TOP 5 THINGS
Incoming Freshmen
Need to Know

1. WINGS Student Center
   This is a one-stop shop. Students received username and password information via email to the personal email address provided on the application for admission. Your username is your Student ID number, which can be found in the upper right hand corner of your acceptance letter. In WINGS you can pay the enrollment deposit, complete the housing contract and pay deposit, sign up for START, view your financial aid package and much more.

2. START (STudent Advising, Registration and Transition) Dates
   Be sure to mark the calendar for a START date! They are June 13, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 24 and 27. All first-year students and families will come to campus for a day to start their transition in becoming a UWL student! Students MUST attend one of the nine days. More information will be sent via mail in the spring to all students who have paid the $100 enrollment deposit.

3. Take the Placement Tests
   All new freshmen are required to take the University of Wisconsin Placement Tests. Each student will complete a placement test in math, English, and a foreign language (if you plan to continue a language in college). These test scores are used in determining the math and English course students will take in the first year at UWL. To insure placement test scores are received by your registration date, you should take the test at least two weeks prior to your START date.
   *If you have earned college credit during high school, it may satisfy the placement test requirements. Review the UWL Credit by Exam Policy at www.uwlax.edu/admissions/ap. If you have further questions, feel free to reach out to the Admissions Office for clarification. Resources to prepare for Placement Test: www.testing.wisc.edu/centerpages/contentofplacementtests.html

4. Send ALL FINAL Transcripts
   All students will need to submit FINAL transcripts to UWL before they can begin classes. Final high school transcripts need to include the graduation date with all final grades. College transcripts need to be submitted from all institutions you have taken courses from. If you have taken college credit at your high school, college transcripts still need to be submitted.

5. Submit ALL Test Scores
   Students should be sure that the Admissions Office has their highest ACT score on file. Please submit new scores if needed. All AP, IB, CLEP and other credit by exam options need to be submitted to the Admissions Office as soon as possible. After those scores are received, the Admissions Office will begin to award students the credit they earned.

www.uwlax.edu/admissions
900 Internships a Year
UWL has over 900 students doing internships each year. Career Services helps students to find internships listed on our job board and guides them on how to apply. Career Services provides individual appointments for students to work through resumes, practice interview skills and more! Internship Workshops are offered to explain the process and answer any additional questions students may have. Students have done internships with companies including: Google, Trane, KPMG, Congressional offices, Gundersen Health System and Mayo Clinic.

300 Employers Recruiting on Campus
With over 300 employers recruiting UWL students each year, Careers Services helps them connect with students via: career fairs, networking events, presentations in class and on-campus interviews. These employers love UWL students’ work ethic, professionalism and eagerness to learn. Companies recruiting on campus include: Epic Systems, Quad Graphics, USDA, IBM, Fastenal, Target and Sherwin Williams.

Eagle Opportunities
Eagle Opportunities is the online job posting system for UWL students. It offered over 11,000 internships, part-time and full-time jobs last year. Employers have the opportunity to post positions specifically for UWL students. Students can also gain access to Goinglobal - a great resource for finding international internships and jobs.

Hosts Nearly 30 Events Each Year
- Career Fairs
- Etiquette Dinners
- Science Career Forum
- Teacher Employment Seminar
- Prep for Success
- Educaton Job Fair
- Prepping for a Health Career

All Students are Welcome
It’s crucial you see us in your first or second year, not just before you graduate. We help with:
- Exploring majors and careers. We can help you find out what careers may be a good fit, then talk about what majors you may want to consider.
- Practice interviewing. By practicing with us, you get rid of the jitters, learn what types of questions you may be asked, and help you to answer questions effectively.
- Resume reviews. We will review your resume to help strengthen the content, fine tune your experience and make it stand out to employers.
- The search for internships and part-time/full-time jobs.

www.uwlax.edu/Career-Services
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1. “You Hafta FAFSA!”
   Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) prior to the March 15 priority date and remember to check your WINGS Student Center for any “To Do List” items and/or your financial aid award. Visit www.fafsa.ed.gov for more information.

2. Borrow Only What You Need
   Some students are awarded more financial assistance than what is needed. Borrow only what you need in student loans and make a plan to graduate in four years. This will assist with reducing your loan repayment after graduation. Save your summer work earnings, birthday and holiday gift money and also apply for scholarships – all help to keep the amount you borrow to a minimum. Remember to keep track of your loans so you always know what you owe.

