Welcome to UW-La Crosse!
What we will cover...

• Immersion into UWL Culture and Campus Life
• Introductions to key campus departments/units
• Campus Parking
• Campus Safety
• Information on benefits/perks
• Information about payroll
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• Primer on policies/procedures
Introductions

• Your name
• Your position
• Your department
• Are you new to UWL
• Fun fact about you!
About UW-La Crosse

UW-La Crosse's institutional priorities are guided by the UWL Select Mission, Vision, and Values statements, adopted by the UWL Joint Planning & Budget Committee in March 2015.
Getting to know the University: Our Mission

The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse provides a challenging, dynamic, and diverse learning environment in which the entire university community is fully engaged in supporting student success. Grounded in the liberal arts, UWL fosters curiosity and life-long learning through collaboration, innovation, and the discovery and dissemination of new knowledge. Acknowledging and respecting the contributions of all, UWL is a regional academic and cultural center that prepares students to take their place in a constantly changing world community.

The university offers undergraduate programs and degrees in the arts and humanities, health and sciences, education, and business administration. The university offers graduate programs related to areas of emphasis and strength within the institution, including business administration, education, health, the sciences, and the social sciences.
Getting to know the University: 
Our Vision

The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse aims to foster within each student the curiosity, creativity, and tenacity necessary to solve the regional, national, and international challenges of the 21st century. The university's official motto *mens corpusque* ("mind and body") will continue to guide our direction as a student-centered university committed to a quality education for the whole person. As such, it will continue to provide opportunities both inside and outside the classroom for the development of sound mental, emotional, and ethical skills, as well as general well-being.

Our students, faculty, and staff will experience the world through constantly evolving technologies and cultures. Thus, the skills of effective communication, critical thought, leadership, and an appreciation for diversity must be the hallmarks of a UWL education.
Getting to know the University: Our Values

Fassett Cotton, our institution’s first leader, serving from 1909-1924, conceived the original University of Wisconsin-La Crosse educational philosophy of the total development of the individual. Later, history professor and Dean of the College of Arts, Letters, and Sciences, William M. Laux (1922-1967), suggested the symbols of our official university seal along with the accompanying Latin phrase, *mens corpusque* ("mind and body"), to exemplify our collective commitment to a high-quality education for the whole person.

- **The *mens corpusque* educational philosophy** that recognizes each student as a whole person and aspires to enhance both mind and body through the noble search for knowledge, truth, and meaning central to a wide range of high-quality learning experiences and scholarly pursuits.
- **Diversity, equity, and the inclusion and engagement of all people** in a safe campus climate that embraces and respects the innumerable different perspectives found within an increasingly integrated and culturally diverse global community.
- **A high quality of life and work balance**, incorporating best practices for shared governance and the acquisition and efficient management of resources, equitable compensation, general wellness, and social, environmental, and economic sustainability.
- **Civic engagement and a renewed commitment** to the Wisconsin Idea, in which our socially responsible campus serves as a resource for our increasingly intertwined local, state, and global communities, collaborating and sharing resources and expertise to improve the human condition.
Getting to know the University: Diversity Statement

UW-La Crosse’s diversity and inclusion efforts are guided by our adherence to Inclusive Excellence. We define Inclusive Excellence as “… our active, intentional and ongoing commitment to bridge differences with understanding and respect so all can thrive.” The goals of Inclusive Excellence are to increase the retention of diverse faculty, staff and students while encouraging a campus climate that is inviting and welcoming to all. UW-La Crosse strives to promote acceptance of all facets of diversity from racial/ethnic diversity to diversity of thought and experience.

UW-La Crosse ranks 6th nationally among the Top LGBTQ-Friendly Colleges for 2018-19 by AffordableCollegesOnline.org (ACO).
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HR Contacts & Website Tour
The Human Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC) serves as a platform for engagement and feedback between Human Resources and the university community that it serves, with the goal of enhancing the workplace experience at UWL. Advisory in nature, the committee will be engaged with information on new programs and services, changes being considered to existing offerings, and in other matters related to services and programs for employees, and communication between Human Resources and employees.

The HRAC is not an advocacy group. It exists to provide constructive, fact-based evaluations of current and future HR endeavors.
UW Policies
What to know and where to find more information...
Policy Resources

UWSA Policies

UWL Policies/Handbook

HR POLICY - EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND RELATED EMPLOYMENT POLICIES

The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (UWL) Employee Handbook has been prepared to assist you in finding the answers to questions that you may have regarding your employment with UWL. It is recommended that all new and existing employees read and understand the contents of this handbook.
Mandatory Training

All employees are required to complete three Mandatory Training Programs:

• Mandated Reporter – Once
• Sexual Harassment – Every 3 years
• Information Security - Annually
Ethics Reporting & Obligations

Faculty, Academic Staff, & Limited
- Conflicts of Interest
- Outside Activities
  - Required to submit annual Outside Activity Report
- Avoiding & reporting conflicts of interest

University Staff
- Standards of Conduct
- Avoiding & reporting conflicts of interest
E-Performance

Policies

– **UW System Administrative Policy 1254**
  - Articulates that all employees are subject to annual appraisals, or merit review, to determine if their work is meritorious or not.
  - The process that each department/unit undertakes must describe a clear process for how their appraisals will be completed.
  - Faculty should consult their department by-laws for this information.
  - When policies regarding appraisals are modified, input from governance groups occurs.

– **Chapter 3 (In the case of Faculty retention)**
E-Performance Communication

Employee:

Define Criteria Step
➢ Set SMART Goals and Managers approves them.
  • IAS: September 1 (Check with your Chair)
  • Limited and Non-Instructional Academic Staff: July 1
  • University Staff: July 1

Checkpoint
➢ When the employee and manager meet to discuss performance year-to-date and adjust performance criteria, if needed. Commonly referred to as the “Mid-point” meeting.
  • IAS: No Checkpoint
  • Limited and Non-Instructional Academic Staff: December (Optional)
  • University Staff: December (Optional)
E-Performance Communication

Finalize Criteria
➢ The last opportunity to adjust performance criteria on the evaluation and add comments on performance year-to-date, if applicable. Can add or edit goals, etc..

Self Evaluation
➢ Occurs prior to or after the Managers evaluation.
  • IAS: Performance Appraisal due to HR December 15
  • Limited and Non-Instructional Academic Staff: March-June Timeframe
  • University Staff: March-June Timeframe

Manager Evaluation
➢ Can be completed prior to or after an employee completes their Self Evaluation.
  • IAS: Performance Appraisal due to HR December 15
  • Limited and Non-Instructional Academic Staff: March-June Timeframe
  • University Staff: March-June Timeframe
E-Performance Links

• **Step-by-Step Video**: https://uwservice.wisconsin.edu/video_learning/ep-employee/index.php

• **UWL ePerformance Page**: https://www.uwlax.edu/human-resources/services/employee-relations/performance-management/
e performance


UWL consistently delivers a high-quality and life-changing experience. We're able to do it because of you, our talented and dedicated faculty and staff. You are the reason for our excellence.

Quicklinks

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- Transferology Lab

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- Google Drive
- Password reset

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Investing in our people

Employment opportunities
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Benefits: What We Will Cover

- Benefit Package Types
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- Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA’s)
- Life & Accident Insurances
- Income Continuation Insurance
- Retirement Benefits
- Leave Benefits
- Well-Being Benefits
- Misc.
Benefit Packages
Benefit Packages

WRS

Benefit Package

FAASLI (Faculty, AS & Limited)
- 42% FTE for 12-month employees
- 56% FTE for 9-month employees
- For at least 1 year*

UNIVERSITY STAFF
- 58% FTE
- For at least 1 year
Benefit Packages

Graduate/Short Term Academic Staff Benefit Package

Student Assistants (GA)

- Must be at least 33% FTE
- For at least 6 months if you are a 12-month employee; or
- For at least one semester if you are a 9-month employee

Short Term Academic Staff

- At least 21% FTE for at least six months if you are a 12-month employee; or
- At least 28% FTE for at least one semester if you are a 9-month employee
State Group Health Insurance
State Group Health Insurance: Effective Dates

- Effective Date: 1st of the month following hire or eligibility
- Employer Contribution: Starts immediately
- You have a 30-day enrollment period from your benefit eligibility date (usually date of hire). Your spouse and eligible dependent children may also be enrolled at this time.

**University Staff**
- University Staff employees: Can have immediate coverage by paying the total premium or postpone until employer contribution begins
- You have a 30-day enrollment period from your benefit eligibility date (usually date of hire). Your spouse and eligible dependent children may also be enrolled at this time.

