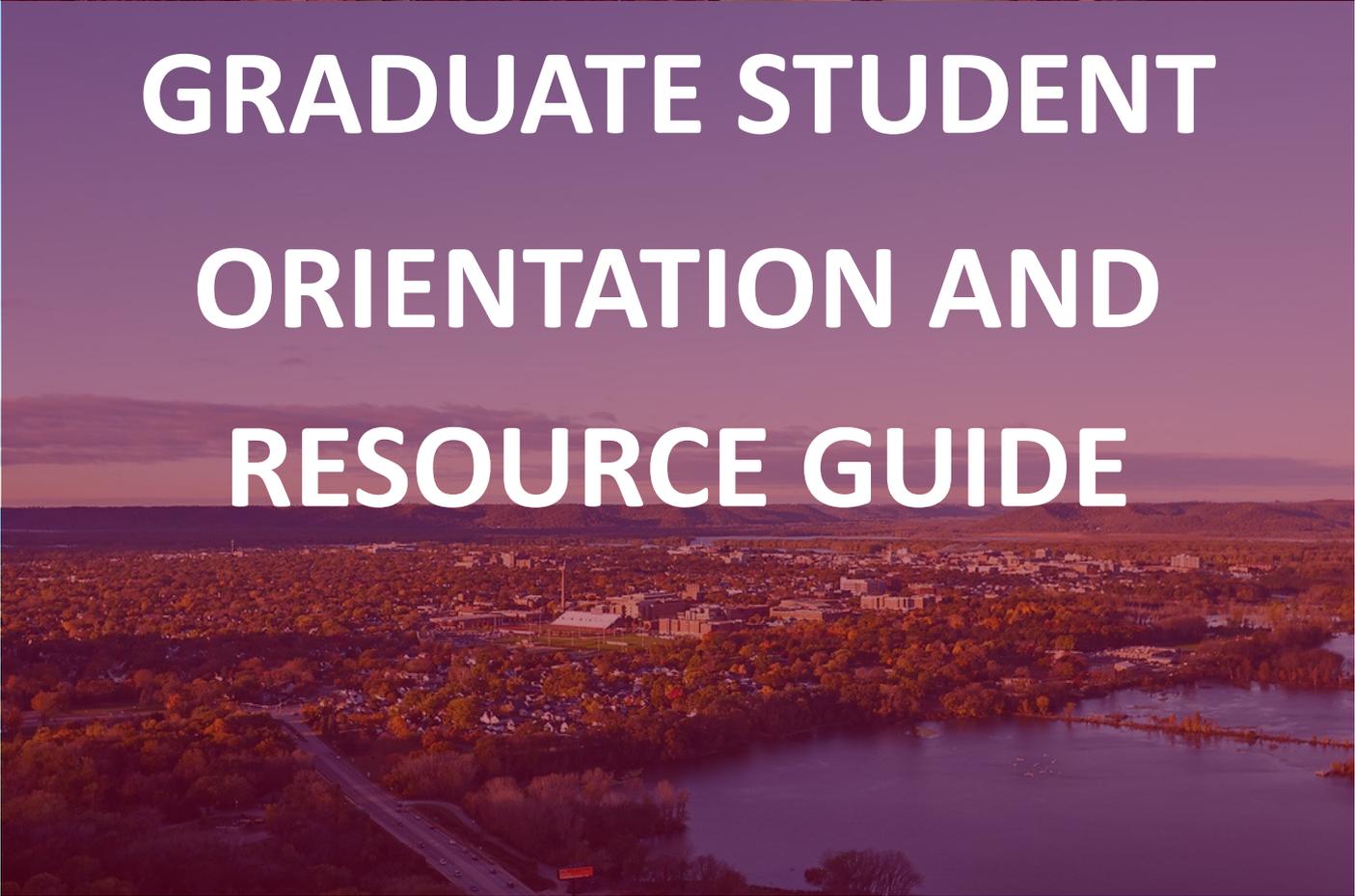


A photograph of a brick building with a sign that reads "UNIVERSITY of WISCONSIN LA CROSSE". In the foreground, there are several yellow and red tulips. The image has a purple tint.

UNIVERSITY of WISCONSIN
LA CROSSE

2021-22

UW-LA CROSSE

An aerial photograph of the city of La Crosse, Wisconsin, showing a river, a road, and buildings. The image has a purple tint.

