

# University of Wisconsin Milwaukee Information Sheet

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## Brief overview of the university

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UWM has 24,000 students at our 13 schools and colleges, 206-degree 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 1,000 people from 83 different countries. UWM has 290 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/>

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## Academic issues

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Academic Programs	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>
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.
Link/s to detailed subject or course descriptions:	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>

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## Semester dates

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

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## Application Deadlines/Information

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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](mailto: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](mailto:conways@uwm.edu)

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Application instructions: <https://uwm.edu/cie/partner/exchange-partners/incoming-exchange-students/>

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English Language requirement	<p>TOEFL 65, IELTS 5.0 for Undergraduate Students *</p> <p>TOEFL 79, IELTS 6.5 for Graduate Students</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><a href="https://uwm.edu/cie/international-admissions/bachelors-application/english-proficiency-requirement/">https://uwm.edu/cie/international-admissions/bachelors-application/english-proficiency-requirement/</a></p>
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## University Housing

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Is housing guaranteed?	No, but there are several housing units off-campus in addition to Sandburg Halls which makes housing for exchange students readily available.
Link to housing website	<a href="http://uwm.edu/housing/">http://uwm.edu/housing/</a>
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 Purin Hall, Riverview Residence Hall, or Cambridge Commons, all of which are off-campus. Learn about the different buildings here: <a href="http://uwm.edu/housing/communities/">http://uwm.edu/housing/communities/</a></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. <u>Please note</u>: University Housing spaces are minimally furnished.</p> <p>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></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 (<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.</p>
Off campus Housing	<p>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></p> <p>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></p>

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### Application information

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Applications are processed For Fall and Academic Year: March - April  
For Spring: September - October

We send out offer letters? For Fall and Academic Year: March - May  
For Spring: October

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### Immigration information

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When do we send immigration documents? For Fall and Academic Year: March - May  
For Spring: October

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.

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### Pre-arrival information

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Nearest Airports to UWM Milwaukee General Mitchell International Airport (MKE)  
Chicago O'Hare Airport (ORD)

Airport Pick up Panther Pick Up Service on specific days  
Details can be found here by clicking the Panther Pickup tab:  
[Arrival & Transport to Campus](#)

Brief details UWM offers pick-up options at designated times on specific days prior to orientation for students arriving in Chicago at Chicago O'Hare Airport. This service is also sometimes offered at Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport as well. Exchange students must complete an arrival form. Details about pick up options will be sent directly to students, but there is also a website that lists details here on the Panther Pick Up tab: <https://www.issconnect.uwm.edu>  
There are also details on this page on how to travel to UWM if they do not choose to use the Panther Pick Up service.

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/>

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### Financial requirement

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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. Please request a cost estimate sheet if needed by contacting Sue Conway at [conways@uwm.edu](mailto:conways@uwm.edu).

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## Health Insurance & Vaccinations

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Students are required to purchase a UWM negotiated Health Insurance Policy	<a href="https://www.issconnect.uwm.edu/">https://www.issconnect.uwm.edu/</a> Click on Health Insurance, Medical Records & Vaccine, then Students
Approximate cost of insurance	\$1,900 USD/academic year Fall semester August to January approximately \$800 Spring Semester January through August approximately \$1100
Can insurance be waived by my own policy?	No
Are Vaccines required at UWM?	Besides the US Government requirement of COVID-19 vaccines, no vaccinations are required at UWM. We can provide a list of recommended vaccinations if students are interested. Students will need to report their COVID-19 vaccinations to campus to avoid weekly testing. Please contact Sue Conway for details.

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## Additional costs

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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 \$800 per semester. All students taking on-campus courses must pay these fees.  There is also a \$100 per semester international student fee.
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## General Information

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Links to tourist information	<a href="http://uwm.edu/aboutmke/">http://uwm.edu/aboutmke/</a> <a href="http://www.onmilwaukee.com/">www.onmilwaukee.com/</a> <a href="https://www.visitmilwaukee.org">https://www.visitmilwaukee.org</a> <a href="http://www.discovermilwaukee.com/">http://www.discovermilwaukee.com/</a> <a href="https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g60097-Activities-Milwaukee_Wisconsin.html">https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g60097-Activities-Milwaukee_Wisconsin.html</a>
Local Newspaper access	<a href="http://www.jsonline.com/">http://www.jsonline.com/</a> <a href="http://shepherdexpress.com/">http://shepherdexpress.com/</a>
Link to special CIE website for J-1 exchange students	<a href="https://uwm.edu/cie/partner/exchange-partners/incoming-exchange-students/">https://uwm.edu/cie/partner/exchange-partners/incoming-exchange-students/</a>
Center for International Education website	<a href="http://uwm.edu/cie/">http://uwm.edu/cie/</a>

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**Contact details**

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Address and Phone Number      University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee  
Center for International Education  
Study Abroad Office, Garland Hall 138  
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USA

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Incoming students TO UWM      Sue Conway, Incoming Exchange Student Coordinator  
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Outgoing students FROM UWM      Yomarie Castellano, Study Abroad Coordinator  
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Office Hours/location      10:00 am – 4:00 pm CST Monday – Thursday,  
11:00 am – 2:00 pm CST Friday\*  
Garland Hall Room 138  
Hours may vary for in-person visits during the COVID-19 pandemic  
Staff available virtually Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

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