The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (University) is committed to diversification of the student body, faculty, and staff and to serving the needs of those groups. Given this commitment, it is critical that all members of the student body, faculty, and staff be accorded equal treatment. In that light, domestic partners or spouses of students, faculty/staff, and alumni are entitled to access of all services (to the extent allowed by federal and state law, State of Wisconsin policies and benefits, the University of Wisconsin System policies and benefits, and UWM’s ability to reasonably negotiate access to services provided by outside providers).

**Spouse Verification:**
Criteria to determine spouse status for the purpose of this policy “Spouse” are two individuals who both meet all of the five following criteria:
1. Are 18 years of age or older.
2. Are competent to enter into a contract.
3. Are not legally married to, or the domestic partner of, any other person.
4. Are not related by blood closer than permitted under the marriage laws of the State of Wisconsin.
5. Have entered into the marriage relationship voluntarily, willingly, and without reservation.

Please provide the following forms of proof:
- Same last name; one of the following listed in the bullet:
  - Evidence of joint use of last name:
    - State issued pictured Drivers License with same address or,
    - Joint utility bill with same address and picture ID or,
    - Joint savings or checking account with address and with picture ID or,
    - Joint ownership of an automobile with address and with picture ID or, (Title or Registration)
    - Joint use of and liability for credit cards with picture ID or,
- Different last names; both required:
  - State Issued pictured Drivers License with same address “and”,
  - Certified copy of Marriage Certificate.

**Domestic Partner Verification:**
Domestic Partner for a Student or Faculty/Staff: They must first register as a domestic partner with UWM.
- Students – Paperwork to be completed at the Dean of Students Office.
- Faculty/Staff – Paperwork to be completed at Human Resources.
- Sustaining Alumni – Paperwork to be completed with Associate Director.