**GRADUATE STUDENT
ORIENTATION AND
RESOURCE GUIDE**

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DEAN OF GRADUATE & EXTENDED LEARNING

-MEREDITH THOMSEN-

What a difference a year makes. When I revised this message in Spring 2020, we had just completed two weeks of campus shutdown, and we were about to start online teaching for all spring classes. This year we are planning for a return to campus for all staff in a few weeks, and to in-person classes this summer and fall.

As unusual as the circumstances have been over the past year, some things about graduate studies at UWL stayed the same as ever. One of those is that faculty and staff gave their all to support our students.

I saw Graduate Program Directors help students adjust as school and clinical placements are put on hold. I saw course instructors find unique ways to meet student learning outcomes without face-to-face meetings. I saw research advisors developing a Plan B with students who lost access to lab spaces for part of the spring and summer.

UWL faculty are committed to helping graduate students achieve their goals. That is true under “normal” circumstances, and it is true during an emergency.

The information presented here will help you as you prepare to start your graduate education at UWL. We acknowledge that many details remain in flux about expectations about in-person interactions. Your Graduate Program Director and other program faculty will be happy to help you.



Visit the Graduate Studies webpage
for more information

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CAMPUS MAP

CLICK ON MAP TO VIEW ONLINE



Take a Virtual Tour

GET TO KNOW LA CROSSE



La Crosse Area Maps

This website provides maps of the La Crosse area including the City of La Crosse, Onalaska, and La Crescent.

Explore La Crosse

Explore La Crosse is a website maintained by the La Crosse County Convention and Visitor's Bureau. They provide information on everything there is to do in La Crosse County. Check out their 2021 Visitor's Guide [here](#).

La Crosse Neighborhoods

Beginning your housing search, but don't know where to start? Check out the different neighborhoods in La Crosse [here](#).

CAMPUS RESOURCE OFFICES

Academic Advising Center

(608) 785-6950
1140 Centennial Hall
E-mail: advising@uwlax.edu
<https://www.uwlax.edu/info/academic-advising/>

ACCESS Center

(608) 785-6900
165 Murphy Library
Email: ACCESSCenter@uwlax.edu
<https://www.uwlax.edu/access-center/>

Bookstore

(608) 785-8855
Student Union-First Floor
<http://www.uwlax.edu/bookstore/>

Career Services

(608) 785-8514
1209 Centennial Hall
<https://www.uwlax.edu/aaccs/>

Cashier's Office

(608) 785-8719
121 Graff Main Hall
<http://www.uwlax.edu/cashiers/>

Campus Child Care Center

(608) 785-8813
E-mail: dhays@uwlax.edu
<https://www.uwlax.edu/campus-child-center/>

Campus Climate

(608) 785-5094
1120 Centennial Hall
Email: campusclimate@uwlax.edu
<https://www.uwlax.edu/campus-climate/>

Counseling and Testing Center

(608) 785-8073
2106 Centennial Hall
<https://www.uwlax.edu/counseling-testing/>

Dining Services

(608) 785-8888,
3200 Student Union
Email: univcenters@uwlax.edu
<https://www.uwlax.edu/university-centers/services/dining-services/>

Diversity and Inclusion

(608) 785-5097
145 Graff Main Hall
<https://www.uwlax.edu/diversity-inclusion/>

Eagle Help Desk

(608) 785-8774
103 Wing Technology Center
Email: helpdesk@uwlax.edu
<https://www.uwlax.edu/its/client-services-and-support/eagle-help-desk/>

Equity and Affirmative Action

(608) 785-8541
131 Graff Main Hall
Email: aad@uwlax.edu
<https://www.uwlax.edu/equity/>

Human Resources

(608) 785-8013
144 Graff Main Hall
Email: hinfo@uwlax.edu
<https://www.uwlax.edu/human-resources/>

International Education and Engagement

(608) 785-8016
1140 Centennial Hall
Email: international@uwlax.edu
<https://www.uwlax.edu/international-education/>

Multicultural Student Services

(608) 785-8225
1101 Centennial Hall
Email: omss@uwlax.edu
<https://www.uwlax.edu/multicultural-student-services/>

CAMPUS RESOURCES

Office for Financial Aid

(608) 785-8604

215 Graff Main Hall

Email: finaid@uwlax.edu

<https://www.uwlax.edu/finaid/>

Graduate & Extended Learning

(608)-785-8124

205 Morris Hall

Email: gradstudies@uwlax.edu

<https://www.uwlax.edu/graduate-studies/>

Parking and Transportation Services

(608) 785-8061

605 17th St. N.

