

La Crosse Talk

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YOU are UW-L!

Congratulations on your admission to UW-L! We are looking forward to welcoming you to campus for Fall 2012. Our students, faculty, and staff are proud to be part of UW-L, and we look forward to having you join our tradition of excellence. You'll find a fun place to learn and make many new friends. We're happy that you applied to UW-L, and we are proud to be your distinct choice for your college experience.

UW-La Crosse Dictionary: A Guide to Submitting Your Deposits

Enrollment Deposit: \$100 payment to secure your spot in the freshman class for Fall 2012. Paid online using the WINGS Student Center. Fully refundable if requested in writing by May 1, 2012.

Housing: Structures collectively in which people are housed. Called **residence halls** at UW-L. Assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. **Regular rooms guaranteed ONLY if housing application submitted by March 1, 2012. You MUST submit the enrollment deposit and the housing deposit in order to apply for housing.**

Housing Contract: Application for a space in a UW-L residence hall. To be completed online after the \$100 enrollment deposit is paid.

Housing Deposit: \$75 payment used to reserve a space in the residence halls. Paid online through the WINGS Student Center after you submit your enrollment deposit and housing contract. Fully refundable if requested in writing by May 1, 2012. We think that you'll like it here and that you won't need it back!

...and don't worry...these terms are not on the final exam!



Follow UW-La Crosse Online!

Become a fan of UW-L on Facebook! You can keep up on all the latest news, awards, and events happening on campus. You can also learn more about what you

need to do after you're admitted to UW-L by visiting the Admitted Students area of our website at www.uwlax.edu/admissions.

What's the deal with housing?

There are many more students who want to live on campus than we can accommodate. We can guarantee a regular room in a residence hall to all incoming freshmen who submit their enrollment deposit, housing deposit, and housing application by March 1, 2012. So don't delay...apply today!

Continuing with Spanish at UW-L?

To make sure that incoming students are successful in their Spanish studies at UW-L, the Department of Modern Languages has made some changes to the Spanish course placement process at UW-L. More information will follow in the January La Crosse Talk, and you can find more information under the Admitted Students area of our website at www.uwlax.edu/admissions.

CAMPUS HOUSING

Did you reserve your room??? If not, and you are planning to live in the residence halls, act NOW to reserve your space! On-campus housing is limited and assignments are made based on the date you complete the online housing contract and submit the \$75 housing deposit.

STEPS TO APPLYING FOR HOUSING:

1. Submit \$100 enrollment deposit using your WINGS Student Center.
2. Complete on-line housing contract through the Office of Residence Life website at www.uwlax.edu/reslife.
3. Submit \$75 housing deposit using your WINGS Student Center.

WHAT RESIDENCE HALL SHOULD I CHOOSE?

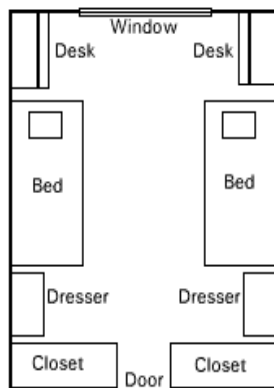
There are many great things about living in each of the residence halls! The Office of Residence Life webpage at www.uwlax.edu/reslife has a page for each hall, where you can learn about the hall layouts, activities, and programs to help you make the best choice for your residence hall.

ROOMMATE ASSIGNMENTS

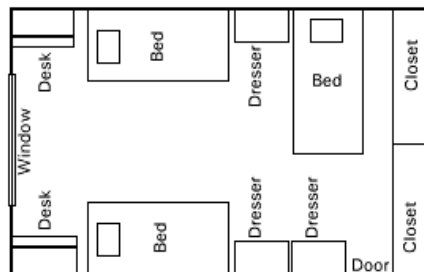
The Office of Residence Life makes roommate and housing assignments in July, before classes start. You can request a roommate on your housing application; use the Roommate Finder on Facebook after May 1, 2012, to find a roommate; or be assigned a roommate by the Office of Residence Life. If you have questions or concerns about housing, please contact the Office of Residence Life at 608.785.8075.

WHAT'S IN MY ROOM?