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Plan Design Options

**Health Plan and High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP):**
- These plans use a specific network of doctors, clinics and hospitals in a local geographic area. You must receive services within the network. Coverage is only available out-of-network for urgent and emergency care.
- Premiums: The HDHP has the lowest employee premium.

**Access Plan and Access HDHP:**
- These plans provide freedom of choice for doctors, clinics and hospitals across the country. Your out-of-pocket costs are lower when in-network providers are used.
- Premium: The Access Plan and Access HDHP have higher premiums than the Health Plan and HDHP.

- All Insurers offer the SAME uniform benefits.
- All plan designs include pharmacy benefits.
- Regardless of the Plan Design you select, Preventive Health Services are covered at 100%, even if the deductible has not yet been met.
High Deductible Health Plan

- If you enroll in a HDHP, the HSA (Health Savings Account) is required.
- An HSA is an individually-owned, triple tax-advantaged savings account.
  - Contributions, distributions (if used for qualifying expenses) and investment earnings are tax-free.
- Your employer contribution may be pro-rated if you are:
  - Not enrolled for the entire calendar year or
  - A part-time employee
- You may change your employee contribution at any time.
- Contributions are made on a per paycheck basis.

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<td>Less than Age 55</td>
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<td>Single</td>
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<td>$7,300</td>
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HSA Eligibility:
- Must be enrolled in an HDHP
- Cannot be enrolled in Medicare or TRICARE or another health plan not considered an HDHP.
- Cannot be enrolled in, or be a covered dependent, under a health care FSA (such as spouse or parent)
- Cannot be a dependent person of another person for tax purposes
Health Insurance Opt-Out Incentive

- $2,000 Opt-Out Incentive may be available if you do not need health insurance through the UW System.
- Prorated for new hires.
- Paid monthly throughout the year.
- Incentive is considered taxable.
- If you elect the Opt-Out Incentive, you are not eligible for the Wellness Incentive or Uniform Dental or Sick Leave Credit Conversion Program.

- Are eligible for the WRS Benefits Package (i.e. employees eligible for the Graduate/Short-Term Academic Staff Benefits Package are not eligible for the incentive)
- Are eligible for the employer premium contribution to your health insurance (i.e. Crafts workers not eligible for the incentive)
- Do not receive State Group Health Insurance through a parent or spouse through another State agency (e.g. UW System, UW Hospital and Clinics)
- In 2015, were eligible for an employer premium contribution to their health insurance and were enrolled in a State Group Health Insurance plan
Summer Prepays for 9 Month Employees

- Insurance premiums are deducted from the first two biweekly paychecks each month during the academic year.

- **Summer Prepay** - Multiple insurance premiums are deducted during the three-month period prior to the end of the spring semester to keep coverage active between academic years (if appointment will continue the following fall semester).

- Summer Earnings
  - Flexible Spending Account, Health Savings Account, and Retirement Plan contributions are deducted from summer session/appointment pay.
Dental: 
Uniform and Preventive Plans/Premiums

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<th>2023 Monthly Employee Premiums</th>
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<td>$86.80</td>
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Two different plans – same benefits
- Diagnostic & Preventive Services
  - Cleanings
  - Sealants
  - X-rays
  - Fluoride Treatments
  - Fillings
- Non-Surgical Extractions
- Orthodontics (50% under age 19, lifetime $1,500 benefit)
- Annual Maximum Benefit = $1,000

Two plans, different benefit levels & networks
You may choose one of the plans
- Major Services
  - Crowns
  - Bridges
  - Root canals
  - Implants
  - Surgical extractions
- Deductibles ($100/$25) and annual benefit maximums vary by plan ($1,000/$2,500)
- No coverage for preventive or basic services
Vision Benefits
## Vision

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<td>Contact Lens Exam Copay</td>
<td>$40 per person</td>
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<td>Retinal Imaging Copay</td>
<td>Up to $39 per person</td>
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<td>Frames</td>
<td>$150 allowance per person</td>
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Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA’s)
Flex Spending – Medical & Dependent Care

❖ FSAs provide you with a pre-tax advantage for qualifying medical and/or dependent day care expenses.

❖ You must re-enroll during the Annual Benefits Enrollment period (each Fall) for the next plan year (January through December).

❖ Only expenses incurred on/after your coverage effective date through December 31st (or when you lose eligibility) are eligible for reimbursement.

❖ All claims must be submitted and substantiated by March 31st following the end of the plan year (December 31st).

❖ Changes are only allowed mid-year if a qualifying life event occurs.

❖ Money left in your health care or limited purpose health care account at the end of the plan year may carryover into the next plan year (up to $500).

❖ Carryover does not apply to the Dependent Day Care Account.
### 2023 Contribution & Carryover Amounts

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<td>Dependent Day Care Account</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>$2,500 or $5,000 (depending on tax filing status)</td>
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UW HUMAN RESOURCES

Life & Accident Insurance
# Life Insurance

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| **State Group Life Insurance**    | - Covers you up to five times your annual salary, your spouse up to $20,000 and your eligible children up to $10,000 each  
- To be eligible for this life insurance, you must be eligible for the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) and under age 70 when first enrolled  
- Continues into retirement at group policy rates  
- Premiums are based on earnings  |
| **Individual & Family Life Insurance** | - Up to $20,000 initially for employee, $10,000 spouse/domestic partner and $5,000 child(ren) coverage  
- Maximum coverage of $300,000 employee, $150,000 spouse/domestic partner and $25,000 child(ren)  
- Annual increase opportunity  
- Premiums based on age & coverage level  |
| **UW Employees, Inc. Life Insurance** | - Low cost  
- Age reducing plan  
- Coverage $7,000 - $33,000 depending on age  |
| **University Insurance Association (UIA) Life Insurance** | - Mandatory for all Faculty, Academic Staff & Limited Appointees  
- Coverage $3,400 - $101,000 depending on age  
- 2023 monthly salary threshold - $2,952  
- Age reducing plan  
- $38.40 annual premium deducted from the 1st payroll in January |
## Accidental Death & Dismemberment and Accident Insurance

You may enroll in both plans: AD&D Insurance and Accident Insurance

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<td>Offers coverage for accidental death and dismemberment (AD&amp;D) for you, your spouse/domestic partner, and eligible children</td>
<td>Provides cash payment to help cover out-of-pocket expenses in the event of an injury due to an accident</td>
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<td>Includes Travel Assist coverage, Identity Theft Services, Critical Burn and Rehabilitation benefits</td>
<td>Coverage for you, your spouse and eligible children</td>
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<td>Includes an AD&amp;D component and Identity Theft services</td>
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You may enroll in both plans: AD&D Insurance and Accident Insurance.
Income Continuation Insurance
INCOME CONTINUATION INSURANCE (ICI)

- Provides up to 75% of gross base wages as replacement income if you are unable to work due to illness or disability.
- Standard ICI covers earnings up to $64,000
  - The UW System pays a portion of the premium after 12 months of eligible WRS service.
- Supplemental ICI covers earnings from $64,001 to $120,000
  - Employee pays full premium.
- Monthly earnings determine your premiums.
- Eligibility
  - Eligible for coverage under the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS),
  - Under age 70 at the time of initial eligibility, and
  - Not receiving a WRS annuity.
- Application required to elect or decline coverage.
- Elimination Period (also called waiting period) begins on the first full day you are continuously and completely absent from work.
- You select an Elimination Period of 30, 90, 125 or 180 days.
  - University Staff automatically assume a 30-day Elimination Period.
  - Premiums decrease for US as their SL balances increases.
- ICI benefits begin after you (whichever is longer):
  - Exhaust your accumulated sick leave (up to a maximum of 1,040 hours); or
  - Complete your elimination period.
- You may increase your ICI elimination period at any time.
- Evidence of insurability (proof of good health) is required to reduce your elimination period.
- Must exhaust up to 1,040 hours of sick leave or elimination period, whichever is longer, before benefits are paid.
## Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS)

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<th>If you have WRS creditable service prior to July 1, 2011</th>
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<td>You are <strong>eligible</strong> for the WRS if: you are expected to work at least one year* and 880 hours (42% if 12-month employee; 56% if 9-month employee). Note: you are <strong>vested after 5 years</strong> of WRS service.</td>
<td>You are <strong>eligible</strong> for the WRS if: you are expected to work at least one year* and 440 hours (21% if 12-month employee; 28% if 9-month employee). Note: you are <strong>vested immediately</strong>.</td>
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*1 year for 9-month employees is 2 consecutive semesters with an expectation to return the following semester.

- Provides a retirement annuity (pension) once you reach retirement age.
  - ✓ Minimum retirement age is 55.
  - ✓ Normal retirement age is 65

- Administered by the Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF).