Email: parking@uwlax.edu

<https://www.uwlax.edu/parking/>

Police

Non – Emergency: (608) 789-9000

Emergency: (608) 789-9999

www.uwlax.edu/police

Pride Center

(608) 785-8887

2216 Student Union

Email: pridecenter@uwlax.edu

<https://www.uwlax.edu/pride-center/>

Records and Registration

(608) 785-8576

117 Graff Main Hall

Email: records@uwlax.edu

<http://www.uwlax.edu/records/>

Rec Sports

(608) 785-5225

125 Recreational Eagle Center

Email: recoffice@uwlax.edu

<https://www.uwlax.edu/recsports/>

Residence Life

(608) 785-8075

1500 La Crosse Street

Email: housing@uwlax.edu

<https://www.uwlax.edu/reslife/>

Student Affairs

(608)-785-8062

149 Graff Main Hall

deanofstudents@uwlax.edu

<https://www.uwlax.edu/student-affairs/>

Student Health Center

(608) 785-8558

Health Science Center, Suite 1030

Email: shcnetworking@uwlax.edu

<https://www.uwlax.edu/student-health-center/>

Student Life

(608) 785-8062

149 Graff Main Hall

Email: studentlife@uwlax.edu

<https://www.uwlax.edu/student-life/>

University Centers

(608) 785-8888

3200 Student Union

Email: univcenters@uwlax.edu

<https://www.uwlax.edu/university-centers/>

University Event Support

3200 Student Union

(608) 785-8895

<https://www.uwlax.edu/reservations/event-services-and-resources/>

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GETTING STARTED AT UWL



COVID-19 INFORMATION



You likely have a lot of questions about what to expect on campus this summer or fall, in terms of masks, distancing, vaccinations, etc. Our policies are still in flux, so the best approach is to visit the page linked below. The left-hand navigation should help you answer your questions.

As of May 2021, both free COVID-19 testing and a vaccination clinic are available on campus.

VISIT THE FOLLOWING FOR MORE INFORMATION

[UWL COVID-19 Information](#)

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GETTING YOUR UWL STUDENT ID



This is the official identification card for all students, and may also serve as your meal card or keycard. It is University policy that all students and staff have a University ID card. It can be obtained and replaced at the Card Office at 1131 Student Union. Make sure to bring another form of identification with you, such as your driver's license, state issued ID, or passport.

VISIT THE FOLLOWING FOR MORE INFORMATION

[Eagle ID Page](#)

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COST TO ATTEND, HOW TO PAY



The Cashier's Office website is where you will find information about tuition, fees, billing, and deadlines. The Cashier's Office on campus is in 121 Graff Main Hall. For more information about the costs of attending UWL, please check the link below.

VISIT THE FOLLOWING FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Cashier's Office

Cost of Attendance

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HOUSING



On-campus housing in the residence halls is available to graduate students, although most graduate students live off campus. Explore the links below to discover housing options available to you. Please note: Graduate Studies does not officially endorse or contribute to the links below. If you need assistance finding housing, please reach out to Graduate Studies, gradstudies@uwlax.edu.

[Residence Life](#)

[UWL Off-Campus Housing Facebook](#)

[Off-Campus Housing](#)

[Zillow](#)

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COST OF LIVING



According to US Census Data, the median gross rent in La Crosse from 2014-2018 was \$782. For more information on the current average rates of living in La Crosse and other cities, feel free to check the link below for detailed information.

Rental Statistics

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PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION



If you choose to drive to the UWL campus, please note that parking is limited and you will need a parking permit. There are also alternative transportation options available in La Crosse.

VISIT THE FOLLOWING FOR MORE INFORMATION

UWL Parking

Municipal Transit

UWL Green Bike
Program

Drift Bike Share Program

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FINANCIAL AID



Consider connecting with the Financial Aid office to discuss your financial needs as well as any funding options that might be available to you. Our specific Financial Aid consultant for graduate students is [Christina Hayes](#).

