UB College Visits  First Semester 2013-2014

Why?
College visits help you get a feel for campus, get specific info about a school's admissions and financial aid process meet students & faculty, learn more about programs that interest you and take another step on your path to college!

Who?
All UB students are eligible with some restrictions. Ninth graders may visit only UW-Stevens Point on SATURDAY, November 2. Tenth and eleventh graders must have Cs or higher in all current classes. Seniors must have applied to a visit school BEFORE the visit date.

What?
We will visit campuses during their Open House/Preview days. This means you will have opportunities to learn about the admissions and financial aid process, see what activities and services are offered, take a tour and eat lunch on campus (paid for by UB or the college you visit), visit departments/representatives of majors that interest you and more!

When?
Friday, Oct. 25 = UW-Platteville OR UW-Stout
Saturday, Nov. 2 = UW-Stevens Point

We will leave quite early in the morning and return by 5 or 6 p.m. in most cases. We won't know exact times until colleges publish their visit day schedules. Plan for an early start (between 6 and 7 a.m. in most cases).

How?
1. Read the overviews enclosed. Pay attention to each school's list of majors offered (not all schools offer the same majors! YOU MUST LIST A MAJOR FROM THE APPROPRIATE SCHOOL!)
2. Check your personal schedule to make sure you are available on the visit day. <<< VERY IMPORTANT!!!
3. Complete the attached form completely. Make sure your parent/guardian and school (if applicable) signs the form!
4. Return the form to UB (give to Kate, Paul or Lisa OR mail in enclosed envelope.) We must have your completed AND SIGNED form in the UB office no later than Saturday, October 5! Late forms will not be accepted!

>>> JUST TELLING SOMEONE YOU WANT TO GO IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH!!! <<<

Why Visit Colleges?
A key part of deciding which college to go to is finding a good fit. And a great way to get more information is to visit the colleges in person. Of course, visiting colleges may not be possible for everyone, but it’s a good idea to make the trips, if you can. It can help you determine whether a college is the right place for you.

Get a Firsthand View
A campus visit is your opportunity to get a firsthand view of a college. A college catalog, brochure or website can only show you so much. To really get a feel for the college, you need to walk around the quad, sit in on a class and visit the dorms.

Get Answers to Your Questions
A visit also gives you the chance to talk to students, faculty, and financial aid and admission officers and ask important questions. UB college visitors will get a campus visit checklist. Walking around the campus can also give you a feel for what a college is really like.

Get Valuable Information
Pick up any official college material you see, such as brochures and financial aid forms. Don't forget to get business cards, too, so you'll have a real, live contact if you have a question about admission or financial aid. Student newspapers and activity calendars give you a sense of what campus life is really like. Check out bulletin boards to see what bands are coming to the campus, what parties are advertised, what internships are posted and generally what the day-to-day energy of the place is.

Get Ready to Decide
Ultimately, it's your decision. Listen to your gut. Do you feel comfortable walking around campus? Do you feel at home? Do you click with the students and faculty? Is this what you imagined college to be like? Spending time on a campus helps you determine whether a college is a good fit.
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25 (choose one)**

**University of Wisconsin Platteville**

UW-Platteville, founded in 1866, is the oldest public institution in the state. US News and World Report ranks UWP 20th among top public schools.

**Enrollment:** About 8,600 students (about 65% men) including about 6% minority students; 80% of enrollees from Wisconsin; Average ACT composite score of admitted freshmen: 18 to 23; Faculty-Student ratio: 1 to 25. Four year graduation rate: 15.4%

**In-state tuition/fees, room and board** (two semesters): $14,500 for 2013-2014. Additional probable expenses: Books & Supplies = $1,200, Personal Expenses = $2,300, Transportation = $640, Loan Fees = $120

**Financial Aid** About 75% of students receive financial aid The institution provides several freshmen scholarships in addition to federal and state financial aid.

**Admissions:** In addition to a rigorous high school curriculum, academic factors include high school class rank, high school grade point average, trends in grades, and test scores are considered. Students in the top 65% of their high school class with an ACT score of at least 18 will be considered for admission. UWP admitted about 79% of applicants last year.

**Unique degrees:** Forensic Investigation; Microsystems and Nanotechnology; Ornamental Horticulture; Reclamation, Environment and Conservation; Sustainable and Renewable Energy Systems


**Wisconsin's Polytechnic University**

UW-Stout is a comprehensive, career-focused polytechnic university. UW-Stout was honored in 2001 as a winner of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. Stout’s e-Scholar program ensures that every undergraduate has a laptop for use inside and out of the classroom.