- If eligible, enrollment is automatic.

### Employee Contributions
- **6.8% of salary**
- Deductions taken on a pre-tax basis for state and federal tax purposes.
- Subject to IRS limits: Employees and the UW System make WRS contributions on the first $282,500 of earnings in fiscal year 2022 - 2023.

### Employer Contributions
- **6.8% of salary**
- Additionally, the UW System contributes 1.2% of salary to fund retiree health insurance credits.
403b Supplemental Retirement

- Contribute Pre-Tax, Roth (after-tax) or a combination of both.
- Includes a wide array of mutual funds and fixed and variable annuities managed by five providers.
- TIAA & Fidelity.
- You make the entire contribution (no employer contribution).
- Select a percentage of pay or a flat dollar amount.
- Change your contribution at any time.

2023 Contribution Limit is $22,500 for those 50 & younger and $30,000 for those 50 & older (includes an add’l $6,500 catch up).
Wisconsin Deferred Compensation

✓ Contribute pre-tax, Roth (after-tax) or a combination of both.
✓ Participation is voluntary.
✓ You make the entire contribution (no employer contribution).
  ➢ Max Contribution Limit if under age 50: $26,500, $30,000 if over 50
✓ Change your contribution at any time.
✓ To enroll and/or make changes, complete the forms and submit directly to WDC.
Sick Leave Credit Conversion Program

Unused sick leave may be converted to credits to pay for State Group Health Insurance at layoff, retirement, death or termination with 20 years of service.

- **Accumulated Sick Leave Conversion Credit Program:** Accumulated sick leave is multiplied by your highest basic pay rate in a qualifying position and converted to credits to pay for State Group Health Insurance.

- **Supplemental Health Insurance Conversion Credit Program:** Allows you to earn additional sick leave credits once you have at least 15 years of continuous state service.

Must be covered by State Group Health Insurance to use credits – unused sick leave credits have NO value if you waive health coverage or elect the Health Opt-Out Incentive.
Leave Benefits
Types of Leave

• Vacation
• Legal Holidays
• Personal Holiday
• Sick Leave
• Military Leave
• Family & Medical Leave (FMLA)
• Catastrophic Leave
• Bone Marrow and Human Organ Donation
# FAASLI Leave Accrual

| **Vacation** | **176 hours** granted on a fiscal year basis (July 1 – June 30)  
| **Pro-rated for mid-year employment start dates**  
| Unused vacation earned in a fiscal year carries over to end of following fiscal year, then it will expire  
| Banked leave available after 10 full fiscal years |
|---|---|
| **Sick Leave** | **176 hours** granted at start of employment  
| After the first 18 months, earn up to **96 hours** per fiscal year  
| Accumulates without limit  
| Cannot be used before it is earned |
| **Personal Holidays** | **36 hours per year** & hours expire if not used in the FY they are earned |

**If you are less than 100% FTE, paid leave is prorated based on your appointment percentage. Academic year (nine-month) employees are not eligible for Vacation & Personal Holiday hours.**
# University Staff Leave Accrual

**Vacation Hours Granted Each Calendar Year (January 1 – December 31)**

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**Sick Leave**
- Earn up to 5 hours per paycheck (130 hours per year)
- Accumulates without limit
- Cannot be used before it is earned

**Personal Holidays**
- 36 hours per year & hours expire if not used in the calendar year they are earned

**Legal Holidays**

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*Pro-rated for mid-year employment start dates.*

*Unused vacation can be carried over for one calendar year, then it will expire.*

*May bank unused leave after 10 complete years of service (5 years depending on exempt status).*
Well-Being Benefits
Well-Being

**Employee Assistance Program (EAP)**
- Provides you and your immediate family members (members of your household) free and confidential resources to address personal and work-related concerns.
- May also assist with legal services, financial services, and work-life services.
- Allows up to six (counseling) in-person or virtual sessions per issue per year.

**Well Wisconsin Program**
- Available to active employees, retirees, and eligible spouses enrolled in State Group Health Insurance.
- Designed to help make you more aware of your current and future health risks.
- Eligible to earn a $150 incentive (taxable) by completing a health assessment, health check, and one well-being activity by early October.

**Annual Benefits & Wellness Fair**
- Benefit Vendors
- Wellness Vendors
- Biometric Screening
- Flu Vaccination Clinic

HUMAN RESOURCES | UWL
Miscellaneous Benefits/Perks
Miscellaneous Benefits/Perks

- Murphy Library Access
- Campus Childcare Center
- Public Student Loan Forgiveness
- Employee Education Assistance/La Crosse Promise
Murphy Library: Not Just Books!

- Murphy Library provides access to books, articles, databases, archival materials, streaming video, and many other resources.

- **Library Guides** have been curated by librarians to help you find resources on various subjects.

- **Leisure reading** materials are located near Murphy's Mug (the library's coffee shop) and online via **OverDrive**. Physical materials can be checked out at the circulation desk using your UWL ID.
Reference Services

• **Reference services** are available to all UWL faculty, staff, and students at the Research Help Desk in the library or via chat, email, phone, or by appointment.

• Contact a librarian for help navigating our resources, researching a topic, or even to get a suggestion for which resources might be useful for a course assignment. **Tell your students to visit us too!**
Information Literacy Instruction

• Instructors may arrange course-related instruction from a librarian on research strategies and information resources related to a particular discipline or class assignment.
Learn More...

• More information about all of these resources and more can be found on our Resources for Faculty and Staff Library Guide:
  https://libguides.uwlax.edu/faculty-staff

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Leave, Accommodations, Workers' Compensation

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https://www.uwlax.edu/human-resources/benefits/family-medical-leave-act/
What we are covering with Leave:

Discussing what FMLA is and laying out the process from the Employee’s perspective.
The Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, FMLA, allows qualified employees to take up to 12 weeks (480 hours) of continuous or intermittent leave from work within a calendar year. This leave is granted for the employee to focus on a serious health condition they or a qualified individual may be experiencing. The FMLA protects employment and health benefits of eligible employees while away on a qualified leave. FMLA protection is not inclusive of paid time. FMLA is unpaid unless the individual chooses to use their PTO balances.

A qualifying reason to take FMLA includes:
- a serious health condition for the employee;
- leave for caring for a spouse, child, or parent with a serious health condition;
- or for birth or adoption of a child.

UW System Administrative Policy SYS 1213
FMLA for Employees

There are a few questions to determine your eligibility. If you are able to answer “yes” to all of the following questions, you are eligible for Federal FMLA:

- Have you met the federal FMLA requirement of 12-months of employment with any state agency?
- Have you worked for UWL for at least 1,250 hours in the preceding 12-month period?

Federal FMLA allows for the full 12 weeks (3 months) of job-protected leave to be taken.

If you were not able to answer “yes” to the questions above, you may qualify for Wisconsin FMLA (WFMLA):

- Have you met the state FMLA requirement of 52 consecutive weeks of employment?
- Have you worked for UWL for at least 1,000 hours (inclusive of sick leave use) in the preceding 12-month period?

State FMLA allows for only 6 weeks (1.5 months) of job-protected leave to be taken.

If you qualify for both, they run concurrently and your FMLA coverage will last 12 weeks only.
Prior to Leave

- If the need for leave is foreseeable, the employee should apply for FMLA at least 30 days prior to the start date of the leave.

- The employee will submit a Family and Medical Leave Request Form and work with a Leave Specialist to determine eligibility, provide a medical certification completed by the employee’s medical provider, and receive a designation notice approving the Family and Medical Leave.
During Leave

*Continuous Leave.* When an employee is taking a block period of leave, they should not be working at any capacity. The employee should be reporting their FMLA leave in the UW Portal and submitting their timesheets on a weekly basis for payroll processing.

*Intermittent Leave.* The employee should follow departmental procedures for requesting time off/calling in sick/calling in late/leaving early when they need to use intermittent Family and Medical Leave. The employee should notify the Leave Specialist when they are going to report intermittent Family and Medical Leave to ensure proper leave tracking.

The note “FMLA” should be placed in the time submissions. The submission of leave is the responsibility of the employee.
Employee’s FMLA usage in the UW Portal

UW portal submissions need to be made on a weekly basis

- **Exempt**
  - Weekly entries prior to leave or during to ensure proper FMLA tracking and avoid lumping in the weekends as leave hours
  - Time needs to be recorded in 4 or 8 hours if exempt (contact Leave Specialist to override this)

- **Non-exempt**
  - Weekly entries prior to leave or during to ensure proper FMLA tracking
  - Time can be recorded in 15-minute increments if non-exempt

Again, this is the responsibility of the employee. If the employee is unable to enter their own time, they must discuss this with their supervisor during the FMLA request process.
Returning to Work

Upon returning from FMLA, the employee will be returned to the same position held when the leave began or to an equivalent position with equivalent benefits, pay, and other terms and conditions of employment. An employee returning to work because of their own serious health condition will be required to present written documentation from their health care provider that states fitness for duty and any restrictions upon return. The employee's return to work will be delayed until the required certification is provided to the Human Resources office.