FAFSA

Advanced
Opportunity Program

Scholarship Resource
Center

Graduate
Assistantships

ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES AND POLICIES



WINGS



WINGS is the UWL student information system. The software provides UWL students, faculty and staff with access to information related to recruiting and admissions, records and registration, financial, bill payments, and self-service options.

To Learn More Visit:

[WINGS Help](#)

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COURSE LOAD REQUIREMENTS



To receive financial aid as a graduate student, you must be registered for a minimum of 5 credits. You must be registered for 9 credits to be considered full-time. The recommended full-time load is 12 credits per semester. The maximum course load for graduate students is 15 credits per semester and 9 credits during a 12-week summer session. Please see your graduate program director for program-specific requirements.

For international students:

To maintain legal immigration status, international students must be enrolled full-time each semester for no less than 9 credits. Failure to maintain full-time status can result in the loss of F-1/J-1 student visa benefits.

For more information, check out the Graduate Catalog:

[Graduate Catalog](#)

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REGISTERING FOR CLASSES



Before registering for classes, reach out to your program director to ensure you enroll in the right courses. Your enrollment date and time is located in your WINGS Student Center. There is a non-refundable registration fee. Some programs require students to register through their advisors instead of WINGS.

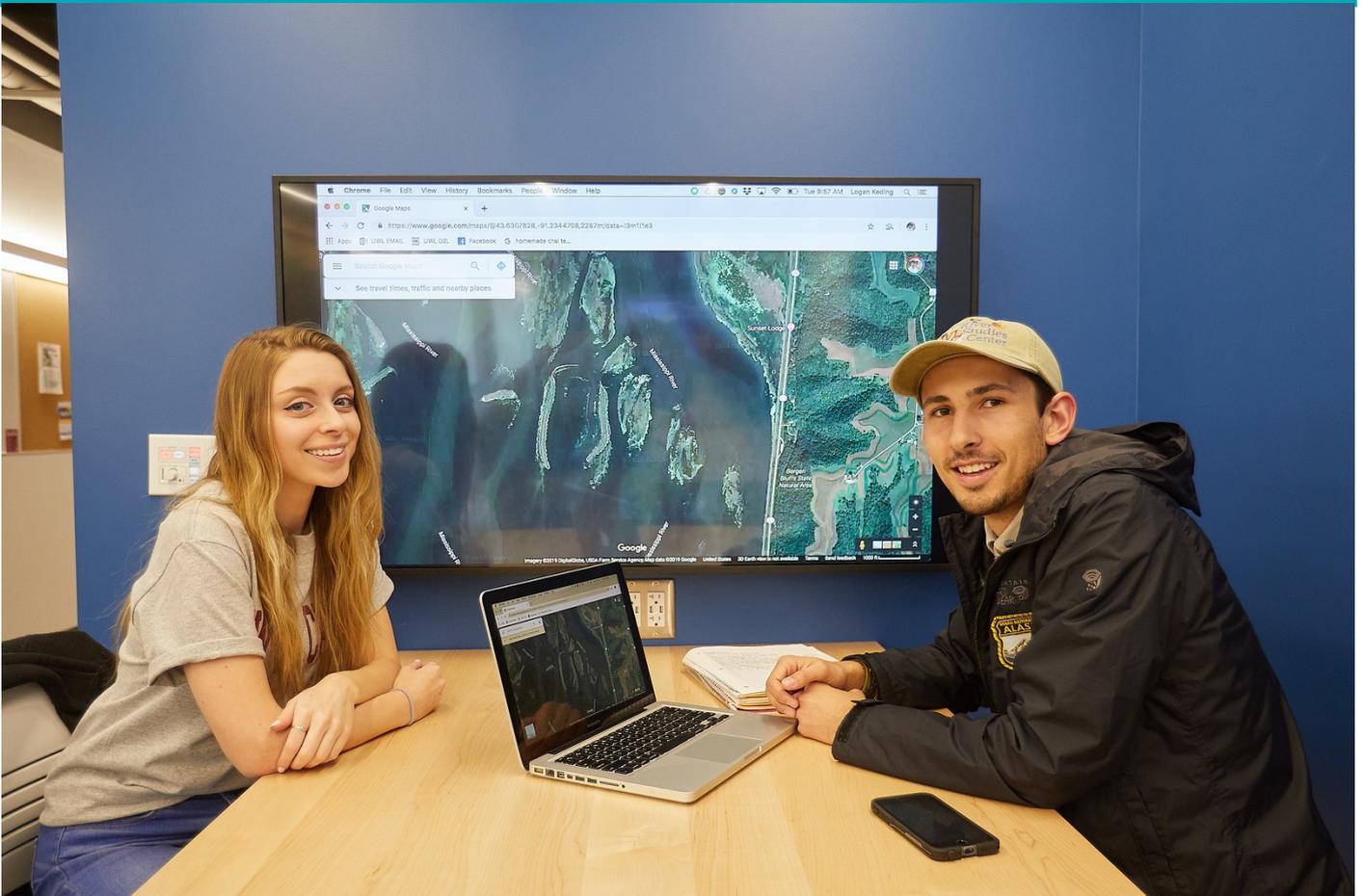
To Register for Classes:

1. Log on to WINGS with your NetID and Password
2. Go to the Student Center
3. Select “Enroll” under Academics

Visit the Following to Register:

WINGS Student
Center

ACADEMIC STANDING AND TIME TO DEGREE



To stay in good academic standing, graduate students must maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average. Any student receiving a D or F in a graduate course will be dismissed from graduate study.

Students must complete their degree within seven years of enrollment.

For more information, check out the Graduate Catalog.

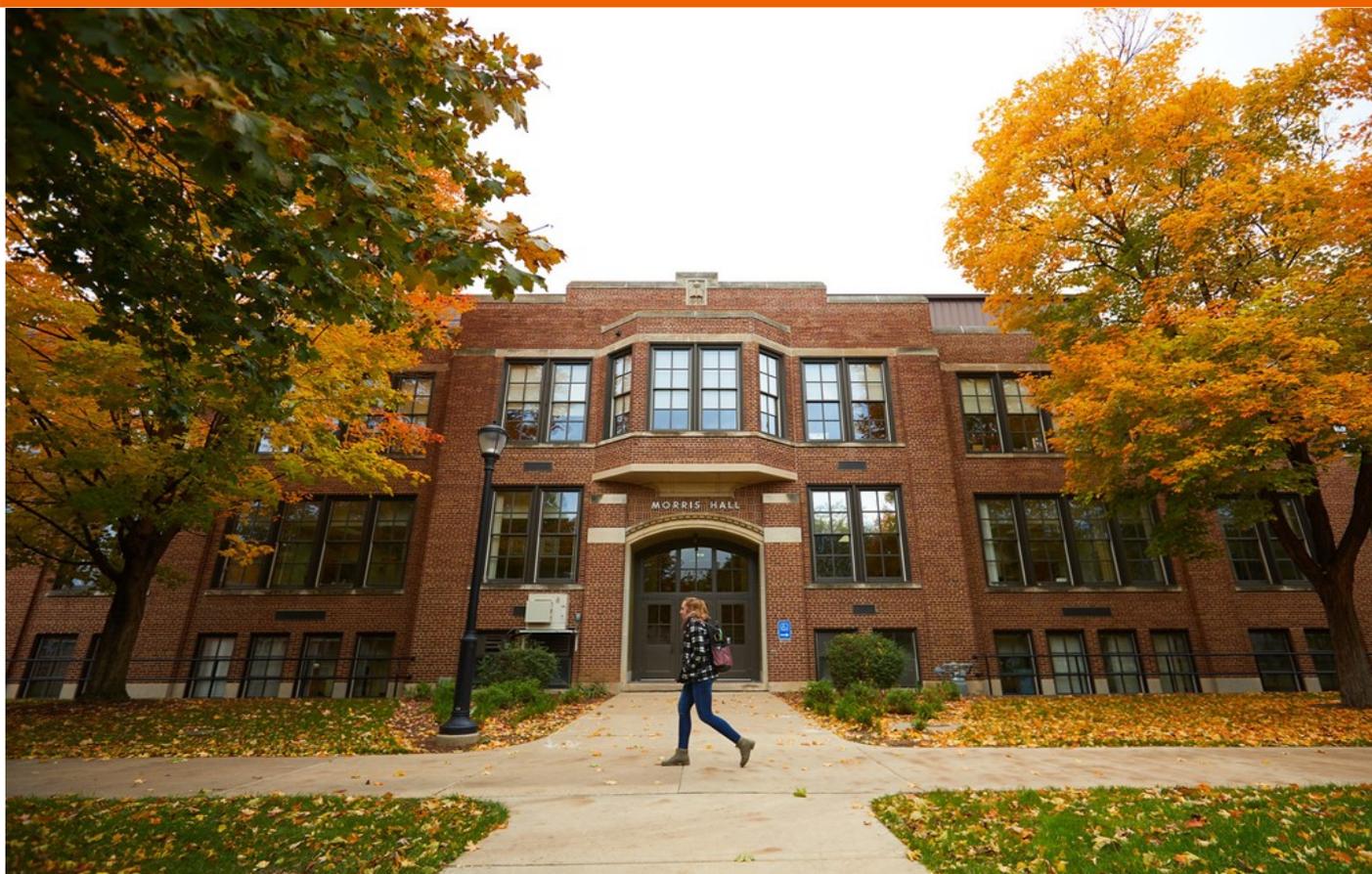
[Graduate Catalog](#)