**Enrollment:** About 9,350 students (about 50% women), including about 475 multicultural, 187 international; Faculty-Student ratio: 1 to 19; Average class size: 25 classrooms/19 labs. Four year graduation rate: 20%

**In-state tuition/fees, room and board** (two semesters): $15,000

**Typical Cost of Attendance (including personal expenses, entertainment, transportation, etc.):** $17,500

**Financial Aid** More than 77% of Stout students receive financial aid. Incoming freshmen in the top 25% and ACT score of at least 24 are eligible for special scholarships. Priority deadline: Mar. 15

**Admissions:** New freshman are likely to be admitted if they rank in the top 50% of their graduating class (a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or greater will only be used if your high school does not rank); OR receive a composite ACT score of 22 or greater (or SAT equivalent). Some degrees have stricter standards.

**Unique degrees:** Game Design, Apparel Design, Hotel/Restaurant Management, Bioinformatics, Entertainment Design, Golf Enterprise Management, Plastics Engineering, Sustainable Management

SUNDAY, November 2

UW-Stevens Point was established as a teachers college in 1894. It features a 275-acre nature preserve on campus and is home to the largest undergraduate natural resources program in the U.S. UWSP hosts a popular trivia contest and several NCAA Division III national championship teams. US News and World Report ranks UWSP in the top 10 for Top Public Schools.

Enrollment: About 9,677 students (about 53% women), including about 8% minority students; average high school rank: 75%; Average ACT composite score: 23; Faculty-Student ratio: 22 to 1; Average class size: 28. Four year graduation rate: 27%

In-state tuition/fees, room and board (two semesters): $14,500. Additional probable expenses: Books & Supplies = $500, Personal Expenses = $2,000, Transportation = $500

Financial Aid About 78% of UWSP students receive financial aid with 55% receiving grant aid.

Admissions: Have an official ACT score of 20 or better and be in the top half of high school class rank. An ACT score of 18-20 may be admitted if ranked in 60% of high school class. Students are encourage to apply early in their senior year. Some programs, like performing arts, have additional standards and requirements for admission. About 70% of freshman applicants are admitted.


- Students wishing to participate in Upward Bound college visits MUST have at least a C in all current classes.
- Freshmen are not eligible for the October 25 visits.
- Others wishing to participate in October 25 visits MUST have school permission signature on UB college visit form.
- Seniors wishing to participate must have applied to the visit school BEFORE the visit date.
- Students who sign up and don’t show up will have at least $10 deducted from their stipends.
- You may cancel without penalty by
  + October 21 for October 25 visits
  + October 28 for November 2 visit

If you have any questions about the visits, scheduling, eligibility, etc. please contact/ask Kate, Paul or Lisa BEFORE the visit date! Don’t wait to sign up! Students turning in late forms will be placed on a waiting list!
UPWARD BOUND COLLEGE VISIT SIGN UP FORM
Fall Semester 2013-2014

This form MUST be completed – with all required signatures – and returned to the UB office no later than Saturday, October 5. STUDENTS WITH LATE FORMS WILL GO ON A WAITING LIST!

You must be academically eligible – AT LEAST Cs IN ALL CURRENT CLASSES

* NINTH GRADERS – not eligible for the October 25 college visits (school day)

Student Name (print clearly) ________________________________________________________________

☐ I WANT TO VISIT THE SCHOOL CHECKED BELOW ON FRIDAY, OCT. 25

You want to visit: ☐-University of Wisconsin-Platteville* ☐-University of Wisconsin-Stout*

Your major interest (from appropriate list of majors): ____________________________________________

☐ I WANT TO VISIT UW-STEVENS POINT ON SATURDAY, NOV. 2

Your major interest (from appropriate list of majors): ____________________________________________

I understand that I am committing to attend the visit(s) noted above. If I must miss school to attend a visit, I must have the signature of my school’s attendance officer or assistant/associate principal or principal in addition to my parent’s or guardian’s signature and I will talk to my teachers ahead of time and arrange to make up or turn in early any required assignments, projects, quizzes or tests. If I am unable to attend after signing up for a visit, I MUST let UB know no later than Monday, October 21 for the October 25 visits and/or by Monday, October 28 for the November 2 visit or my stipend will be reduced by at least $10.

________________________________________________________

Student signature

Date signed

PARENT/GUARDIAN:

I give permission for my student to attend the visit(s) noted above.

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Parent/Guardian signature

Date signed

SCHOOL OFFICIAL: (For October 25 visits only)

I give permission for the student named above to miss school in order to attend the visit(s) on the date(s) noted above.

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School Official signature

Date signed