

University of Wisconsin Milwaukee Information Sheet

Brief overview of the university

UWM has over 23,000 students at our 9 schools and colleges, 213 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 1,500 people from more than 80 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/>

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	TOEFL 65, IELTS 5.0 for Undergraduate Students * TOEFL 79, IELTS 6.5 for Graduate Students *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. Note: English language requirement is waived if entire home university curriculum is taught in English for grad and undergraduate students. https://uwm.edu/cie/international-admissions/bachelors-application/english-proficiency-requirement/

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 readily available.
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	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: http://uwm.edu/housing/communities/ 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: http://uwm.edu/housing/students/rates-meal-plans/ <u>Please note:</u> University Housing spaces are minimally furnished. University Housing may not be available to late applicants.
Allocation process	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. Students may only complete a Kenilworth Apartment contract, or a contract for the other University Housing options. If students choose a Living Learning Community (housing which includes a course for all residents) as an option (http://uwm.edu/housing/communities/living-learning-communities/), that will be given priority over any other preferences.
Off campus Housing	In addition, you may explore off-campus housing. A good website to check is the following: https://uwm.edu/off-campus-resources/ Students can also check the Facebook Group: UWM Sublet and Roommate board https://www.facebook.com/groups/400770353381560/

Application information

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- November

Immigration information

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

Airport Pick up Panther Pick Up Service on specific days
Details can be found here: <https://uwm.edu/cie/services/students/arrival-transportation-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. Exchange students must complete an arrival form through their ISSSConnect portal. <https://www.issconnect.uwm.edu> Students will log into their own page and complete the request form under documents and requests.

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.

Health Insurance & Vaccinations

Students are required to purchase a UWM negotiated Health Insurance Policy	https://www.issconnect.uwm.edu/ Click on Health Insurance, Medical Records & Vaccine, then Students
Approximate cost of insurance	\$2,300 USD/academic year Fall semester August to January approximately \$1000 Spring Semester January through August approximately \$1300
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 \$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

Links to tourist information	http://uwm.edu/aboutmke/ www.onmilwaukee.com/ https://www.visitmilwaukee.org http://www.discovermilwaukee.com/ 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/

Contact details

Address and Phone Number	University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee Center for International Education Study Abroad Office, Garland Hall 138 PO Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201, USA Courier Address: 2441 E. Hartford Avenue, Garland Hall 138 Milwaukee, WI 53211 USA Tel: +1 414 229 4846 Fax: +1 414 229 3750
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