UW-LA CROSSE

GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION AND RESOURCE GUIDE
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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

Click above to visit the 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.

La Crosse Neighborhoods

Beginning your housing search, but don’t know where to start? Check out the different neighborhoods in La Crosse by clicking button above.
CAMPUS RESOURCE OFFICES

**Academic Advising Center & Career Services**  
(608) 785-6950  
1209 Centennial Hall  
E-mail: advising@uwlax.edu  
[https://www.uwlax.edu/aaccs/](https://www.uwlax.edu/aaccs/)

**ACCESS Center**  
(608) 785-6900  
165 Murphy Library  
Email: ACCESSCenter@uwlax.edu  
[https://www.uwlax.edu/access-center/](https://www.uwlax.edu/access-center/)

**Bookstore**  
(608) 785-8855  
Student Union-First Floor  
[http://www.uwlax.edu/bookstore/](http://www.uwlax.edu/bookstore/)

**Cashier’s Office**  
(608) 785-8719  
121 Graff Main Hall  
[http://www.uwlax.edu/cashiers/](http://www.uwlax.edu/cashiers/)

**Campus Child Care Center**  
(608) 785-8813  
E-mail: dhays@uwlax.edu  
[https://www.uwlax.edu/campus-child-center/](https://www.uwlax.edu/campus-child-center/)

**Center for Transformative Justice**  
(608) 785-5094  
1120 Centennial Hall  
Email: transformative@uwlax.edu  
[https://www.uwlax.edu/center/transformative-justice/](https://www.uwlax.edu/center/transformative-justice/)

**Counseling and Testing Center**  
(608) 785-8073  
2106 Centennial Hall  
[https://www.uwlax.edu/counseling-testing/](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/dining-locations/](https://www.uwlax.edu/university-centers/services/dining-services/dining-locations/)

**Diversity and Inclusion**  
(608) 785-5097  
145 Graff Main Hall  
[https://www.uwlax.edu/diversity-inclusion/](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/](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/](https://www.uwlax.edu/equity/)

**Human Resources**  
(608) 785-8013  
144 Graff Main Hall  
Email: hrinfo@uwlax.edu  
[https://www.uwlax.edu/human-resources/](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/](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/](https://www.uwlax.edu/multicultural-student-services/)
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<td>(608) 785-8604</td>
<td>215 Graff Main Hall</td>
<td><a href="mailto:finaid@uwlax.edu">finaid@uwlax.edu</a></td>
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<td><strong>Graduate &amp; Extended Learning</strong></td>
<td>(608)-785-8124</td>
<td>205 Morris Hall</td>
<td><a href="mailto:gradstudies@uwlax.edu">gradstudies@uwlax.edu</a></td>
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<td>(608) 785-8061</td>
<td>605 17th St. N.</td>
<td><a href="mailto:parking@uwlax.edu">parking@uwlax.edu</a></td>
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<td><strong>Police</strong></td>
<td>(608) 789-9000</td>
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<td>(608) 785-8887</td>
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<td><strong>Records and Registration</strong></td>
<td>(608) 785-8576</td>
<td>117 Graff Main Hall</td>
<td><a href="mailto:records@uwlax.edu">records@uwlax.edu</a></td>
<td><a href="http://www.uwlax.edu/records/">http://www.uwlax.edu/records/</a></td>
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<td><strong>Rec Sports</strong></td>
<td>(608) 785-5225</td>
<td>125 Recreational Eagle Center</td>
<td><a href="mailto:recoffice@uwlax.edu">recoffice@uwlax.edu</a></td>
<td><a href="https://www.uwlax.edu/recsports/">https://www.uwlax.edu/recsports/</a></td>
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<td><strong>Residence Life</strong></td>
<td>(608) 785-8075</td>
<td>1500 La Crosse Street</td>
<td><a href="mailto:housing@uwlax.edu">housing@uwlax.edu</a></td>
<td><a href="https://www.uwlax.edu/reslife/">https://www.uwlax.edu/reslife/</a></td>
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<td><strong>Student Affairs</strong></td>
<td>(608)-785-8062</td>
<td>149 Graff Main Hall</td>
<td><a href="mailto:deanofstudents@uwlax.edu">deanofstudents@uwlax.edu</a></td>
<td><a href="https://www.uwlax.edu/student-affairs/">https://www.uwlax.edu/student-affairs/</a></td>
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<td><strong>Student Health Center</strong></td>
<td>(608) 785-8558</td>
<td>Health Science Center, Suite 1030</td>
<td><a href="mailto:shcnetworking@uwlax.edu">shcnetworking@uwlax.edu</a></td>
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<td>149 Graff Main Hall</td>
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<td><strong>University Centers</strong></td>
<td>(608) 785-8888</td>
<td>3200 Student Union</td>
<td><a href="mailto:univcenters@uwlax.edu">univcenters@uwlax.edu</a></td>
<td><a href="https://www.uwlax.edu/university-centers/">https://www.uwlax.edu/university-centers/</a></td>
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<td><strong>University Event Support</strong></td>
<td>(608) 785-8895</td>
<td>3200 Student Union</td>
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GETTING STARTED AT UWL
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
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
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: UWL does not officially endorse or contribute to the links below. If you need assistance finding housing, please reach out to Graduate & Extended Learning by emailing gradstudies@uwlax.edu.
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
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.
ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES AND POLICIES
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
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
REGISTERING FOR CLASSES

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 Help

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.

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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.
CAMPUS RESOURCES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS
Staff 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 & Extended Learning Can Help You:

Graduate Education
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
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
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
Looking for funding to support your graduate research or project? Graduate & Extended Learning 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
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 on the Campus Map.

**Student Union (#34 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

**Whitney Center (#38 on the Map)**
- Main Dining Room (All-You-Care-To-Eat)
- Chars
- Badger Street Station

**Murphy Library (#27 on the Map)**
- Murphy’s Mug

**Centennial Hall (#14 on the Map)**
- Starbucks on the Go
UWL offers campus dining plans for students, several of which are designed for students not living in the residence halls. Check out your options below.
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
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
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 Textbook Rental
- UW Credit Union

**Learn More Here:**

Student Union
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
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
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
All graduate students are encouraged to join the Graduate Student Organization, which provides an opportunity for students from different programs to meet, network, and advocate for their 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.

Finally, all graduate students are encouraged to participate in our annual Say it in 7 and 3 Minute Grad Project Competitions—they are a chance to share your passion for your field study and compete for scholarships.

Click below to learn more!
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
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
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
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
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
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