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Welcome Back To UWM!

The 2021 fall semester is here and the UWM community could not be more excited to welcome our students back to campus. [Move-in to residence halls](#) on the east side campus has been underway since Saturday and a [full schedule of Fall Welcome 2021 events](#) is planned.

Find The Latest UWM COVID-19 Information Online

UWM's COVID-19 website has been refreshed with current guidance and documentation, as well as a streamlined set of FAQs. The FAQ page is intended for questions that relate directly to COVID-19 health and safety and is organized into five categories: testing, vaccination, isolation/quarantine, classroom and office guidance, and campus guidelines. [READ MORE](#)

Emergency Grants Available For Students

The federal government has given UWM just over \$25 million of Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) grants through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to help students who have emergency expenses due to COVID-19. These funds are for any component of the cost of attendance or for emergency costs due to COVID-19. The application deadline is Sept. 13. [READ MORE](#)



Register Now For Family Weekend 2021!

If you haven't already done so, now is a great time to register for Family Weekend 2021, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 9. Register before September 15 to take advantage of \$15 early bird pricing. A full schedule of events on campus and throughout the city is planned. [READ MORE](#)

Check Out The Panther Families Facebook Group

Are you looking to take your interaction with fellow families and the Panther Families program to another level? Then check out the Panther Families Facebook Group, where you can easily interact with other families and share questions, tips and tricks.

[Go To The Group](#)

Great Student Volunteer Opportunities Available

UWM's Center for Community-Based Learning, Leadership, and Research offers a wide variety of volunteer opportunities for students to have a greater impact on the community.

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Helping Your Student Through The First Six Weeks of School

The first six weeks of school might turn out to be the most challenging for your student. They'll be adapting to the academic and social rigors of college while also learning to manage their own time and make good choices. You can play a role in helping by following some tips for keeping them on track. [READ MORE](#)



Norris Health Center: Tips For Handling Homesickness

Homesickness is a natural reaction to going away to college and is a very normal part of the human experience. When we feel homesick, we're feeling insecure or uncomfortable with where we are, physically and emotionally, and are longing for something that is known, predictable, consistent and stable. But there are plenty of great ways for students to overcome that homesickness. [READ MORE](#)



Fall Part-Time Jobs And Internship Fair

The Career Planning and Resource Center will host its annual Part-Time Jobs and Internship Fair on Wednesday, Sept. 22 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the UWM Union Ballroom. The job fair attracts employers interested in talking to all majors about employment opportunities.

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Get Your Panther Gear At ShopUWM.com!

Celebrate the start of the school year with great items from [ShopUWM.com](#)! From t-shirts and sweatshirts to drinkware and hats, there's something for everyone. Plus, there are great specials and discounts available on select products. [PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW](#)

Great Events Upcoming At UWM Planetarium

The UWM Planetarium hosts its first in-person events in over a year when Stars and S'Mores takes place this week. The next show is scheduled for Sept. 3. Enjoy free s'mores and relax outside while gazing at summer constellations through our telescopes. This event is open to the public and is one of numerous events planned for this fall.

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Panther Gear Also Available On Amazon

UWM has partnered with Amazon to make Panther Gear more widely available across the country. The selection grows regularly and many products are available for free, fast shipping via Amazon Prime. [CHECK OUT THE UWM STOREFRONT](#)



Student Safety Is A Top Priority

The UWM Police Department and Dean of Students Office, in cooperation with the Milwaukee Police Department, use a collaborative approach in maintaining the safety and security of UWM students, staff, neighbors, alumni and families on campus and throughout the east side. The efforts include increased patrols and consistent safety messaging. This month, the proactive approach includes distributing free steering wheel locks to students who own Hyundai or Kia brand vehicles. [READ MORE](#)

Financial Aid

Learn more about financial aid, scholarships, student employment and military education benefits. There is also a [Total Cost Estimator](#) that helps determine your full costs for the school year.

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Understanding The Rhythm Of College Life

Certain times in the academic year tend to be universally challenging to students. Parents and families who understand the ups and downs of the first college year are better able to help their students negotiate the challenges of the transition to college.

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Resources For Off-Campus Living

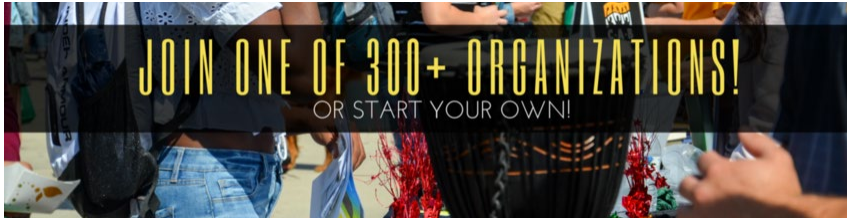
UWM's Neighborhood Housing Office provides extensive resources for students living off-campus. The office, located in the UWM Union, is open weekdays and staff is also available to connect virtually.