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CAMPUS RESOURCES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS



GRADUATE & EXTENDED LEARNING



Graduate Studies staff working in Graduate & Extended Learning are dedicated to serving graduate students. We also offer a variety of grants to support graduate student research, service projects, and professional travel— see the web page for more information. We also work with graduate students on thesis and dissertation editing and final approval. We are located in 205 Morris Hall.

See How Graduate Studies Can Help You:

[Graduate Studies](#)

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DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION



Through diversity, inclusion, and engagement, we can achieve Inclusive Excellence. UWL provides a wide range of resources and services related to diversity and inclusion

Learn More Here:

Diversity and
Inclusion Website

Diversity Resources

Student
Organizations

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GETTING YOUR BOOKS



Graduate students must purchase their books. All required class materials are available in the University Bookstore. The University Bookstore does offer a Rent-a-Text program that could save students money on acquiring class materials.

Visit the Following for More Information:

[Textbook Info](#)

[Order Online](#)

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MURPHY LIBRARY



Murphy Library is a graduate student's resource for research projects or a quiet space to study. The library offers online databases that students can utilize for their projects and research. The library offers many services such as borrowing, resource sharing, interlibrary loans, and course reserves. It also offers study carrels, which are individual study rooms. For the hours and more detailed information on the library check out the links below.

Learn More Here:

Hours

Murphy Library

Study Carrels

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GRANTS



Looking for funding to support your graduate research or project? Graduate Studies offers three types of grants to graduate students to help fund research, service projects, and professional travel. The links below provide more information on each of the grants.

RSEL Grants

Poster Grants

Professional Travel
Grants

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ON-CAMPUS DINING OPTIONS



UWL boasts many on-campus dining options for grabbing a quick meal or sitting down and having lunch with friends. Below are some options for you to check out.

Student Union (#33 on the Map)

Einstein Bros Bagels
Earth Table Salad Bar
On the Go
Sono's
Grilled It
Erbert and Gerbert's
La Crosse Café
Hissho Sushi
The Cellar

Centennial Hall (#16 on the Map)

Starbucks on the Go

Whitney Center (#39 on the Map)

Main Dining Room (All-You-Care-To-Eat)
Chars
Badger Street Station

Murphy Library (#28 on the Map)

Murphy's Mug

MEAL PLANS



UWL offers campus meal plans for students in the form of block meal plans. Additionally, UWL offers the option to purchase Maroon Dollars, which can only be used at dining and coffee locations, and Campus Cash, which can be used for dining/coffee locations as well as for laundry, printing, vending machines, and other UWL locations.

Campus Meal Plan Options:

Let's Eat

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STUDENT HEALTH CENTER



The Student Health Center provides healthcare and counseling services to UWL and Western Technical College students. There is a Health Center User Fee that is automatically charged to all UWL students enrolled in equal to or greater than one credit. There are also nominal charges for some services including laboratory services, radiographs, minor procedures, equipment/supplies, medications, and immunization/allergy injections. Charges will be billed to your student account.

See How the Student Health Center Can Help You:

Services

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OTHER HEALTH CARE OPTIONS



We understand that students may still be on their parent's healthcare plan, but they are still welcome to utilize the Student Health Center (see previous page). It is advisable, however, that students learn if local medical centers (Gundersen or Mayo Clinic Health Systems) are in your insurance company's network if you need emergency care.