If an employee is unable to return to full duty at the end of their leave of absence or asks for workplace modification(s) other than leave, either the employee or their supervisor should contact your department's HR consultant or leave specialist to discuss disability leave or accommodation. If the employee has requested workplace accommodation in addition to leave, speak with your HR leave specialist.
ADA Accommodations
Americans with Disabilities Act
What we are covering for ADA

What is ADA and what is the general process for accommodations to be requested.
Under the ADA, an "individual with a disability" is a person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, has a record of such impairment or is regarded as having such an impairment. "Qualified" means the person satisfies the job-related requirements of the position he or she holds or is applying for and can perform its essential functions, with or without a reasonable accommodation.

The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) provides that no qualified individual with a disability be denied access to or participation in services, programs, and activities at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. This act applies to virtually all aspects of campus activities, including employment, student programming, and services provided to the community at large.
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the University will endeavor to make a reasonable accommodation to the known physical or mental limitations of qualified employees with disabilities unless the accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the operation of our business.

The term reasonable accommodation means a modification or adjustment to a job, the work environment, the job application process, or the way things are usually done that enables a qualified individual with a disability to perform the essential functions of the job and to enjoy an equal employment opportunity. Reasonable accommodation includes, but is not limited to, making facilities accessible, adjusting work schedules, restructuring jobs, providing assisting devices or equipment, providing readers or interpreters, and modifying examinations, training materials or policies.
To request a reasonable accommodation, an employee or applicant offered a job is required to submit a written statement to the UWL ADA Specialist. The written statement must identify the nature of the claimed physical or mental disability, identify the functional limitations with respect to the disability, and identify the requested accommodation(s).

An individual who identifies him/herself as having a disability and requests a reasonable accommodation may be required to provide documentation, including medical records, sufficient to establish the existence of the claimed physical or mental impairment and the need for accommodation. The information should be appropriately current and have been prepared by a qualified professional.
Once an employee submits an ADA Accommodation request, Human Resources reviews it and reaches out to the Employee’s leadership.

Specific information regarding the individual’s disability is not disclosed in order to ensure privacy; however, the request itself is discussed to determine a reasonable accommodation within the department.
What we are covering for Worker’s Compensation

Worker’s Compensation is a benefit program that pays for medical treatment and wages lost due to work-related injuries or illnesses.
Worker’s Compensation Process

What if a work-related injury or illness occurs?

- Is medical attention needed?
- Employee should seek reasonable and necessary medical care.
- Follow state requirement for physician selection.
- Employee may review any medical information released to the employer.

Documentation

Employee must report the injury or illness to the supervisor (employer) as soon as possible

- Employee’s Work Injury and Illness Report - All employee injuries should be reported within 24 hours of the injury
- Employer’s First Report of Injury or Disease
- Supervisor’s Accident Analysis and Prevention Report
- Authorization to Use or Disclose Health Information
### What does Worker’s Compensation cover?

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<td><strong>Lost wages</strong></td>
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<td>• To remain in full pay status, leave time is used:</td>
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<td>➢ Sick leave</td>
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<td>➢ Vacation leave</td>
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<td>➢ Personal Holidays</td>
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<td>• Leave is reinstated as WC hours are approved each pay period.</td>
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<td>• Because employees are being paid from WC, s/he will not accrue as much sick leave or vacation leave.</td>
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<td><strong>Compensation for permanent disabilities</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Vocational rehabilitation</strong></td>
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Return to Work

Before an employee may return to work, the employee must present a medical providers written release to HR.

HR will verify that the department can accommodate the restriction(s) an employee may have prior to his return.

When employee returns Light Duty or with Restriction(s): Every reasonable effort is taken to help an injured worker safely return to pre-injury state, including employment, in the shortest time possible after an injury.

Regular Duty – GOAL!
THANK YOU!

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Our Mission

➢ To be the go-to communications resource for advancing UW-La Crosse.
Our Services: Serving UWL & Advancing the Institution

➢ News, press
➢ Website
➢ Graphic design
➢ Photography
➢ Videography
➢ Marketing content
➢ Search Engine Optimization
Our Services: Serving you as your go-to Resource

Share your stories
- News, photos, videos

Share your events
- Calendar, events page, digital signs

Share your information
- Web, social media, media releases, profiles
Resources

- Share.uwlax.edu
- www.uwlax.edu/ucomm
- www.uwlax.edu/brand
Introductions: Our People

- Leanne Vigue, University Registrar
- Victoria Rahn, Assistant Registrar
- Leslie Fell, Student Processing Specialist
- Vacant, Veterans Education Benefits Coordinator
- Sueanne Bethauser, Veterans Education Benefits Coordinator
- Jennifer Elliott, Records Specialist
- Janelle Nelson, CPL & Grading Coordinator
- Jessica Palmer, Degree Audit/Curr Systems Manager
- Heidi Hudson, Scheduling/Registration Coordinator
- Amy Servais, Catalog, Curr, Scheduling Coordinator
ACADEMIC CALENDAR

- Based on semesters (14 weeks of instruction plus one week of final exams)
  - Semester I (September through mid-December)
  - Semester II (January through mid-May)
  - Standard class period is 55 minutes
- Two additional terms
  - Winter intercession: intensive 3-week term in January
  - Summer: 3, 4-week sessions beginning in late May and ending mid-August
- Provost’s Office site lists current and next year academic calendars
- R&R site lists important dates and deadlines for upcoming terms
# ACADEMIC POLICIES

## Catalogs
- Undergraduate
- Graduate

## Other Resources
- R&R website
- Departmental websites
- CIM “programs”
OTHER IMPORTANT RESOURCES

Faculty/Staff Resources on R&R website

• Academic Scheduling
• Catalog updates
• Curriculum Process & Policies (UCC/GCC)
  o CIM – courses
  o CIM – programs
• Final Exam Schedule
• Grading – submissions, incompletes, appeals, changes, etc.
• Transferology & TES
• WINGS
FERPA - FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

✓ Federal Law governing student privacy
✓ Your responsibility to keep records safe and secure
✓ Download the FERPA: Quick Guide for Faculty and Staff
✓ Keep a list of Directory Information handy
✓ Check for restrictions in WINGS

The following data elements are considered directory information at UWL:

- Name(s)
- Local and home addresses
- Local and home telephone numbers
- UWL email address
- School/college
- Enrollment status
- Enrollment dates
- Academic level (first year, sophomore, junior, senior)
- Previous institution(s) attended
- Past and present participation in officially recognized sports and activities
- Physical factors (height, weight for athletes)
- Major/minor field of study
- Awards and honors (such as Dean’s List)
- Expected graduation date
- Degree(s) conferred
- Date of degree conferral
FERPA – WHEN CAN I RELEASE INFORMATION?

• Students can choose to give consent to release information
  □ Consent must be written
  □ Check for FERPA Secure PIN in WINGS (do not release current schedule, grades)

• UWL employee or contractor with an educational need to know

• Exceptions exist for emergency situations – use caution

• A few other specialized cases of exceptions – use caution
  □ Intends to enroll in another institution
  □ Subpoena
  □ Research that is approved and benefits institution
  □ Others
FERPA CONTINUED

• FERPA is filled with “mays” – we may give out directory information, but not required
• If not covered by FERPA, typically subject to open records laws
• Student has the right to inspect their records at any time – keep this in mind
• Sole possession notes not considered educational records until shared
• Consult with R&R if you have questions/concerns
• When in Doubt, Don’t Give it Out!
THANK YOU!

