

Housing Options:

First-Year Experience
Coate, Laux, and White Halls house freshmen only. Hall programming is designed for new students, and the halls include a satellite office of the Academic Advising Center. An additional cost of \$25 per semester is assessed for living in one of the first-year experience halls.

Sanford Hall

In Sanford Hall, men and women live next door to one another instead of on separate floors or wings. There are gender-specific bathrooms on each floor.

Eagle Hall

Eagle Hall, our newest residence hall, accommodates 500 residents, including new students, transfers, and returning students. Two of the communities in Eagle Hall will be living-learning communities, *Global Village* and *Social Justice Community*. The living-learning communities are filled by application; all interested students are invited to apply, even if they have already applied for housing.

For any residence life questions, including the application for the living-learning communities, go to the Office of Residence Life website at www.uwlax.edu/reslife.

New Course Placement for Spanish — ¡MUY IMPORTANTE!

The Department of Modern Languages has found that success in Spanish courses requires students to be proficient in writing, reading, and speaking the language. Because the current process of enrollment in Spanish courses assesses only the student's ability to write and read in the language, a speech component has been added to facilitate more accurate placement in Spanish language courses at UW-L. This change requires ALL students who are enrolling in Spanish courses, including those with AP or college credit, to take the Wisconsin Placement Test in Spanish and to complete a Spanish survey, the details of which will be provided in the Freshman Registration packet to be sent after May 1, 2012.

Freshman Registration

Students and families are invited to attend Freshman Registration and Family Orientation. You will choose only one date to attend. Dates will fill on a first-come, first-serve basis. We can only accommodate a specific number of students for each date in order to provide adequate advising for all students.

Detailed information on how to register for a Freshman Registration date will be sent in early May to students who have made their enrollment deposit.

Dates to Remember:**Freshman Registration**

June 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22, 25

First Day of Classes

Tuesday, September 4, 2012

La Crosse Oktoberfest

September 28–October 6, 2012

Family, Friends, and Alumni Weekend

October 19–21, 2012

College Credit by Exam

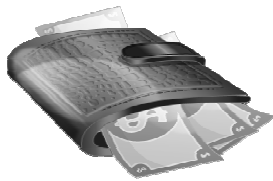
UW-La Crosse students can earn college credit in high school through a number of programs.

- Advanced Placement (AP):** Students earning a score of "3" or higher on the AP Exams are eligible for credit for various courses at UW-La Crosse.
- International Baccalaureate (IB):** Students earning a "4" or higher on IB-Higher Level exams are eligible for credit.

- College Program Level (CLEP) Examination** credits are also available.

For more information, visit the UW-La Crosse admissions website at www.uwlax.edu/admissions and follow the "Credit by Exam" link.

Financial Aid “How Tos”



Each year, the UW-La Crosse Financial Aid Office awards \$57 million in aid in the form of loans, state and federal grants and student employment.

Students apply for financial aid by completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Paper forms are also available on that site. **You should complete the FAFSA by March 15, 2012, for priority consideration for need-based financial aid.** The Financial Aid Office recommends that families use the

“IRS Data Retrieval Option” when completing the income information sections of the FAFSA.

We also encourage you to attend a “College Goal” workshop in your area. This year UW-La Crosse is a host site for this event, which helps families and students with the FAFSA application process.

College Goal Wisconsin will take place on February 18 and February 19, 2012. Visit www.collegegoalsundayusa.org for more information about dates and locations in your state.

Finally, go to www.uwlax.edu/finaid for a step-by-step guide to completing your financial aid application for UW-La Crosse.

UW-L has a textbook rental program that is paid for with your segregated fees.

Paying for College...Other Options

If the aid offered is not enough to cover your costs, there are three possible alternatives for financial assistance:

Parent PLUS Loans: Under this federal program, parents can borrow money to cover the cost of their student’s education, minus other financial aid received. The lender is the U.S. Department of Education. A “Direct Parent PLUS Loan Request Form” is required and is available at www.uwlax.edu/finaid/forms.html.

Alternative Loans: Many major banks and lending institutions offer private, non-governmental loans for higher education. Contact your lender or see the information on our website, <http://www.uwlax.edu/finaid/alternativeloans.html>.

Student Educational Loan Funds (SELF) Program: This program offers student loans to Minnesota residents. Contact the Minnesota Office of Higher Education at (800) 657-3866 for information or go to www.selfloan.org.

