

2024-2025 International Student Viewbook



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
MILWAUKEE



21,931

total students

18,445

undergraduate

4,492

graduate

5%

international

UWM international students come from more than 80 countries.

Welcome to UW-Milwaukee

UWM IS A LARGE, PUBLIC RESEARCH UNIVERSITY in the city of Milwaukee in the state of Wisconsin. You'll find award-winning research, a diverse campus community, personalized education, career-building programs and faculty who are expert scholars in their field. Plus, UWM has strong ties with other regional and international universities, professional organizations and global corporations.

Academics

Choose from 105 bachelor's programs and 108 graduate programs. Hands-on learning and faculty-mentors are an integral part of the UWM experience.

Research

UWM is an R1 research university — a prestigious designation from the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

Community

Although UWM is a big university, campus is small and compact, so it's easy to get to know people. There are also 300 student clubs to explore.





Christine

*Music, Master of Music
Ivoti, Brazil*

Why I Chose UW-Milwaukee

"One of my teachers in Brazil recommended UWM because of a specific violin professor here. I did a trial lesson with him and it was amazing! My violin performance improves every semester."

Getting Around the City

"I walk everywhere. I really love walking along the lake — that there's so much nature in the city really surprised me. The transportation options here are really good, too. There are bikes you can rent, and UWM has a free shuttle for students."



Campus is in the heart of the city. Enjoy Milwaukee in every season from ice-skating in Red Arrow Park to biking around our East Side neighborhood.

Get to Know Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE IS THE LARGEST CITY IN WISCONSIN with a regional population of 1.5 million people. If you ask a local to describe what they love about Milwaukee, they'll probably say: scenic lakefront, historic architecture, welcoming community, breweries and year-round festivals.

Center of Business

Milwaukee is Wisconsin's hub for business, industry and technology. Six Fortune 500 companies have their headquarters in the metro area.

City of Festivals

From Germanfest to Mexican Fiesta, Milwaukee loves to celebrate. The city also hosts Summerfest, one of the world's largest music festivals.

Our Neighborhood

You'll find the main UWM campus on Milwaukee's Upper East Side, a quiet, residential neighborhood with grocery stores and coffee shops.



60+

festivals and events each year

5+

square kilometers of lakefront parks and beaches

190+

kilometers of Milwaukee County bike trails



One of the Best Places in the World to Visit

— National Geographic in 2023

On the Shore of Lake Michigan

One of five Great Lakes — the largest
group of freshwater lakes on Earth

90
minutes
from Chicago

Home of the Milwaukee Bucks

2021 National Basketball Association Champions

24+
museums
and theaters

MKE
Wisconsin

Scan here to hear
more about why UWM
students love the city.



Areas of Study

For a complete list of degree programs, visit uwm.edu/academics.

KEY: ● Bachelor's ● Master's ● Doctoral

Arts & Architecture

- Animation
- Architecture (Professional)
- Architectural Studies
- Art
- Cinematic Arts
- Dance
- Film
- Music
- Theatre Arts
 - Urban Design
 - Urban Planning

Business

- Accounting
 - Business Administration
 - Digital Supply Chain Management
- Finance
- General Business
- Human Resources Management
- Information Technology Management
- Management
 - Management Science
- Marketing
 - Nonprofit Management & Leadership
- Supply Chain and Operations Management

Education

- Administrative Leadership
- Community Engagement & Education
- Curriculum & Instruction
- Education
- Educational Psychology

Engineering

- Biomedical and Health Informatics
- Biomedical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Connected Systems
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Energy Engineering
- Engineering Mechanics
- Environmental Engineering
- Industrial and Systems Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Manufacturing Engineering
- Materials Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering



STEM PROGRAMS



Scan here for STEM-designated programs.