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Thirsty for more FERPA Training?
Contact Leanne Vigue
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Staff Councils & Ombuds
https://www.uwlax.edu/university-staff-council/
https://www.uwlax.edu/academic-staff-council/
https://www.uwlax.edu/faculty-senate/ombudspersons/
USC Professional Development Grants

For activities between March 1 and June 30

1 Feb. 2023

1 June 2023

For activities between July 1 and October 31

For activities between November 1 and February 28

1 Oct. 2023
University Staff Council: Get Involved

• USC meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 2 p.m.
• Volunteer for a USC committee!
• Run for election to the council
• Apply for a professional development grant
• Nominate someone for the annual excellence award
University Staff Council: Helpful Links

• USC meeting agendas and minutes
• Bylaws
• Representatives
• Committees
• University Staff Excellence Award
• University Staff Professional Development Grant
• Newsletters
Academic Staff Council
Academic Staff Council Representatives

- Chandra Hawkins – Chair
- Charissa Jakusz – Vice Chair
- Mandy McKinney – Communications Chair
- Will Van Roosenbeek – Madison representative
- Megan Pierce – Programming Chair

- Jordan Brick
- Nickolas Davis
- Kelsey Foss
- Kayah-Bah Malecek
- Blythe McConaughey
- Vacant Seat
Who we represent:

Academic Staff (AS) members from across campus:
- Individuals with greater than 50% appointments as:
  - Non-instructional academic staff (NIAS)
  - Academic staff – non-teaching
- Individuals split 50/50 between NIAS and IAS appointments, who elect ASC representation (this is not common)

Coalitions:
- Academic Affairs / Colleges
  - CASSH, CBA, CSH, and SOE
  - All NIAS who report through the Provost
- Administrative Units
  - Admin. & Finance, Advancement, and Chancellor’s Office
- Student Affairs / Diversity & Inclusion
How We Represent You:

• Facilitating communication with campus administration and other shared governance groups on issues related to academic staff.

• Supporting professional development
  o Grants
  o Employee Enrichment Day

• Making recommendations regarding personnel policies and procedures

• We’re here. Reach out with your:
  o Questions
  o Suggestions
  o Grievances (there’s a process)
  o Confidential discussions*
ASC Professional Development Grants

• February 1, 2023 for activities between March 1 and June 30

• June 1, 2023 for activities between July 1 and October 31
Academic Staff Council: Get Involved

• ASC meets the 2nd Monday of most months @ 10:30 am. Join us via the Zoom link you’ll find in the agenda email.
• Volunteer for a committee.
• Run for election to the council.
• Apply for a professional development grant.
• Nominate someone for the annual excellence award.
• Submit a question or request to the e-suggestion box on our website.
Academic Staff Council: Helpful Links

- Main site and e-suggestion box
- ASC meeting agendas, minutes, and recordings
- Bylaws
- Representatives
- Committees
- Annual Excellence Award - staff
- Annual Excellence Award - program
- Professional development grants
ASC: Shameless Plugs

• March 8 – International Women’s Day
• April 1 – Annual Drag Show*
• April 4-6 – Social Justice Week*
• April 5 – SA Awareness talk @ 7 pm, location TBD
• April 14 – Kids’ College*
• April 22 - International Banquet

*they’re looking for presenters/performers
University of Wisconsin – La Crosse Ombudspersons

"We're here if you need us"
Introductions

- Who we are as individuals -- as people!
- Chosen because of previous experience in campus issues.
- Sometimes long experience.
Practice

- *practice* - ombudsperson is primarily a guide to policy and navigating procedures regarding disputes or disagreements

- *practice* - no one goes to any meeting alone
Structure

▪ *structure* - project of Faculty Senate, appointed by Senate Executive Committee (SEC)- oversight by SEC in theory

▪ *structure* - 4 ombudspersons, one from each college/school, two alternates

▪ *structure* - no need to contact the person from "your" college, sometimes useful to have outsider, sometimes insider, up to you
Policies – set by Faculty Senate

- https://www.uwlax.edu/faculty-senate/ombudspersons/

- **Policy** - issues are "informal resolution of personnel problems, including non-renewals, dismissals, complaints, grievances, and appeals."

- **Policy** - not an advocate, instead, neutral advisor and consultant, possibly mediator if asked

- **Policy** - confidential, informal, does not report to any committee (still mandated reporters though)
Examples! (Generic and non-specific!)

- Meetings with chairs or deans where it might be useful having an attendee who is not a member of that department
- Department meetings that might be contentious
- Interpersonal conflict resolution (because faculty and staff might be here for decades!)
- Other stories . . .
Other Resources

- Chair
- Engage in formal mentoring programs
- Do it yourself! Find a mentor outside your department, college, or discipline!
THANK YOU!

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Our Founders

• UW Credit Union was founded by University of Wisconsin faculty & staff

• In 1931, our founders advocated for the rights of marginalized members amid a consumer credit crisis, widespread predatory lending practices, and accelerating unemployment challenges

• Today some 2.2 million Wisconsin consumers are members of locally-owned, not-for-profit, cooperative credit unions like UW Credit Union
About UW Credit Union

- Celebrating 92 years
- Proudly serving more than 300,000 members
- Members saved $11 million in overdraft fees in 2021
- 30 branches throughout Wisconsin
- Named a “Best Place to Work” for LGBTQ+ Equality
- Received Governor’s Financial Literacy Award
- Created a $1.5 million Fund for Racial Equity
- Federally Insured by NCUA
Here For Every You

• Our products & services are designed to help you save money during every stage of life:
  - Home Loans & Mortgages
  - Vehicle Loans
  - Personal Loans
  - Student Loans
  - Credit Cards
  - Checking & Savings
  - Wealth Management

• View our current offers and member perks online at uwcu.org
Perks of Membership

• Convenient On-Campus Branch
• Fee-Free Campus ATM Network
• $0 to $5 Overdrafts (limit one/day)
• Perks with UWCU Debit & Credit Cards
• 24/7 Mobile App & Mobile Wallet
• Free Financial Literacy, Debt & Credit Counseling
• $30,000 Awarded Annually in Member Scholarships
• Judgement-free Zone...Ask Us Anything!
THANK YOU!

UW Credit Union
1135 Student Union
608-232-5000 ext. 3100
Welcome to “The U”

- The U serves as the living room for the campus. The U opened in 2017 and is 204,787 sq. feet.
- The U is a place where we hope all students, faculty and staff will relax, eat, study and play.
- The Center for Organizations Vision and Engagement (COVE) is home to the Leadership & Involvement Center (LIC), the Pride Center, Student Association, Fraternity & Sorority Life, Multicultural Student Associations, the Racquet and the Food Pantry.
- The Campus Activities Board (CAB) programs events in the Theater, Entertainment Café, and the Bluffs Ballroom.
- The Leadership & Involvement Center, offers a wide variety of leadership programs, volunteer opportunities and civic engagement programs.
- The Recreation “Play” area has darts, billiards, air hockey, foosball, and vintage video games, all available at NO cost to the students.
- Hearing loops exist in The Bluffs, Theater, Entertainment Café, and the Student Senate Chambers.
- “Did You Know Series” on first floor features rotating Diversity & Inclusivity initiatives.
Also Located in “The U”

• **Admissions** provides counseling and recruits prospective freshman and transfer students

• **Chartwells** provides Dining Services & Catering

• **Follett** provides the University Bookstore and Textbook Rental Services

• **It Make$ Cents** provides a money management/financial literacy program

• **University of Wisconsin Credit Union** provides banking and ATM services
Meeting/Event Reservations

- University Centers facilitates the scheduling of all non-academic use of space for meetings and events through the University Reservations Office.
- The Union is home to several meeting and event spaces ranging from small conference rooms to the Bluffs Ballroom.
- University Reservations also schedules spaces in other buildings for meeting and event purposes.
- Visit the University Reservations website for more information about reserving spaces: https://www.uwlax.edu/reservations/
Eagle ID / Dining Services

Eagle ID Card Office

- Office located on the 1st floor of The U
- Lost/Stolen Replacement ($20), Damaged Replacement ($5)
- Download the GET Mobile app for use of Digital ID
- Add Campus Cash and Dining Dollars
- Door Swipe Access

Dining Services

- The dining services in The U and Whitney Center serve as the campus kitchens!
- Chartwells is our campus dining partner
- Operate all Residential, Retail, and Catering Dining Services
- Registered dietician – Jess Harke – can assist with all dietary needs
- BOOST Mobile Ordering – Erbert and Gerbert’s, Einstein Bros Bagels, and Murphy’s Mug
- OZZI Container program – currently $2 for students
Where To Eat: Campus Dining Options

**Student Union**
- Breakfast @ La Crosse Café
- Einstein Bros. Bagels
- Sandwich of the Day @ Kitchen Classics
- Erbert and Gerbert’s
- On the Go
- Grilled It
- Sono

**Whitney Dining Center**
- Main Dining Room
- Badger Street Station/Subs

**Starbucks in Centennial Hall**
*Murphy’s Mug in Murphy Library (Caribou Coffee)*
Faculty/Staff Dining Plan

FACULTY/STAFF BLOCK PLAN

• 25 Block Meals for $207.04
• Additional blocks may be added
  ✓ 10 Blocks = $82.82
  ✓ 20 Blocks = $165.64
• Staff Block Meals do not expire
• Payroll deduction payment option is available

