Next Steps

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

2. Visit uwm.edu/housing for the most up-to-date information on housing. 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.

Contacts

Information about First-Year Bridge and your next steps.
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Information on tuition and payments.
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Help with questions regarding FAFSA, scholarships, loans and payment options.
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UNIVERSITY HOUSING
Assistance with housing requests and exemption requests.
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Questions?

For more information, visit
uwm.edu/gen-first-year-bridge.
First-Year Bridge Program

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. Students who are admitted to the program are new freshmen whose academic record indicates that they may benefit from additional support in their first year at UWM, especially in areas of Math and English. As a part of the program, you have access to campus resources, student organizations, and countless opportunities on the main campus while having the affordable tuition rate of the College of General Studies.

Academic Coursework & Support

Coursework will include first-year writing and math courses, finding your pathway, and other introductory courses that will provide you with academic support and a structured transition to college. Courses completed will satisfy UWM degree requirements putting you on the path toward graduation. Professional tutoring, academic advising, and success coaching will be available in the First-Year Bridge Center. For our current office hours, visit uwm.edu/gen-first-year-bridge.

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 support built right into your day. Upon successful completion, you will have:

- Academic credits to apply towards your degree
- 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 many of UWM’s four-year degree programs or complete the two-year associate degree at UWM at Washington County or Waukesha.

Expectations

You are also expected to enroll as a full-time First-Year Bridge student with 9 credits in the first semester and maintain at least a 2.00 GPA. In addition to your 9-credit course load, you will meet weekly with a Math and Writing Specialist and meet with an academic advisor regularly.

Tuition & Financial Aid

Admitting you through the College of General Studies 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. 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 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.