U.S. News & World Report’s 2018 America’s Best Regional Colleges list named UWL as the state’s top institution and the No. 4 public university in the Midwest among institutions providing undergraduate majors and master’s programs.

**EAGLE POINTS OF PRIDE**

83% RETENTION RATE

UWL-La Crosse has once again made “Kiplinger’s Personal Finance” list of top 100 best values in public colleges for 2018. Kiplinger’s assesses value by measurable standards of academic quality and affordability. UWL has received “best value” recognition from Kiplinger’s for more than a decade.

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**PEACE CORPS PREP PROGRAM**

Students attending UW-La Crosse thinking about the Peace Corps will have a specific core of studies to give them a leg up when trying to get into the prestigious volunteer program. The Peace Corps Prep program will prepare students for international development fieldwork and potential Peace Corps service, building skills in four core competencies crucial for success.

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**NEW PROGRAMS AT UWL**

**UNDERGRADUATE:**

- COMPUTER SCIENCE MAJOR: EMBEDDED SYSTEM EMPHASIS
- ETHICS MINOR
- NEUROSCIENCE MINOR
- ART THERAPY MINOR
- SOCIAL JUSTICE MINOR

**GRADUATE:**

- ATHLETIC TRAINING
- APPLIED STATISTICS

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### UWL ADMISSION PROCESS

**APPLY FOR ADMISSION**

Students need to submit the UW System application, $50 nonrefundable application fee, OFFICIAL ACT/SAT scores and high school transcripts.

The online application is available at [apply.wisc.edu](http://apply.wisc.edu). Admission decisions are typically returned within 3-4 weeks.

**COURSE CATALOG**

The course catalog can be found at catalog.uwlax.edu. Sample degree plans can be found under each major in the catalog. These degree plans give students an idea of what their time at UWL will look like.

**TIPS TO BEING A COMPETITIVE APPLICANT**

- **Rigorous Senior Schedule:** Students need to have rigor in their senior schedule. Courses in the core curriculum of English, math, science and social science are extremely important.

- **Submit Official Test Scores right away:** UW-La Crosse requires official test scores and we encourage students to submit them to us at the time of taking the test. We will always use the highest composite score submitted.

- **Proofread Your Essay:** Essays should be well written, organized, grammatically correct and proofed! No need to write a novel, a page in length is all that is necessary.

**ESSAYS**

- **Main Statement:** How will your life experiences, commitments and/or characteristics enrich the UWL campus community?

- **Campus Statement:** Respond to one of the following:
  1. Tell us about any circumstances that may have had an impact on your academic performance.
  2. Tell us why you are interested in attending UWL.

**NEXT STEPS FOR ADMITTED STUDENTS**

- **Student** will receive a "Next Steps" checklist with their admission letter.

- **Submit $100 Enrollment Deposit**

- **Complete & Submit $150 Housing Deposit**

**TOTAL COSTS (2018-19)**

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**AFFORDING UWL**

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Students who are admitted to UWL can apply for scholarships through the UW-La Crosse Foundation. The application can be found at uwlax.academicworks.com and is due February 1. There are also academic merit and multicultural scholarships that are automatically considered for based on their application. Students will be notified by the Admissions Office if they receive one of these scholarships.

**PROFESSIONAL ADVISING MODEL**

**Academic Advising Center**

The AAC works primarily with undeclared majors, but any UWL student wanting advice and assistance is welcome. We are committed to providing UW-L students with individualized and group advising in various areas.

**Faculty Advisors**

Faculty advisors assist students with course selections and schedule planning for one or more semesters, assist with progression toward graduation (Gen Ed requirements, major, minor, college requirements), and discuss campus opportunities (undergraduate research and creativity, job shadowing, internships, study abroad programs, etc.).

**College Academic Services**

Each college provides extensive academic services such as program changes, curriculum guidance, credit checks and degree verifications, interpret academic policies and procedures, and ensure the accuracy of each student’s Advising Report.

**Services for Student Success**

There are many services and resources on campus to empower students for success. These include the library, tutoring, accommodations, study and time management skills, internships, and more.

**OFFICE OF COLLEGE ACADEMIC SERVICES**

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**JO ARNEY**

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**CAMPUS CLOSE-UP**

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- Friday, October 26, 2018
- Friday, November 9, 2018

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- **Car**
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  - **Train**
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