You can save several hundred dollars each semester because you will not have to purchase textbooks!

Spring & Summer Timeline

February:

- Register for **required** placement tests. Take them before Freshman Registration. See enclosed information for details.
- Apply for UW-L Foundation Scholarships by February 15. Go to www.foundation.uwlax.edu/sch.html.

March:

- Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov by the priority date of March 15. If you are submitting a FAFSA, please be sure the Admissions Office has your Social Security number on file.
- Do we have your highest official ACT or SAT score? Contact the Admissions Office at admissions@uwlax.edu if you are not sure.

April:

- Apply for reciprocity if you are from Minnesota. Visit www.getreadyforcollege.org/hesod/reciprocity/apply1.cfm to apply.

- Log onto WINGS to see your financial aid package. Students completing their application for financial aid prior to March 15 should receive financial aid packages by the end of April.

May:

- **Sign up for Freshman Registration.** Instructions will be sent to your home in the first week of May if you have paid the \$100 enrollment deposit.

June:

- **Attend Freshman Registration.**
- Have an official final high school transcript sent to the Admissions Office.

July:

- Receive hall and roommate assignments.

August:

- Receive Freshman Orientation and Welcome Week information.

September:

- Move into your residence hall on Saturday, September 1st.
- Start classes on Tuesday, September 4th.

Student Health Center

The UW-L Student Health Center (SHC) is a comprehensive outpatient clinic promoting good health, emphasizing patient education, and encouraging preventive care to help ensure academic success for all students.

Services available include minor trauma care, including x-ray services; suturing of lacerations; female and male reproductive care; and allergy shots.

The SHC staff includes four Board Certified Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Physical Therapists, Nurses, Medical Technologists, Medical Assistants, and office personnel who are experienced in working with the health care needs of college students.



Update Your Immunizations

The Student Health Center (SHC) wants to remind students and families that up-to-date immunizations are required for all new students. A health form that you will need to complete will be sent in May with Freshman Registration materials.

The following immunizations are either required or recommended:

Hepatitis B: Strongly recommended for all students. Given in three doses over six months. Students entering health science fields, coaching, athletic training, teacher certification, and some recreation specialists are required to have this vaccine. It must be completed before students start clinical work, including volunteer experiences.

TB Skin Test: Within last five years. If positive, chest x-ray required.

Polio: Primary series in childhood; adult boosters only if needed for travel after 18 years of age.

Gardasil: To protect against Human Papillomavirus (HPV) in both men and women. Given in three doses over six months.

Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis: Primary DPT series in childhood, booster at age 11-12 with TD, then every ten years. Adults age 19-64 should substitute Tdap for **one** booster dose of TD.

Measles, Mumps, & Rubella: First dose at age 12-15 months; 2nd dose 4-6 years or later.

Meningococcal: Protects against 2 of the 3 important types of meningococcal disease (meningitis). A single dose vaccine highly recommended for students living in close quarters, such as residence halls. Available through the SHC for \$105.

Seasonal Influenza (Flu): Recommended annually for all students. Available through the SHC for \$12 (injectable) and \$20 (mist).

Varicella: For students who have not had chicken pox. This vaccine is not available at the SHC.

If you have questions or concerns about immunizations, please contact the SHC at 608-785-8558.

Insurance Coverage?

Students are not required to have insurance to receive care at the SHC because student fees cover most of the costs.

However, students are **strongly encouraged** to obtain supplemental illness-injury insurance to cover expenses such as hospitalization, emergency services, specialist care, x-rays, pharmacy, and ambulance transport. These costs are not covered by the Student Health Fee.

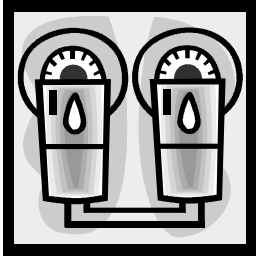
If the student is covered under a family

plan, please have the name of the insurance carrier and policy/subscriber numbers available on campus.

A supplemental insurance plan is available for purchase through the University for students who do not have coverage through a family plan.

Information about the supplemental plan will be mailed to students at their home address in August. If you need more information about the supplemental insurance plan, please contact Pam Woods at 608-785-8756.

Parking on Campus



Parking in any of the University lots requires displaying a valid university parking permit, or paying for the use of a parking meter.

Although the campus parking policy gives freshmen the lowest priority in terms of applying for resident permits, there will be a limited number available for purchase. All

students living on campus will learn about the online procedures for applying for a parking permit at Freshman Registration this summer. Parking permits for students living on campus are currently \$186 per semester or \$268 for two semesters.