Local Medical Centers:

Gundersen Health
System

Mayo Clinic Health
System

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STUDENT UNION



The Student Union is a “campus living room” for students. It provides many amenities to students such as:

- Dining options
- Lounges
- Conference and meeting rooms
- Eagle ID office
- Movie theater
- Recreational areas
- The COVE
- University Bookstore and Text-book Rental
- UW Credit Union

Learn More Here:

University Centers

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CAREER SERVICES



UWL Career Services provides resources to students looking for part-time jobs or searching for their post-professional degree career such as resume reviews, interview preparation, finding careers, and more.

Handshake is UWL's online career services management system that provides students access to job, internships, and other career resources.

Learn More Here:

[Handshake](#)

[Career Services](#)

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CAMPUS CHILD CENTER



The Campus Child Center is a state licensed and nationally accredited child care setting. They care for and provide education to the children of UWL's students, staff, and faculty.

Hours:

Preschool area:

7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday - Friday

Toddler area (one-year old room):

7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday -
Friday

Learn More Here:

Campus Child
Center

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THINGS TO DO ON CAMPUS



UWL offers a wide variety of events, student organizations, and activities for students to participate in. Check out the links below to learn more about what UWL has to offer.

Learn More Here:

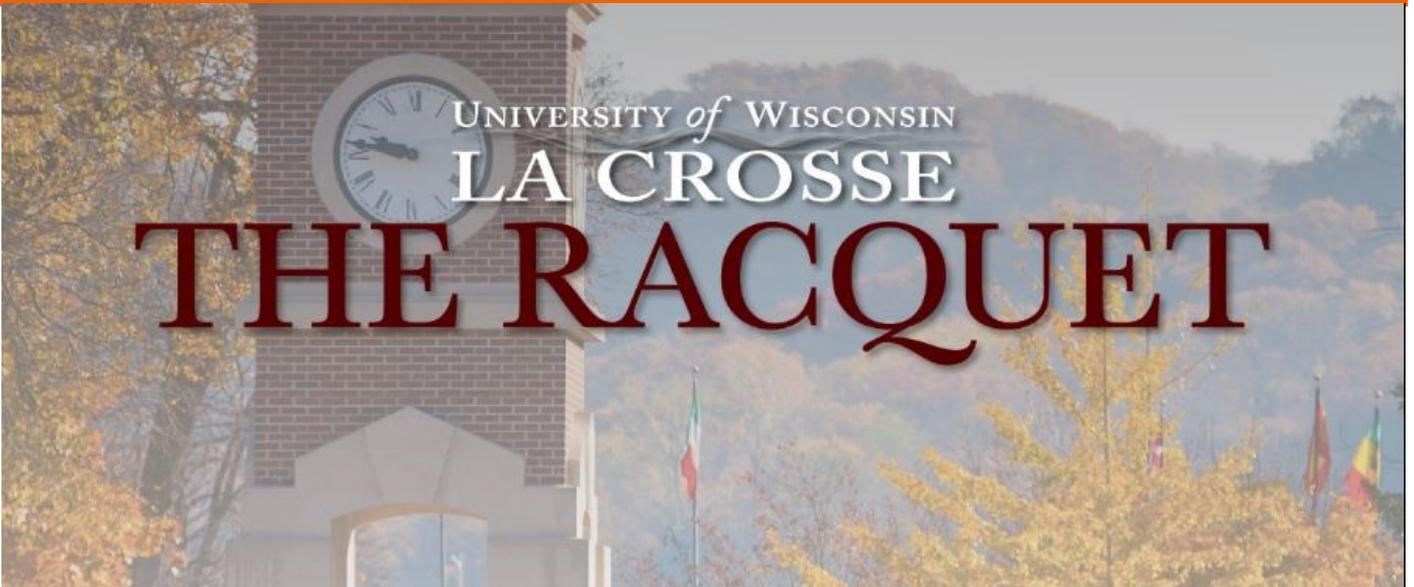
Events

My Orgs

Rec Sports

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NEWS



UWL has a graduate newsletter with a focus on graduate student relevant information, workshops, and events as well as spotlights on graduate students across disciplines. UWL also has a student run newsletter called The Racquet that covers campus news and a newsletter for Alumni called The Lantern.