Visit: https://www.uwlax.edu/university-centers/services/dining-services/dining-plans/#tab-facultystaff-dining-plan for more information
Services Offered

- 24/7 365 (13 fully sworn Officers)
- Vehicle Unlocks/Jumpstarts
- Active Threat training
- Self Defense Training
- CPR/AED, First Aid Certification
- Safety Escorts
- Parking Office
- Daily Crime Log
- Non-Emergency 608.789.9000
- Emergency 608.789.9000 or 911
- Bike Registration
Parking on Campus

• **Permit** required, available at [Parking Services](#)
  - **SOLD OUT**, contact our office to get on the waitlist
  - Employee Permit Sale (end of April to July 1st)

• **Pay stations**
  - $1 per hour
  - License plate is permit, display of receipt not required

• **Smartphone app** – [Passport Parking](#)

• **Commuter Lots** are enforced 2am to 7pm Monday through Friday
  - No permit required on Saturday and Sunday during the day

• **Resident Lots** are enforced 24/7 365 days per year
U-Pass

- Annual pass ($75)
- Routes run every 15-60 minutes
- Schedules available at Parking Services or at the [MTU website](http://www.mtu.edu)
Airport Shuttle

**Groome Transportation**

- 8 round trips between La Crosse and Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport (MSP)
- 10 round trips between La Crosse and Rochester
- Pick-up/drop-off at Whitney Center
Transportation Options

• Bus (Pick Up/Drop Off at the Student Union)
  ➢ Jefferson Lines
  ➢ Coach USA

• Amtrak
• SMRT
• Uber
• Lyft
• Bicycle
  ➢ Green Bike Program through Outdoor Connection ($15 plus deposit)
THANK YOU!

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LUNCH
11:45 ~ 12:30
Admissions
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https://www.uwlax.edu/admissions/
UW-La Crosse History

- In 1905, the Wisconsin legislature allocated $10,000 for the purchase of a site in La Crosse.

- Sept. 7th, 1909, was the first day of school for the 176 students who were then enrolled in what was known as La Crosse Normal School.
UW-La Crosse History

• 1927 — La Crosse Normal is renamed the La Crosse State Teachers College.
  ❑ authorized to grant four-year teaching degrees in physical education and secondary education.

• 1951 — La Crosse State Teachers College becomes Wisconsin State College, La Crosse.

• 1964 — The college is designated a state university; its name changes to Wisconsin State University-La Crosse.
  ❑ The university is then organized into Colleges of Education; Physical Education; and Arts, Letters, and Sciences.
UW-La Crosse History

• 1971 — Through a merger, the university becomes part of the University of Wisconsin System.

• The name changes to the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, UW-La Crosse, UWL
UWL TODAY!

• Total Enrollment - 10,302
• Undergraduates - 9,374
• Freshman Class - 2,308
• Average Class Size - 28
• Student to Faculty ratio: 19:1
  - 91% of classes under 50
Be a Part of the UWL Community!

Perks!

- Recreational Eagle Center (REC): Annual Membership - $316 per year (~$26/month)
- Athletic Events
  - 21 athletic teams to cheer on and discounted tickets for staff
  - Ticket Prices:
    - $6 for football games
    - $5 for all other sports
- Fine Arts Events
  - 7 Theatre productions each year - affordable admission rates
  - Season Ticket option available
Be a Part of the UWL Community!

Perks!

• Campus Programs and Speakers
  - All campus events (Movie Nights, Comedy Nights, Concerts, etc.) are free for faculty and staff to attend.

• Murphy Library Resources
  - Faculty and Staff have full untethered access to the vast number of collections housed in the Murphy Library and the UW System.
  - Interlibrary Loan System – get materials from other UW Schools.
  - Faculty and Staff can also schedule an Individual Research Consultation to have an in-depth discussion with a librarian about the resources available.
  - Murphy’s Mug – Need coffee before teaching your courses or your next meeting? Stop by Murphy’s Mug for some delicious Caribou Coffee options!
Be a Part of the UWL Community!

Perks!

• Campus Dining
  ❑ Block Meal Plan—$198 for 25 Meals – payroll deduction is available

• Childcare Center
  ❑ Up to $46 per day for faculty and staff (half days available)

• City Bus Pass
  ❑ $75 per year for faculty and staff
Campus Visit Options

• Walking tour of campus
• Admissions information session + walking tour of campus
• Campus Close Up
• Individual Appointments
How you might be involved?!

- Departmental/Faculty Meeting Requests
- Special Events: Scholar Day, sitting in on a class, etc.
- Phone calls/emails to learn more
- Greeting and welcoming to campus
Interested in taking a campus tour!?

Contact:
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THANK YOU!

Admissions
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UWL Foundation & Advancement

UWL Alumni & Friends Foundation
Our Team

- Advancement Division
  - Greg Reichert
- Development
  - TBD
- Strategic Engagement
  - Janie Morgan
- Community Engagement
  - Lisa Klein
- University Marketing & Communications
  - Maren Walz
What is the UWL Alumni & Friends Foundation?

- The Foundation is a separate entity, independent from UWL.
- Purpose is "to promote the welfare" of the university.
- Charitable "institutionally related" foundations often exist in conjunction with public universities.
Strategic Engagement

- Build affinity with UWL – creating opportunities to engage with the university
- Celebrate alumni and donors
- Excite folks about the power of the UWL community
Development/Fundraising

- Day of giving – One Day for UWL
- Annual fund
- Planned gifts (including naming opportunities)
- Campaigns
Development/Fundraising

- ~1000 unique endowment funds
- $1.3M Scholarships
- 1,000+ Scholarship Awards
Community Engagement

What we do

▪ Listen to the community
▪ Increase access to campus
▪ Create connections
Community Engagement

How we do it

- One-stop-shop point of contact for community and campus
- "Friendship maker"
- Storyteller
THANK YOU!

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Environmental Health and Safety (EHS)
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➤ Environmental Health
➤ Occupational Safety and Health
➤ Radiation Safety Officer
What is EHS?

The primary focus of Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) is to collaborate with employees to enhance protection of people, the environment, and facilities. Secondary focus is compliance with regulations.

**Environmental Health**
- Manage hazardous, infectious, and universal wastes
- Promote waste minimization
- Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Plan
- Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA/Tier II)
- Storm water management/MS4 Permit
- Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (WPDES)

**Occupational Safety and Health**
- Ergonomic assessments
- Back injury prevention
- Hazard Communication
- Control of Hazardous Energy
- Laboratory safety
- Classroom/online training
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Indoor Air Quality
- Job Hazard Analysis

**Radiation Safety**
- Minimize exposure to ionizing radiation
- Manage compliance with Radioactive Materials License and X-Ray Facility Registration Permit
Why Is Safety Important?

Safety means not taking short cuts to do something faster or easier.

Safety means I get to go home to my family.

Safety means I don’t have to live with the thought that I injured another person.

Safety means I get to enjoy my time away from work now and someday when I retire.
Health and Safety Philosophy

“No job is so important and no order so urgent that we cannot take the time to perform our work safely!”

Source: UW System Administration
How to Accomplish Safety

Safety is “the control of recognized hazards to attain an acceptable level of risk.” Source: National Safety Council

Source: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
Who Provides Safety Services

Safety success stems from the combined efforts of many:

- Your Supervisor/Leadership
- Environmental Health & Safety
- Radiation Safety Officer
- Risk Management
- University Police
- Worker’s Compensation
- Employee Assistance Program
- Student Health Center
- Facilities Management
- Campus Planning & Construction
- Everyone
How Do I Enhance Safety?

- You have Stop Work Authority
- Work with your supervisor and other campus resources
- Maintain good housekeeping
- When you see a safety concern deal with it right away
- View the [UW New Employee Safety Orientation Video](#)
THANK YOU!

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Core Values

The mission of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse is to provide a challenging, dynamic, and diverse learning environment in which the entire university community is fully engaged in supporting student success. We in the Facilities Management Department consider our role to be critical to the success of students, staff, and the University as a whole. Our responsibility is to provide the highest quality environment for education incorporating three “C” core values:

- Customer Service
- Communication
- Collaboration
Facilities Management

- Manages 3,606,950 square feet of building space in 40 buildings and around 138 acres
- Around 125 employees in Building Maintenance, HVAC, Custodial Services, Grounds Services, and Support Staff
Facilities Management Supervisors

Dan Quam  
Business Manager

Tom Venner  
Building Maintenance Manager

Ryan Ray  
Custodial Services Program Supervisor

Brian Koxlien  
HVAC Manager

Tony Meidl  
Grounds Services Manager
Environmental Health and Safety

Dan Sweetman, Environmental Health & Safety Officer
Heating Plant

Produced 249,000,000 pounds of steam in FY 21 used for heating campus buildings and domestic hot water for buildings and is staffed 24/7 365.