Commuter parking permits for new freshmen living off campus will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis this summer. Information will be available at Freshman Registration. Parking permits for students living off campus are currently \$156 per semester or \$218 for two semesters.

We encourage first-year students to leave their cars at home and explore La Crosse by bike, on foot, or by bus.

Travel beyond La Crosse

Car – If you do not have your own car and you would like to go home for the weekend or a holiday, check the Ride Board in Whitney Center and on Facebook. Students who have cars and would like riders to share expenses will post their destination on the Ride Boards.

Bus – Jefferson Lines buses pick up and drop off passengers at the UW-La Crosse Whitney Center. Visit www.jeffersonlines.com for detailed schedule information and ticket prices. You can also purchase tickets on campus at the Cartwright Center Information Desk.

Train – Amtrak serves La Crosse with daily service to Minneapolis and Chicago on the Empire Builder. Visit www.amtrak.com for detailed schedule and ticket prices.

Airplane – Delta and American Eagle (American Airlines) serve the La Crosse area. The La Crosse Municipal Airport is located on French Island, just off I-90 on La Crosse’s North side.

U-Pass Bus System

The U-Pass provides unlimited bus service on any current La Crosse Municipal Transit Utility (MTU) route in La Crosse or Onalaska for no cost when students show their UW-L student ID.

The U-Pass/Safety Bus also has no cost and runs Thursday nights from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. and Friday and Saturday nights from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. The Safety Bus runs between on and off campus housing areas and downtown La Crosse every fifteen minutes.



Career Services

Visit UW-L!

Need another look at campus? Register now for a Campus Close-Up program. Learn about academic programs and campus services. Speak with faculty, staff, and students about life at UW-L.

When?
 Friday, February 17, 2012
 Friday, April 27, 2012
 9:30am–3:15pm

Where?
 Cartwright Center, UW-L

Schedule online @
www.uwlax.edu/visit

Need another visit option?
 Go to www.uwlax.edu/visit to schedule a tour or an admissions appointment. Campus tours are not available during Spring Break, March 10–18, 2012.

You will be able to explore many different interests during your years at UW-La Crosse. Spend some time exploring your career interests with the help of UW-L Career Services. Career Services staff present to over 230 classes and student groups each year about different career topics, including resumes, cover letters, internships and job search strategies. UW-L hosts seven major career events per year. Each member of the career services team specializes in working with students from specific majors, so you will be connected with someone who knows about the job search in your field of interest. Career services posts thousands of internship opportunities each year to Eagle Opportunities, and 900 students receive internships each year through the help of Career Services.

www.uwlax.edu/careerservices

Why Undergraduate Research?

What do modern languages, economics, biology, and art all have in common? These are just four of the academic areas in which students are conducting undergraduate research projects at UW-La Crosse. At UW-L, the Office of Undergraduate Research and Creativity is available to help you with any questions you may have about the research process.

There are many ways to get involved, from supporting a faculty member's research, to working on a team of student researchers, to conducting your own research project. The Office of Undergraduate Research and Creativity is here to help you with workshops on starting the research project, funding your research through grants, and other topics. Students from ALL majors and programs are encouraged to participate!

Participating in undergraduate research benefits you in your career search and possible graduate school plans. You will learn grant-writing skills, improve your presentation skills, and develop in-depth knowledge about a subject that you enjoy. Many students find they enjoy research. In 2011, 192 presentations were made at the UW-L Celebration of Student Research and Creativity.

www.uwlax.edu/urc

If your plans have changed....

Please complete and mail this form if you are no longer planning to attend UW-La Crosse for Fall 2012. Deposits will be refunded only if the Admissions Office is notified of your cancellation by May 1, 2012.

Admission and/or Housing Cancellation Form

****Complete ONLY if you are no longer planning to attend UW-L and would like to cancel your admission and/or housing****

Deposits are refundable until May 1, 2012

Check all that apply:

- I am not planning to attend UW-L for Fall 2012 AND...

 - I have made a \$100 enrollment deposit. Please refund my deposit.
 - I have made a \$75 housing deposit. Please refund my deposit.

- I will be attending UW-L for Fall 2012 but wish to cancel my housing deposit.

Name _____ Student ID# _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail to: UW-L Admissions, Cleary Center, 1725 State St., La Crosse, WI 54601