Math & Natural Sciences

- Actuarial Science
- Atmospheric Sciences
- Biochemistry
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Conservation & Environmental Science
- Freshwater Sciences
- Geosciences
- Mathematics
- Microbiology
- Neuroscience
- Physics

Health Care

- Athletic Training
- Biomedical Sciences
- Communication Sciences & Disorders

- Health Care Administration
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Rehabilitation Science and Technology
- Sustainable Peacebuilding

Humanities

- African and African Diaspora Studies
- Anthropology
- Art History
- Communication
- Comparative Literature
- Digital Arts and Culture
- English
- Geography
- Global Studies
- History
- International Studies
- Journalism, Advertising, & Media Studies
- Language, Literature & Translation
- Linguistics
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Translation and Interpreting Studies
- Urban Studies
- Women's and Gender Studies

Information Studies

- Data Analytics
- Data Science
- Information Science & Technology
- Information Studies
- Library & Information Science

Public Health

- Biostatistics
- Environmental Health Sciences
- Epidemiology
- Health Care Informatics
- Kinesiology
- Nutritional Sciences
- Public Health

Social Sciences

- Criminal Justice and Criminology
- Economics
- Psychology
- Social Welfare
- Social Work
- Sociology



Vy

Biological Sciences, PhD Student
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Why I Chose UW-Milwaukee

“The biggest reason is that UWM has a lot of research and funding opportunities. I also liked that it’s in a city but feels safe. I work late in the lab and use UWM’s free shuttle service to get home.”

My Research

“Our lab is working on ways to treat fire blight, which affects apple trees. Antibiotics aren’t well-regulated in Vietnam and agriculture is negatively impacted. It makes me happy that I’m doing research that could help one day.”





Top 146

One of the top 146 research universities in the U.S.

90%

of engineering and computer science students are hired upon graduation

Only

accredited public health college in Wisconsin

Top 3.1%

of Universities Worldwide for Research*

English Proficiency

English Proficiency Requirements

	TOEFL iBT	IELTS	Duolingo
Bachelor's			
Regular admission	79	6.5	120+
Regular admission with English placement	65-78	5.0-6.0	85-115
Conditional admission	0-64	0-4.5	< 85
Master's/PhD			
Regular admission	79	6.5	120+
Dual admission	68-78	6.0	95-115

English for Academic Purposes

Undergraduate English for Academic Purposes (EAP) courses are required for students admitted with English placement. Classes are divided into two categories: reading and writing courses that lead to fulfilling a general education requirement for writing; and courses that help improve grammar, speaking and listening skills.

One graduate EAP course is required for graduate students admitted with Dual Admission. The course focuses on the skills where the student's TOEFL, IELTS or Duolingo subscores are the lowest — either speaking/listening or reading/writing.

Microsoft AI Co-Innovation Lab

UWM's Connected Systems Institute will house the nation's first manufacturing-focused AI Co-Innovation Lab with Microsoft.



Career Connections



207,000
UWM alumni

Satya
Nadella

CEO of Microsoft
is a UWM alum



Where UWM International Students Are Employed:

- Amazon
- Apple
- GE Healthcare
- Google
- Harley-Davidson
- Johnson Controls
- Kohler Co.
- Kohl’s Corporate
- ManpowerGroup
- Microsoft
- Milwaukee Art Museum
- Milwaukee Bucks
- Northwestern Mutual
- ◀ Rockwell Automation
- Tesla
- WEC Energy Group
- Workshop Architects

Student Employment

WORK UP TO 20 HOURS PER WEEK on campus while school is in session. Off-campus opportunities for international students include:

Curricular Practical Training (CPT)

Off-campus work authorization after one year of study for students with an F-1 visa.

Requirements: Faculty member recommendation and employment that grants academic credit.

Optional Practical Training (OPT)

Employment authorization in your field of study before or after degree completion. (This is the most common option for F-1 students.)

Requirements: OPT authorization is granted by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

Optional Practical Training STEM Extension

A 24-month extension after initial 12 months of Optional Practical Training (OPT).

Requirements: A STEM-designated degree and employment with a company registered in E-verify. Full requirements: uwm.edu/cie/opt-stem-extension



Pranay

Computer Science, MS
Andhra Pradesh, India

Why I Chose UW-Milwaukee

“After working for a year in the computer science field, I realized there were gaps in my knowledge. I started contacting universities, and the chair of UWM’s engineering department got back to me right away. And after I researched more, I saw that UWM is an R1 university.”

Career Preparation

“UWM has given me the right set of tools for when I graduate and enter the job market again. I’m now doing a data science internship at Kohler. UWM prepares you for that kind of standard.”



Kenilworth Square
Apartments

4

residence halls

17

places to eat on campus

ROOM
TOURS



Scan here for student
room tour videos.