3. UWL Scholarship Resource Center
   Search the online External Scholarship Database and find scholarships that match your unique personality, achievements and interests throughout the year. We’ve done the searching for you, making the scholarships process less time consuming! Visit www.uwlax.edu/scholarships for more information and resources. Watch for workshops on essay writing, application completion and much more! Don’t forget to apply for the UWL Foundation Scholarships by February 1 every year!

4. It Make$ Cents!
   Visit the It Make$ Cents! Money Management Center office and meet with a Peer Mentor to discuss the creation of a monthly budget. Check out the list of monthly events all about college and your finances at www.uwlax.edu/It-Makes-Cents.

5. Part-Time Jobs
   Check out the online job board for information on part-time student employment and opportunities available. Visit www.uwlax.edu/finaid/Student-employment for all things related to part-time jobs, on and off campus.

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The Quick Facts of Res Life @ UWL
Here are some quick facts to know about the wonderful experience you will have living on campus at UWL:
- 11 different residence halls (8 traditional, one apartment style, 2 semi-suite style)
- Over 1/3 of the student population lives on campus
- 97% of incoming first year students live in a residence hall
- Gender Inclusive housing is available at UWL
- We are NOT a suitcase campus! (76% of students living on campus report it is seldom true/not true they go home most weekends)
- 94% of students are satisfied with their on campus housing experience
- 95% of students felt safe in their residence hall (4.3% answered with a neutral feeling)

Apply for Housing
Submit your housing application and $75 deposit as soon as possible. Residence hall assignments are based on the date we receive your housing application and deposit. We have a high demand for housing and the earlier you apply, the more likely you will be assigned to the hall you want. You can apply for housing in your WINGS Student Center.

Selecting a Roommate
The housing application not only reserves your room in one of our residence halls, it can also assist you in selecting a roommate. The application contains a questionnaire that will create a profile for you based on your living habits. That profile can then be used to help you find a roommate match with similar answers. Once you and the roommate you’ve selected agree on living together, you can indicate that in your application and you will be placed together! It is helpful if you and your roommate preference the same residence halls in your application. Hall and roommate assignments will be sent in July!

Get Involved in your Residence Hall
There are many ways to get involved in your residence hall. Student employment within the residence halls is a great way to get to know students not only on your floor but throughout the whole hall. Positions include desk assistants, assistant housekeepers, administrative assistants, RA & DC staff options and summer assistants. All of these positions are available for students in all the halls. You can also get involved in your hall government or RHAC which is a student run organization that serves residents by advocating for their best interests. Watch for advertising of these options when you move in to your hall in September!

Move in Day!
Students will be assigned a move in date towards the end of the summer. Move in always takes place over Labor Day weekend. Expect a lot of fun with a twist of organized chaos. You will be assisted by our move in crew members and there will be excitement, tears, and many mixed emotions. You will be sent specific instructions regarding when to arrive on campus, where to park, and much more! Keep this website handy, as it will be updated with the most recent move in instructions:

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1. Start Planning EARLY (freshman year)
   Even if you don’t plan on studying abroad until junior year, it’s a good idea to speak with your academic advisor, as well as a study abroad advisor. They can help you plan out your coursework so you don’t get to your junior year and realize you’ve already taken all the courses that you wanted to take abroad. Your advisors can also help you figure out when the best time in your college career will be to study abroad.

2. Studying Abroad DOESN’T Delay Graduation
   With proper planning, students can take coursework abroad that will transfer back to fulfill requirements towards their major, minor or general education credits. Students don’t fall behind because they’re taking courses abroad that they would have taken here at UWL.

3. You Don’t Have to Speak Another Language
   Don’t limit yourself to Australia and the United Kingdom if you don’t speak another language. Most programs, unless they are specifically a language program, will offer coursework in English. Studying abroad is also a great way to learn a new language and embrace a different culture.

4. Financial Aid is Available
   If you receive federal or state financial aid, that can be used during your time abroad. Students will receive a revised award letter indicating the aid for which they are now eligible, based on the cost of studying abroad. Typically if your study abroad expenses will be more than your cost to attend UWL, you may receive additional aid.

5. Scholarships Available
   UWL offers six scholarships through the UWL Foundation that are specifically for study abroad students. In addition, International Education & Engagement offers the I-Engage Scholarship to study abroad students and International Students. Awards for the I-Engage Scholarship range from $250 - $2,000.