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Mone Says UWM Positioned To Help Solve Milwaukee's Toughest Problems

The value of UWM to the region lies in its ability to address and solve many of Milwaukee's most pervasive problems through its research, workforce development and partnerships, Chancellor Mark Mone said in his plenary address on last week at the Zelazo Center. [READ MORE](#)



Helping Your Student Get Involved

Making sure your student is getting involved on campus is a great way to increase their chances of success in college. Being involved in something is proven to increase retention and persistence to graduation. Plus, it's a great way to meet people and for your student to find their fit at UWM. [READ MORE](#)

Professional Academic Advising - Critical to Your Students' Success

2022 Study Abroad Applications Now Available

Applications for study abroad programs for UWinterIM and Spring 2022 are now open. Virtual Global Experiences are also available. Learn more during Education Abroad Week Sept. 7-10.

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Helping Families Understand FERPA

When your child was in elementary and high school, the Family Education Right and Privacy Act gave you and your child rights to access and control your child's educational records. Now that your child is in college, these same laws transfer ownership of these records directly to your child.

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Dates To Remember

[Academic Calendar](#)

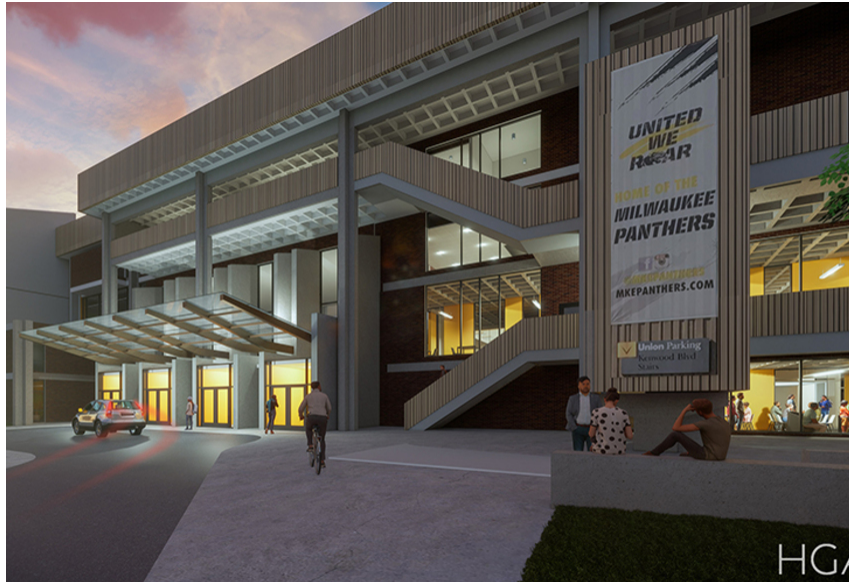
[Academic Year Checklist](#)

Sept. 2 - First Day of Classes

Sept. 7-10 - Education Abroad Week

Sept. 9 - Women's Soccer vs. Wisconsin

For students, building a relationship with their academic advisor is an important step in their academic success. Academic Advisors at UWM are professionals trained to assist your student in creating a four-year plan and mapping their road to graduation. [READ MORE](#)



Construction Projects, Renovations Kick Off

UWM is getting a new look. Construction is starting this fall and early next year on a number of long-anticipated projects that will refresh and upgrade the university's main campus. The project perhaps most visible to students is the \$40.7 million renovation of the UWM Student Union. [READ MORE](#)

Sept. 10 - Welcome Back Block Party

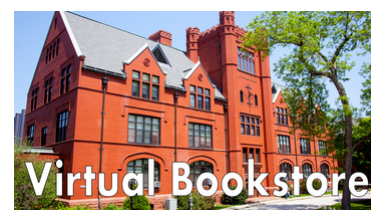
Sept. 14 - Men's Soccer vs. Northern Illinois

Sept. 17 - Summerfest College Pride Day - [FREE admission available](#)

Sept. 22 - Part-Time Job and Internship Fair

Oct. 9 - Family Weekend

Oct. 9 - Panther Prowl





UWM Day At The State Fair 2021

The Wisconsin State Fair was back in 2021 and so was UWM Day! Staff from all across UWM's three campuses and many of UWM's schools and colleges greeted visitors with demonstrations, fun interactions and plenty of Panther Pride. [READ MORE](#)



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