

University of Wisconsin Milwaukee Information Sheet

Brief overview of the university

UWM has over 23,000 students at our 10 schools and colleges, 200 academic programs, along with 15 NCAA Division I athletic teams. We are a top-tier research university recognized by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. The overall student population is more diverse than any Wisconsin school and international students are represented by over 1,250 people from more than 79 different countries. UWM has over 300 student organizations, and a vibrant campus. Our main campus is a blend of stately 19th century buildings and exciting new architecture with the latest in educational technology. The university is nestled in a residential neighbourhood far enough from downtown for peace and quiet, yet within easy reach of the best in arts and entertainment that the city has to offer. <http://uwm.edu/about/>

Academic issues

Academic Programs	UWM is particularly known for: Accounting, Architecture and Urban Planning; Business Administration; Communication and Journalism, Computer Science, Economics, Education, Engineering, Fine Arts, Film, Freshwater Sciences, Global Studies, Health Sciences, Letters and Sciences; Music, Nursing, Psychology, and Sciences. For a full list of programs: http://uwm.edu/academics/
Restricted/closed Departments	None are restricted, but graduate programs, require previous approval in some cases. Additionally, clinical, practical, and advanced major specific courses may not be open to exchange students. In most cases, exchange students are not able to take independent study or independent research courses. Online courses are not covered by the exchange agreement. Hybrid courses could incur additional fees for students, so we encourage in-person instruction only.
Students pre-register for classes	Once admitted to UWM you are given a campus ID number and instructions for activating and then accessing your PAWS administrative account. Students are encouraged to register early for classes, but they can also change or adjust registration within a two-week timeframe at the beginning of the semester. Enrollment access is available in May for the fall (September) term, and November for spring (January) term.
Link/s to detailed subject or course descriptions:	You are advised to use the main UWM website: http://www4.uwm.edu/ and search by department to read about faculty members. In addition, you should go to the Schedule of Classes for the most accurate listing of available courses http://www4.uwm.edu/schedule/

Semester dates

For information about semester dates, please go to: <http://uwm.edu/secu/calendars/>

Application Deadlines/Information

For Fall/Academic Year terms starting in September: Nomination deadline March 1*,
Application deadline March 15

For Spring term starting in January: Nomination Deadline October 1*,
Application deadline October 15

*If the university needs a later deadline, please contact Sue Conway, conways@uwm.edu

Home universities should submit electronic/scanned copies of student's transcript, English scores, and any other relevant academic documents via email to Sue Conway conways@uwm.edu

Application instructions:	Incoming Exchange Student Information - Center for International Education - UW-Milwaukee (uwm.edu)
English Language requirement	<p>TOEFL 65, IELTS 5.0 for Undergraduate Students *</p> <p>TOEFL 79, IELTS 6.5 for Graduate Students</p> <p>Plus additional qualifying tests or courses – see website for details</p> <p>*There are academic English classes we recommend for exchange students with scores under the grad admission scores requirement, but the courses are not always required.</p> <p>Note: English language requirement is waived if entire home university curriculum is taught in English for grad and undergraduate students.</p> <p>https://uwm.edu/cie/international-admissions/bachelors-application/english-proficiency-requirement/</p>
University Housing	
Is housing guaranteed?	No, but there are several housing units off-campus in addition to Sandburg Halls (on-campus) which makes housing for exchange students typically available. We recommend applying for university housing as early as possible after admission.
Link to housing website	http://uwm.edu/housing/
When is housing information sent?	Information is available on the University Housing website. Students can learn about facilities, location, and cost. Once the student is admitted to the university, they will receive access to the housing contract typically within two weeks. Students must complete a contract, select their housing preference, then housing uses a lottery system and assigns students to housing based on their preferences. Housing assignments begin in May and continue throughout the summer. For spring only students, housing assignments may begin as early as November but are likely to happen in December or January.
Brief details	<p>Housing may be assigned in Sandburg Halls (on-campus), or Riverview Residence Hall, or Cambridge Commons, which are off-campus. Learn about the different buildings here: Housing Options – Housing at UWM</p> <p>Optional housing in Kenilworth Square Apartments is also available via separate application process to graduate students and upper-class students over 21 years old. Pricing for all types of university housing and dining plans can be found at: Rates – Housing at UWM</p> <p><u>Please</u> note: University Housing spaces are minimally furnished. University Housing may not be available to late applicants.</p>
Allocation process	<p>If exchange students are admitted and submit their housing contracts before May 1 (for fall or academic year), it is very likely that a room will be available. Room assignments are given out by lottery, and students will need to request 3 different room options.</p> <p>Students may only complete a Kenilworth Apartment contract, or a contract for the other University Housing options.</p> <p>If students choose a Living Learning Community (housing which includes a course for all residents) as an option (Living Learning Communities – Housing at UWM), that will be given priority over any other preferences.</p>
Off campus Housing	<p>In addition, you may explore off-campus housing. A good website to check is the following: https://uwm.edu/off-campus-resources/</p> <p>Students can also check the Facebook Group: UWM Sublet and Roommate board https://www.facebook.com/groups/400770353381560/</p>