Gary Donohue
Power Plant Superintendent

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Chiller Plants

- The Campus Chiller Plants generated 573,291,432,000 BTU’s of cooling to cool the campus.

- April 15th start up of Campus Chillers

- October 15th shut down of Campus Chillers
Work Orders

• Completed 19,621 work orders, 9,634 PM’s, and received 5,352 iServiceDesk requests in FY 21
• Average time to finish a work order in FY 21 was 18 days
• All work orders are submitted online via iServiceDesk.
• For all Facilities Management emergencies 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., please call 8585.
• For all after-hours emergencies, please call Police Services (789-9000).
Key Requests

Key requests and exterior door access requests are submitted electronically using iServiceDesk.
Mail Delivery

• Mail will be delivered to campus mailrooms in the morning and packages will be delivered in the afternoon. Outgoing mail will be picked up every morning and taken to the post office before the end of the day. Special arrangements can be made by emailing Dan Quam or calling 8585.

• Personal mail and packages should not be shipped to UWL.
Campus Stores/Shipping & Receiving/ Surplus

• Receive all campus mail, packages, and freight (excluding Residence Life packages and mail)
• Order and deliver custodial supplies to campus
• Manage Campus Surplus items, including storage, auction, and pick up
Most Common Questions Answered

✓ Pets are not allowed in UWL buildings.
✓ Bicycles are not allowed in UWL buildings.
✓ You cannot live in your office.
✓ Space heaters are not allowed in UWL buildings.
✓ Staff and faculty members are not allowed to paint their own offices.
✓ All corridor signage needs to be approved by Facilities Management.
✓ All office pictures should be hung by Facilities Staff.
THANK YOU!

Scott Brown
Facilities Director
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Behind The Scenes Tour available – give Scott a ring!
Mission Statement

The mission of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Business Services is to effectively develop and manage university business operations to support the institution’s educational, research, and public service missions.

To fulfill its mission, Business Services implements procurement, payables, and receivables processes for efficient exchanges of economic resources and produces timely and accurate accounting information that reflects the financial position of the institution.

Business Services engages with students, faculty, staff, and external entities to support the institution’s fiscal management by providing exceptional customer service and guiding stakeholders through business processes with the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and accountability.

https://www.uwlax.edu/business-services/mission-vision/
Vision Statement

The vision of the Business Services office at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse is to serve the business needs of our diverse stakeholders by driving innovation, applying technology and business concepts to improve university operations, and setting a leading example of professionalism for the institution.

https://www.uwlax.edu/business-services/mission-vision/
Leadership Team

Mark Haakenson – Controller
Kurtis Bock – Procurement Director
Derek Norby – Interim Accounting Manager & Functional Lead
Lisa Drazkowski – Accounts Receivable Manager
Spencer Green – Assistant Controller
Nathan Schlavensky – Contract Administrator

Business Services Organizational Chart
Physical Location

125 Graff Main Hall
- Controller’s Office
- Accounting
- Accounts Payable
- Cashiers Office/Accounts Receivable

118 Graff Main Hall
- Procurement
- Contract Administration
Contact Information
Primary
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Knowledgebase

• Many Business Services resources can now be found on the UWL KnowledgeBase.

• The Business Services KnowledgeBase Guide provides a summary of the various Business Resources available: https://kb.uwlax.edu/business-services-knowledgebase-guide
Controller’s Office

• The Controller serves as the director of Business Services and chief accountant for the institution.
• Oversees the staff and operations of the unit, as well as business processes across the university.
• Develops the institutional Internal Control Plan.
• Serves at the primary contact for financial audits.
• Organizes and provides financial training.
Controller’s Office (cont’d)

Controller
Assistant Controller
  • Risk management
  • Financial policy compliance
  • PCI compliance

Functional Lead
  • Systems & Operations Lead

Office Associate
  • Office management
Financial Policy Compliance

Compliance with U.S. Federal, State of Wisconsin, and UW System Administration financial regulations and policies

Examples of policies:

• Payments of Incentives to Research Participants
• Food approval
• Alcohol purchases
• Prizes, Awards, and Gifts
• Memberships
Risk Management

- Assistant Controller serves as the primary risk management officer for the institution.
- Provides guidance and training on managing risk for the institution.
- Incident reports should be completed and submitted for any losses.
- Ensures proper insurance policies are in place.
- Driver authorization process
Procurement

• Supports institutional procurement processes.
  ➢ https://www.uwlax.edu/business-services/our-services/purchasing/

• ShopUW+ Procure-to-Pay (P2P) system
  ➢ https://shopuwplus.wisc.edu/

• Procurement policy advising and training
• Purchasing card training and management
• Vendor management (W-9s)
Accounts Payable

• Direct payments
  ➢ accountspayable@uwlax.edu

• Student Faculty Organization (SFO) accounting
  ➢ sfo@uwlax.edu

• Travel advising and support now provided by UWSA
  uwstraveloffice@uwsa.edu

• https://www.uwlax.edu/business-services/our-services/travel/
Contract Administration

• Development, review, and negotiation of institutional contracts and agreements.
• External and internal contracts and agreements.
Accounting

- General ledger processing and reporting
- Banking services
- Daily revenue posting
- Chargebacks
- Transfers
- Capital equipment
- LMHSC accounting
- Grant accounting
Grant Accounting

• Fund 133 and 144 gifts, grants, and contracts
• Fund 233 gift accounting as well (Foundation funds)
• Works with Research & Sponsored Programs to ensure compliance and proper reporting
• Invoicing, time and effort reporting, & reconciliation
• Develops extramural fringe benefit rates
• [https://www.uwlax.edu/business-services/our-services/grant-accounting/overview/](https://www.uwlax.edu/business-services/our-services/grant-accounting/overview/)
Cashiers Office

• Serves as the accounts receivable/bursar function for the university.
• Responsible for student billing and related customer service.
• Collects and deposits non-student funds and scholarship checks.
• Provides limited credit card billing services for non-student operations
• Cashless campus initiative
• https://www.uwlax.edu/cashiers/
THANK YOU!

Business Services
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What does IRAP do?

- **INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH** We collect, analyze, and share data relevant to UWL.

- **ASSESSMENT** We help faculty measure student learning to improve teaching.

- **PLANNING** We analyze data to inform campus decision-making and planning in areas such as admissions, financial aid, curriculum assessment, enrollment management, staffing, student life, finance, alumni relations, and more.
Athletics

• UWL can boast of 21 different NCAA Division III sports teams and 23 club sports

• UWL Teams have won 71 NCAA national championships
Student Activities

• UWL has over 200 Student Organizations

• Our Music Program includes 5 bands, 4 Choirs, and an Orchestra

• Our Theatre program produces 6 full shows a year

• The Art department hosts multiple shows in our own gallery
Academic Majors & Programs

- Over 100 undergraduate programs
- Over 30 graduate programs
- 2 doctoral programs
Most Popular Undergraduate Majors

1. Biology
2. Exercise & Sport Science
3. Psychology
4. Finance
5. Marketing
Stats

• 2021-2022 Degrees Awarded: 2,383
  ➢ 1,990 Bachelors Degrees
  ➢ 393 Graduate Degrees

• Undergraduate Alumni Employment Rate 93%

• Retention Rate 84%

• Graduation Rate 73%
Faculty & Staff

- ~600 Faculty and Instructors
- ~330 Academic Staff
- ~280 University Staff
- ~85 Graduate Assistants
Student Body

10,302 students!

- 9,374 Undergraduate students
- 928 Graduate students
Fall 2022 New First Year Students

Popular Names

- Middle 50% Range ACT Composite Test Scores: 21-26
- Valedictorians: 60
- Salutatorians: 22
Institutional Research, Assessment and Planning (IRAP)

The Office of Institutional Research, Assessment, and Planning (IRAP) serves as a comprehensive source for information about UW-La Crosse. Within our website you will find information on enrollment, retention and graduation, degrees, accreditation, assessment, and more.
THANK YOU!

Institutional Research, Assessment & Planning (IRAP)
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What We Do

Listen to community
Increase access to campus
Create connections
How Can the Community Engage with UWL?

UWL Community webpage
How Can Staff (University/NIAS) Engage?

Community Engagement for Staff webpage
How Can Instructors Engage?

