University of Wisconsin Milwaukee Information Sheet

Brief overview of the university

UWM has over 28,000 students at their 14 schools and colleges, more than 180 degree programs, research standing in the top 109 universities in the nation and 322 in the world, along with 15 NCAA Division I athletic teams. The overall student population is more diverse than any Wisconsin school and international students are approximately 1,800 people from 80 different countries. The UWM 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

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<th>Academic Programs</th>
<th>UWM is particularly known for: Accounting, Architecture and Urban Planning; Business Administration; Education, Engineering, Fine Arts, Film, Freshwater Sciences, Global Studies, Health Sciences, Letters and Sciences; Music, Nursing For a full list of programs: <a href="http://uwm.edu/academics/">http://uwm.edu/academics/</a></th>
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<td>Restricted/closed Departments</td>
<td>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. Typically, exchange students are not able to take independent study or independent research courses.</td>
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<td>Students pre-register for classes</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Link/s to detailed subject or course descriptions:</td>
<td>You are advised to use the main UWM website: <a href="http://www4.uwm.edu/">http://www4.uwm.edu/</a> 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 <a href="http://www4.uwm.edu/schedule/">http://www4.uwm.edu/schedule/</a></td>
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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*
For Spring term starting in January: Nomination Deadline August 1*
*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, TOEFL scores, and any other relevant academic documents via email to Sue Conway conways@uwm.edu

Application instructions: http://uwm.edu/cie/incoming-exchange-students/

English Language requirement

Undergraduate students: TOEFL 68, IELTS 5.5*
Graduate students: TOEFL 79, IELTS 6.5*
*Dual admission may be possible with lower scores, contact conways@uwm.edu for details
Requirement is waived if entire curriculum is taught in English.
### University Housing

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<td>Is housing guaranteed?</td>
<td>No, but there are several new dormitories off-campus in addition to Sandburg Halls which makes housing for exchange students readily available.</td>
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<td>Link to housing website</td>
<td><a href="http://uwm.edu/housing/">http://uwm.edu/housing/</a></td>
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<td>When is housing information sent?</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Brief details</td>
<td>Housing may be assigned in Sandburg Halls (on-campus), or Purin Hall, Riverview Residence Hall, or Cambridge Commons, all of which are off-campus. Research options here: <a href="http://uwm.edu/housing/communities/">http://uwm.edu/housing/communities/</a> Optional housing in Kenilworth Square Apartments is also available via separate application process to graduate students and upper class students over 22 years old. <em>Please note</em> apartments are minimally furnished. Pricing for all types of university housing and meal plans can be found at: <a href="http://uwm.edu/housing/students/rates-meal-plans/">http://uwm.edu/housing/students/rates-meal-plans/</a></td>
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<td>Allocation process</td>
<td>If exchange applications with requests for University accommodation are received, and housing contracts completed before May 1, 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. Students may only complete a Kenilworth Apartment contract, or a contract for the other University Housing options. If students choose a Living Learning Community as an option (<a href="http://uwm.edu/housing/communities/living-learning-communities/">http://uwm.edu/housing/communities/living-learning-communities/</a>), that will be given priority over any other preferences. However, we cannot guarantee accommodation for late applicants.</td>
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<td>Off campus Housing</td>
<td>In addition, you may explore off-campus housing. A good website to check is the following: <a href="http://uwm.edu/neighborhoodhousing/">http://uwm.edu/neighborhoodhousing/</a> Students can also check the Facebook Group: UWM Sublet and Roommate board <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/400770353381560/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/400770353381560/</a></td>
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### Application information

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<td>We send out offer letters?</td>
<td>For Fall and Academic Year: April/May For Spring: September/October</td>
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### Immigration information

| When do we send immigration documents? | For Fall and Academic Year: April/May  
For Spring: September/October |
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| Where to find further information about immigration? | [https://www.usembassy.gov/](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) |
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| Airport Pick up | Panther Pick Up Service on specific days  
Details can be found here: [http://uwm.edu/cie/international-admissions/newly-admitted-students/arrival-to-campus/uwm-panther-pick-up/](http://uwm.edu/cie/international-admissions/newly-admitted-students/arrival-to-campus/uwm-panther-pick-up/) |
| Brief details | UWM offers pick-up options at designated times on specific days prior to orientation for students arriving in Chicago O’Hare by plane, or Milwaukee by plane, train or bus. Exchange students must complete an arrival form. Details about pick up options will be sent directly to students, but there is also a website where the fee service lists details here: [http://uwm.edu/cie/international-admissions/newly-admitted-students/arrival-to-campus/uwm-panther-pick-up/](http://uwm.edu/cie/international-admissions/newly-admitted-students/arrival-to-campus/uwm-panther-pick-up/) |
| 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/incoming-exchange-students/](https://uwm.edu/cie/incoming-exchange-students/) |

### Financial requirement

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<th>Financial guarantee amount for US immigration</th>
<th>University of Wisconsin Milwaukee requires written financial guarantees for at least $12,800 USD for the academic year* or $6,400 USD for one semester*</th>
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<td>*Actual student costs can vary significantly based on housing choices, variations on costs of books, meal plan choice, and students non-academic expenses</td>
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### Health Insurance

| Students are required to purchase a UWM negotiated Health Insurance Policy | [http://uwm.edu/cie/international-admissions/newly-admitted-students/international-student-health-insurance/](http://uwm.edu/cie/international-admissions/newly-admitted-students/international-student-health-insurance/)  
Click on Undergraduate or Graduate student, then click link for UWM Health Insurance |
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| Approximate cost of insurance | $1,500 USD/academic year  
Fall semester August to January about $650  
Spring Semester January through August about $750 |
Can insurance be waived by my own policy? No

### 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 just over $740 per semester. All students taking on-campus courses must pay these fees.

There is also a $100 per semester international student fee.

### General Information

**Links to tourist information**

- [http://uwm.edu/aboutmke/](http://uwm.edu/aboutmke/)
- [www.onmilwaukee.com/](http://www.onmilwaukee.com/)
- [http://www.visitmilwaukee.org/events](http://www.visitmilwaukee.org/events)
- [http://shepherdexpress.com/](http://shepherdexpress.com/)
- [http://www.discovermilwaukee.com/](http://www.discovermilwaukee.com/)

**Link to special CIE website for J-1 exchange students and the Center for International Education**

- [http://uwm.edu/cie/incoming-exchange-students/](http://uwm.edu/cie/incoming-exchange-students/)
- [http://uwm.edu/cie/](http://uwm.edu/cie/)

### Contact details

**Address and Phone Number**

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