Application information

Applications are processed:	We have rolling admissions – the earlier a student applies, the earlier they may be accepted. For Fall and Academic Year: January - April For Spring: June - October
We send out offer letters?	For Fall and Academic Year: January - May For Spring: June - November

Immigration information

When do we send immigration documents?	Documents are accessible electronically through issconnect.uwm.edu For Fall and Academic Year: January - May For Spring: June - November
Where to find further information about immigration?	https://www.usembassy.gov/ Find your country alphabetically and get the details of your closest embassy or consulate.

Pre-arrival information

Nearest Airports to UWM	Milwaukee General Mitchell International Airport (MKE) Chicago O'Hare Airport (ORD)
Arrival information page	Arrival & Transportation to Campus – Center for International Education
Mandatory Orientation program?	Yes, this free program is typically held the week before classes start each semester. Dates are finalized in the acceptance documents.
Link for a website for further details	For J-1 visa students: https://uwm.edu/cie/partner/exchange-partners/incoming-exchange-students/

Financial requirement

Financial guarantee required For US immigration.	University of Wisconsin Milwaukee requires written financial guarantees for at least \$16,000 USD for the academic year* or \$8,000 USD for one semester* *Actual student costs can vary based on housing choices, variations on costs of books, meal plan choice, and student's non-academic expenses. Single rooms cost a minimum of \$1,000 more per semester. Please request a cost estimate sheet if needed by contacting Sue Conway at conways@uwm.edu .
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Health Insurance & Vaccinations

Students are required to purchase a UWM negotiated Health Insurance Policy [Health Insurance & Medical Records – Center for International Education](#)

Approximate cost of insurance \$2,400 USD/academic year
Fall semester August to January approximately \$1000
Spring Semester January through August approximately \$1400

Can insurance be waived by my own policy? No

Are Vaccines required at UWM? No Vaccines are required at UWM, though some are recommended for University Housing. For updated entry information for the USA, please visit: www.cdc.gov

Additional costs

Mandatory costs Students must pay for fees called “mandatory or segregated fees” each semester. These fees pay for a public transportation pass and use of many campus facilities. The fee increases slightly each year and is currently around \$850 per semester. All students taking on-campus courses must pay these fees.

There is also a \$200 per semester international student fee.

General Information

Links to tourist information [About Milwaukee - UW-Milwaukee](#)
www.onmilwaukee.com/
<https://www.visitmilwaukee.org>
<http://www.discovermilwaukee.com/>
[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g60097-Activities-Milwaukee Wisconsin.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g60097-Activities-Milwaukee_Wisconsin.html)

Local Newspaper access <http://www.jsonline.com/>
<http://shepherdexpress.com/>

Link to special CIE website for J-1 exchange students. <https://uwm.edu/cie/partner/exchange-partners/incoming-exchange-students/>

Center for International Education website <http://uwm.edu/cie/>

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