Community Engagement for Instructors webpage
THANK YOU!

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Community Engagement Coordinator
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Information Technology Services

Life Safety

Wireless Access

Door Access

Phone Services

Digital Signage

Servers
Initial Information

- ITS Welcome email sent
- **First Time Access**
- Multifactor Authentication (DUO)
- Microsoft 365
- Faculty/Staff Technology Guide
- Forgotten Password
- ITS Eagle Help Desk
IT Security

- Annual Cybersecurity Training
- Protect Institutional Data
- Protect Data Privacy
- Digital Hygiene
Computers

- Software
  - ✓ PC – Software Center
  - ✓ Mac – Self-Service
- Campus Computer Replacement Program
- Partner with ITS early
Others

• Eagle Help Desk
  • Phone – 608-785-8774
  • Ticket – https://support.uwlax.edu
  • Email – helpdesk@uwlax.edu
  • Website -
    https://www.uwlax.edu/its/client-services-and-support/eagle-help-desk

• ITS broadcast
  • Email – its@uwlax.edu
THANK YOU!

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Initiatives Across the Division

- Equity Liaison Initiatives
- Social Justice Week
- Queer Coffee
- Social Justice Programming
- Campus Climate Research
- Campus Thread
- Bias Support and Education
- Pre-College Programs

- Academic Success Institute
- Multicultural Validation Program
- Hekima Scholars
- Lawton Grant
- Community Hour
- Peer Diversity Specialist Programs
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THANK YOU!

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Title IX - What Employees Need to Know

- Almost every employee is classified as a “Mandatory Reporter” unless specifically told they are a Confidential Reporter.

- Things to report: sex discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking.

- Reporting does not automatically mean an investigation. The primary reason to offer support first.

- Report at www.uwlax.edu/title-ix
THANK YOU!

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Affirmative Action Office

Antoiwana Williams, Director for Equity and Affirmative Action & Youth Safety Programs

https://www.uwlax.edu/equity/affirmative-action/affirmative-action-program/
Equity and Affirmative Action & Youth Protection

What you need to know

• Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation is not a UWL value.
• Please review the policies at this link to serve as a resource not only for yourself but for your students and colleagues.
  ➢ https://www.uwlax.edu/equity/resources-policies-and-procedures/#tab-policies

• Self-identify information used in our annual report.
• This includes information about race, ethnicity, veteran status, gender, and disability status and is voluntary and be used to assess and approve UWL.
• Youth Protection and Compliance—hosting any type of activity or programming for youth/minor under the age of 18, please learn more about UW System Policy 625 at this link: https://www.uwlax.edu/diversity-inclusion/youth-programs/staffresources/
THANK YOU!

Affirmative Action
Antoiwana Williams (she/hers)
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WHAT MAKES UP THE STUDENT LIFE OFFICE?

- Advocacy and Empowerment
- Student Conduct
- Violence Prevention
- Wellness and Health Advocacy
WHO MAKES UP THE STUDENT LIFE OFFICE?

Dr. Kara Ostlund
Dr. Charissa Jakusz
Faith Bergin
Kathryn Oleson
Amanda Abrahamson
Taylor Zanotti
Blythe McConaughey
Issy Beach
The Student Life Office supports students in distress through the lens of advocacy and empowerment.

We believe it is important to advocate for students as well as empower students to utilize their strengths to develop self-efficacy to persist through distressing events.

Advocacy and Empowerment

Amanda Abrahamson
Dr. Charissa Jakusz
Taylor Zanotti
Dr. Kara Ostlund

Human Resources | UWL
ADVOCACY AND EMPOWERMENT

- Withdrawals (regular, medical, military)
- Absence notifications
- Referral services
- Emergency fund
- Students of concern/students in distress
- CARE Team
STUDENTS OF CONCERN

An individual in distress may not be disruptive to others, but may exhibit behaviors that something is wrong, show signs of emotional distress, and indicate that assistance is needed.

✓ Sudden and/or significant changes in academic performance/goals.
✓ Excessive absences
✓ Repeated requests for special consideration
✓ Characteristics that suggest the individuals is having trouble managing stress

Student of Concern Reporting Form

If this is an EMERGENCY (immediate threat to harm oneself or others), please call University Police at 608-789-9999 or 911.

Why report a student concern?
UWL is committed a campus community dedicated to supporting student success. We recognize that some students may face life events or personal difficulties that require more intentional coordination and support. To that end, we ask all campus community members to report any concerning behaviors or refer students who may need this intentional support by using this form.

What to report?
Please report any students that are in distress, students causing disruptions in class or students exhibiting concerning behaviors.

What happens when a report is submitted?
Once a report is received, Student Life staff will contact the reporter and develop a plan of support for the student of concern. This may include outreach to the student, working with other campus departments, or a referral to UWL’s CARE Team.

*If you are unsure about whether you should report a situation, please contact the Student Life Office at 608-789-8062. We would like to consult with you and provide information about the case management services we provide.

Student support and success are our priorities, thank you for being part of a caring UWL community.
THE CARE TEAM IS AN INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM ACROSS CAMPUS WHO DISCUSS STUDENT CONCERNS AND PROVIDE APPROPRIATE INTERVENTIONS FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THE STUDENT AND THE SAFETY OF THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY. THE CARE TEAM WAS CREATED TO MEET REGULARLY TO REVIEW CRITICAL INCIDENTS AND STUDENTS IN CRISIS.

**Disruption**

Disruptive individuals exhibit behaviors that may signify that they are in a crisis situation and may need intervention or support. Some common questions include:

- What are signs of disruptive behavior?
- How should I respond to a disruptive individual?
- How should I respond when a student is disrupting my class?

Contact the Advocacy and Empowerment at 608-785-8062 for assistance in providing support for students exhibiting disruptive behaviors.

**Danger**

If you or someone you know is in immediate danger (from self or others) contact University Police (608-789-9999) or 911 immediately for:

- Any incident involving any weapon being displayed
- Any incident where a person has been injured by the actions of another
- Any incident where a threat to harm or kill someone was make
- Any suicide attempt
- Any substantial property damage
- Any incident involving a hate crime
- Any crime or disturbance in progress when rescue or emergency medical assistance is needed

**Distress**

An individual in distress may not be disruptive to others, but may exhibit behaviors indicating something is wrong, show signs of emotional distress, and indicate that assistance is needed. Some common questions include:

- What are the signs of distress?
- How to respond to distress?

Contact Advocacy and Empowerment at 608-785-8062 for consultation and support regarding students in distress.
THE STUDENT LIFE OFFICE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE STUDENT CONDUCT PROCESS AT THE UNIVERSITY.

WE RECOGNIZE EACH STUDENT AS A WHOLE PERSON, AND WE VALUE EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND THE INCLUSION AND ENGAGEMENT OF ALL PEOPLE IN A SAFE CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT. THE STUDENT CONDUCT PROCESS IS DESIGNED TO ADDRESS THE STUDENT’S RELATIONSHIP TO THE INSTITUTION AND ITS BEHAVIORAL STANDARDS AND POLICIES.
STUDENT CONDUCT

- Non-Academic misconduct
- Academic misconduct
- Clery/annual security report
- Campus Security Authority (CSA) Training
VIOLENCE PREVENTION

AT UWL WE RECOGNIZE THAT VIOLENCE IN ANY FORM CAN INTERFERE WITH THE WORK AND LEARNING TAKING PLACE IN OUR COMMUNITY. OFTEN, SOMEONE WHO EXPERIENCES A SEXUAL ASSAULT, STALKING, OR VIOLENCE OR ABUSE IN A RELATIONSHIP MAY FIND THAT THEY HAVE DIFFICULTY FOCUSING ON WORK OR ON THEIR STUDIES

Blythe McConaughey
VIOLENCE PREVENTION

- Free and confidential
- Referrals
- Safety planning
- Restraining orders/protective orders
- Advocacy and support
- Information on reporting options
WELLNESS AND HEALTH ADVOCACY

WELLNESS AND HEALTH ADVOCACY IS TO PROVIDE THE UWL CAMPUS COMMUNITY WITH CULTURALLY COMPETENT HEALTH EDUCATION, HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAMMING, ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG EDUCATION, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, AND PARTNERSHIP THAT SUPPORTS AND EMPOWERS THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY TO MAKE CHOICES AND CREATE LIFELONG HABITS THAT PROMOTE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING ACROSS ALL DIMENSIONS.
WELLNESS AND HEALTH ADVOCACY

Programming
Alcohol prevention and education
Well-being resources
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AT-RISK MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING
THANK YOU!

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Questions & Wrap Up