensitive to the forces and value systems that influence society. The College further believes that these qualities are best developed at the undergraduate level through a program of liberal and professional education. The professional course work in education that Ripon offers is designed to pre-

pare teachers for initial licensure. Their on-the-job experience, graduate study, and professional development activities are the ingredients for continued development as good teachers.

*Special Education:* The educational studies department is working with the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh to offer a program leading to special education teacher licensure. Students interested in this option should consult with Dr. Williams.

*Specialized Areas of Education:* Ripon provides the prerequisite work for graduate study in most specialized areas in the field (e.g., reading, school counseling). Ripon's academic departments offer elective courses which provide background preparation for these specialized roles. Students interested in one of these specialized positions should seek the advice of education professors no later than the sophomore year.

*Private Schools:* Students with strong academic records, but lacking licensure, can be employed by private schools for elementary and secondary teaching. Courses in education strengthen such a teacher's qualifications.

*College and University:* A master's degree is the usual minimum for an initial appointment, and a terminal degree (such as the Ph.D.) is often required. A strong departmental major at Ripon qualifies the student for admission to an appropriate graduate school.

Consult with the chair of the Educational Studies Department for more information.