Each room contains a desk, chair, bed, and dresser for each resident. All rooms have cable and Internet access. Residence hall mattresses are 33" x 79". Extra-long twin fitted sheets are necessary and are available at many stores.



Standard double:
15'6" x 11'6", 8' high



Standard triple:
20' x 10'8", 8' high

I'm admitted to UW-L. ...Now what do I do?

To-Do List:

- **FIRST: PAY YOUR DEPOSITS.** Housing is assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, and you cannot apply for housing without first paying your refundable, \$100 enrollment deposit and \$75 housing deposit.
- **Take the University of Wisconsin System placement tests in English and math.** Foreign language placement is also available. TESTS OFFERED SATURDAYS IN MARCH AND APRIL. All Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, and Michigan students are strongly encouraged to attend a spring test date. Information about registering for the tests will be sent with the January La Crosse Talk newsletter.
- **Make sure we have your highest ACT or SAT test score.** This score combined with your UW System placement test scores will determine your placement into English and math courses your freshman year. Request your score online at www.actstudent.org or www.collegeboard.com.
- **Athletic Training?** Make sure to complete your program application by February 1, 2012, if you are considering this program of study. Application available online at www.uwlax.edu/AthleticTraining/undergraduate.htm.
- **Visit campus one more time!** Log onto www.uwlax.edu/visit to plan your day. Tours available 11am and 2:15pm, Monday through Friday (except during winter break, December 15-January 22). Two Campus Close-Up open house events are scheduled for the spring on February 17th and April 27th.

WINGS Student Center: Your One-Stop Shop

You used the WINGS Student Center to check your application status. Now you'll use it to manage all of your info as a UW-L student. Log in to <https://wings.uwlax.edu> to check your to-do list and pay your enrollment and housing deposits. Later you'll be able to check your financial aid award status and register for classes. Can't find your password? Use the WINGS Password Recovery link available on the Admitted Students area of our website at www.uwlax.edu/admissions.

The screenshot shows the 'Eddie's Student Center' interface. Callouts highlight the following features:

- View financial aid awards and other financial info:** Points to the 'Financial Aid' section under 'Finances'.
- Personalized to-do list: what you need in order to be ready to go!:** Points to the 'To Do List' section on the right sidebar.
- Make your deposits online!:** Points to the 'Make a Deposit/Payment' link at the bottom of the Finances section.
- Update addresses, e-mail, and phone numbers:** Points to the 'Contact Information' section under 'Personal Information'.



GIVE SENIORITIS THE BOOT!

Admission decisions are determined, in part, by consideration of senior year courses you identified on your application for admission. Changing your senior courses, especially in the core classes, could affect your admission status. If you need to make changes to your schedule, please contact our office at (608) 785-8939 to request **prior approval** from an admissions counselor.

UW-La Crosse Checklist: After You Submit Deposits and Housing Application

- Apply for financial aid (January 1-March 15). Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov. UW-L priority date of March 15, 2012.
- Apply for UW-L Foundation Scholarships by Feb. 15, 2012. Go to www.foundation.uwlax.edu.
- Sign up for a UW System Placement Test. Information about signing up will be sent in late January.
- Minnesota students apply for reciprocity beginning April 1. Go to www.getreadyforcollege.org/hesod/reciprocity/apply1.cfm. Contact the Minnesota Higher Education Services Office at (800) 657-3866 if you have questions.
- Watch the mail in early May for information about Freshman Registration, which will be held throughout June. SIGN UP for Freshman Registration.
- After graduation, contact your high school to have them send an official final transcript to the UW-L Admissions Office. Request any official college transcripts for courses you took.
- Watch for roommate information and residence hall assignments in the mail in July.
- Send AP scores to UW-La Crosse at www.collegeboard.com.
- Watch for New Student Orientation and Welcome Week information in the mail in August.
- MOVE IN! A variety of Welcome Weekend events, including residence hall move-in day and new freshman orientation, will take place over the Labor Day weekend. Classes begin **Tuesday, September 4, 2012**.

HAVE FUN AND ENJOY YOUR COLLEGE EXPERIENCE!!!

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