Next Steps

1. Complete your intent to enroll in PAWS by priority deadline **May 1**.

2. Visit [uwm.edu/housing](http://uwm.edu/housing) for the most up-to-date information on housing for the 2021-22 school year. Submit your Academic Year Housing contract and deposit or submit the Residency Exemption Request form by priority deadline **May 1**.

3. Attend the required First-Year Bridge Orientation next summer. Check your email for more information.

Questions?

For more information, visit [uwm.edu/gen-first-year-bridge](http://uwm.edu/gen-first-year-bridge).

Contacts

Information about First-Year Bridge and your next steps.

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Assistance with housing requests and exemption requests.

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First-Year Bridge Program

For more information, visit [uwm.edu/gen-first-year-bridge](http://uwm.edu/gen-first-year-bridge).
Welcome, new Panther! First-Year Bridge is designed to provide you with the academic support needed to successfully start college and meet requirements for your associate and/or bachelor’s degree.

Program Advantages

During First-Year Bridge you will be connected to a comprehensive network of academic resources while learning in a small classroom environment with supplemental tutoring built right into your day. Upon successful completion, you will have:

- 22 academic credits
- A well-defined academic plan and career path
- A strong academic and social support network
- A solid foundation upon which to build a successful college experience

After the successful completion of this one-year program, you will have the opportunity to transition into any of UWM’s four-year degree programs or complete the two-year associate degree.

Expectations

You are also expected to enroll as a full-time student and maintain at least a 2.00 GPA. As a program participant, you will meet weekly with a Math and Writing Specialist in addition to meeting with an academic advisor regularly.

Tuition & Financial Aid

Admitting you through CGS means admitting you at the two-year associate degree level, where tuition is less than two-thirds the cost of UWM’s four-year programs. Tuition is approximately $246 per credit or about $2,956 per semester for a full-time student. For more information on tuition and fees, please visit the page on the One Stop Finances website.

uwm.edu/onestop/finances

We encourage you to complete your 2021-22 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as soon as possible, as many funds are distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. This is the first step needed in determining if you’re eligible for state and federal financial aid.

University Housing Rates

For the most up-to-date information on residence hall rates, please visit uwm.edu/housing/students/rates-meal-plans.

Academic Coursework & Support

Coursework will include first-year writing and math courses, financial literacy, and other introductory courses that will provide you with academic support and a structured transition to college. Courses completed will satisfy UWM course and credit requirements putting you on the path toward graduation. Professional tutoring, academic advising, and success coaching will be available in the First-Year Bridge Center (Northwest Quadrant - 1932D) Monday through Friday 9am-4pm.