University Housing

KEEP CAMPUS CONVENIENTLY CLOSE while making friends and finding community when you live in one of UWM's four residence halls. Rooms are suite-style, which means up to six rooms share a bathroom. Learn more at: uwm.edu/housing



\$7,004

Estimated
undergraduate
housing cost
2024-25



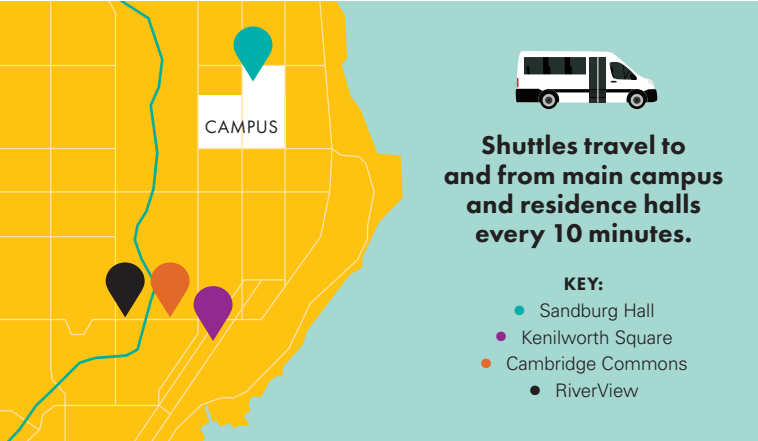
\$10,360

Estimated on-
campus graduate
housing cost
2024-25



\$4,680

Estimated
meal
plan cost
2024-25



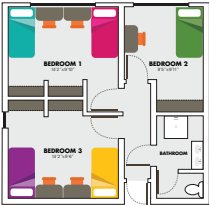
Living On Campus

All UWM residence halls have kitchens, fitness rooms, laundry, 24/7 security and a free shuttle service to and from main campus. Two popular residence halls for international students are:

SANDBURG HALL

Freshmen Students & Up

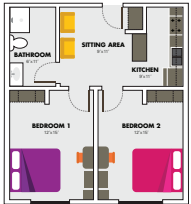
Classic, suite-style residence hall located in the middle of campus. Building amenities include a study space, cafeteria and movie theater.



KENILWORTH SQUARE APARTMENTS

Third-Year Students & Up

Modern, private residences for upper-level students and students 21 and older, located on Milwaukee's vibrant East Side.



Sandburg Hall

Living Off Campus

Students who aren't new freshmen can also choose to live off campus. UWM's Off-Campus Resource Center offers assistance for students searching for apartments and roommates, navigating leases and the moving-in process, and much more. Learn more at: uwm.edu/off-campus-resources

Tuition and Financial Aid

Scholarships

International undergraduate students may be awarded up to \$6,000 per academic year (renewable for up to four years). Learn about the International Student Scholarship and apply for additional scholarships at: uwm.edu/scholarships

Assistantships

Graduate students have the opportunity for tuition remission and a stipend via assistantships. Explore all four assistantship options at: uwm.edu/assistantships



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total cost and fees.

Estimated Tuition & Fees 2024-25	Undergraduate Students	Graduate Students	Business Graduate Students
Tuition (2 semesters)	\$20,772	\$24,533	\$28,680
Segregated & International Student Fees (2 semesters)	\$2,026	\$2,026	\$2,026
Living Expenses (12 months)	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
International Student Health Insurance (12 months)	\$1,958	\$1,958	\$1,958
Estimated Total	\$39,756	\$43,517	\$47,664

International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS)

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT UWM ARE SUPPORTED through International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) in the Center for International Education. Not only does ISSS host fun events that bring UWM’s international student community together, they also provide support throughout your studies at UWM. uwm.edu/cie/students

Resources

ISSS provides visa and immigration status advising to make sure that your time at UWM runs smoothly.

Student Mentors

Current students are matched with new international students to help them acclimate to the U.S. and UWM.

Connections

Meet other international students at ISSS welcome events, pizza parties and other celebrations.



Student Support

Tutoring Available

The Student Success Center offers tutoring for undergraduate students. In the Writing Center, undergraduate and graduate students can meet with a trained tutor for writing help in any subject.

Career Prep

Get help with cover letters, resumes and interviewing skills at the Center for Student Experience and Talent.



5

minutes from
Lake Michigan

10

minutes from
downtown Milwaukee

15

minutes from
Bayshore shopping mall

VIRTUAL
TOUR



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a virtual tour.



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