Graduate Newsletter

The Lantern

The Racquet

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GET INVOLVED



All graduate students are encouraged to join the Graduate Student Organization, which provides an opportunity for students from different programs to meet and network, while also advocating for their own programs. Graduate students are also needed to serve on one of several university committees which have seats for graduate students—check out the options using the link below.

[Get Involved](#)

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WRITING CENTER



The UWL Writing Center accepts digital submissions so it is easy to use their services as an online or distance graduate student. Visit their website to learn about the submission process and the type of feedback you can expect from a tutor.

Learn More Here:

[Writing Center](#)

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STATISTICAL CONSULTING CENTER



Several members of the Mathematics & Statistics Department and their students are available to help with statistical projects, including sampling and experimental design, data analysis, and interpretation of statistical results.

Learn More Here:

Statistical Consulting
Center

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES



PRINTING



UWL offers a Pay-for-Print option for students. Each semester, students are given money for their print balance. After these funds are used up, students can add to their balance through the UWL Get Funds page or the Meal Plan and Card Office in 1131 Student Union.

Learn More Here:

[Pay-for-Print](#)

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PASSWORD MANAGEMENT



Whether you are new to campus and need to set up your password, your password expires, or you happen to forget it, UWL's ITS offers an easy way to reset your password. Follow the link below.

[Password Management](#)

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VIRTUAL DESKTOP



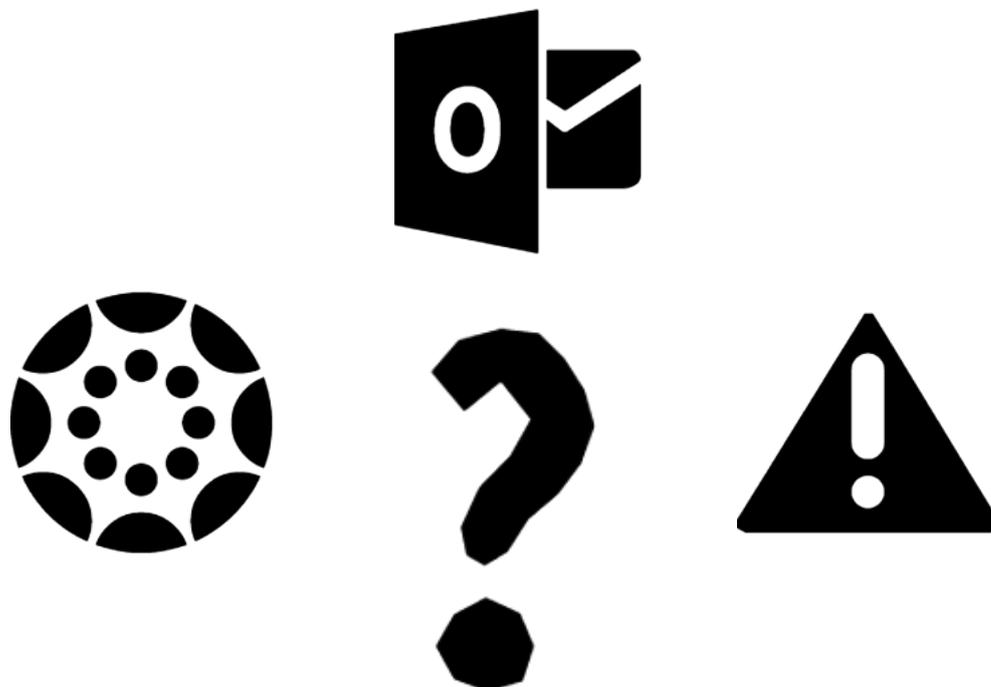
Virtual Desktop allows UWL students, faculty, and staff to access a Windows computer desktop from their own personal computers, either on campus or from another location. This virtual desktop looks similar to the ITS Computer Classrooms and Labs desktop. To use the virtual desktop you only need to download a small software program to your computer. Anything saved on the virtual desktop will be lost, so be sure to save it elsewhere.

Learn More About Virtual Desktop:

Virtual Desktop

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EAGLE HELP DESK



Eagle Help Desk is dedicated to helping students and faculty with technology requests. They are located in Room 103 Wing Technology Center, or you can submit a [Web Help Desk Ticket](#).

Learn More Here:

Eagle Help Desk

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