UWL ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Apply for Admission
Students need to submit the UW System application, nonrefundable application fee, high school transcript, and optional ACT/SAT scores. The online application is available at apply.wisconsin.edu. Admission decisions are typically returned within three to four weeks.

Tips to Being a Competitive Applicant
Students need to have rigor in their senior schedule. Courses in the core curriculum of English, math, science and social science are extremely important. Essays should be well written, organized, grammatically correct and proofed! No need to write a novel, answer each essay in 250 to 650 words.

Essays
Main Statement:
This part is all about you. Tell us about something you've done — academically or personally — and what you've learned from it. Was it a success or a challenge? Did it represent a turning point in your life? How did this particular moment in your life influence you, and how will it continue to influence you as you pursue your college education?

Campus Statement:
UW-La Crosse values 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.

Please respond to ONE of the following: How will your life experiences, commitments, and/or characteristics advance these values and enrich the UW-La Crosse campus community? OR Tell us why you are interested in attending UW-La Crosse and what aspects of the campus are especially important to you.

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Scholarships
Students who are admitted to UWL can apply for scholarships through the UW-La Crosse Foundation. The application can be found at uw lax.academicworks.com and is due February 1. There are also academic merit and multicultural scholarships that students are automatically considered for based on their application. Students will be notified by the Admissions Office if they receive a scholarship.

Scholarship Resource Center
The Scholarship Resource Center encourages students to focus on alternative funding options. They provide excellent resources and support through the scholarship process. Check it all out at uw lax.edu/scholarships.

*Participation in MSEP will be limited to 40 students from the participating states each year. This academically competitive program allows new freshmen from IN, KS, MO, ND, NE and OH to be considered for merit-based tuition reduction.
**ACT/SAT Scores**
We understand that some students were not able to take standardized tests due to test cancellations related to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, standardized test scores, such as the ACT or SAT, are not required in the admissions application process. This means applicants will choose whether or not to submit standardized test scores. This policy is open to students who do not wish to share their scores and to students who were not able to take an exam on the scheduled testing dates. However, we encourage students who have been able to take the ACT or SAT to submit their score.

Submitting your ACT or SAT scores is not required for admission consideration. Applicants choosing to not submit standardized tests will not be at a disadvantage nor will it negatively impact their application review.

As a student completes the application for admission, please note that high school course rigor, class rank and grade point average, ACT/SAT test scores and the essays are among criteria that will be reviewed for scholarship purposes.

**Unofficial High School Transcripts**
Unofficial high school transcripts may be uploaded with the application for admission. In addition, high school transcripts may be sent from your high school to the UWL Admissions Office. An official final high school transcript with graduation date (sent directly from your high school) will be required for all admitted students enrolling at UWL.

**Superscores**
UWL superscores both the ACT and SAT. To take advantage of superscoring, we recommend submitting all your test scores if you take more than one test or take a test multiple times. For both the ACT and SAT, UWL will use the highest score of each section (i.e. English, math, reading, science), regardless of test date, to calculate an ACT or SAT superscore. UWL does not consider the writing portion of either test.

**ONLINE RESOURCES FOR COUNSELORS**

**Credit By Exam**
We publish the information about our policies for accepting AP, IB and CLEP credits through our Credit by Exam guide, available at uwlax.edu/admissions/ap-ib-clep-credit.

**School Counselor Website**
This website is designed for school counselors and families. It provides the most recent information and an option to sign up for the UWL High School Counselor e-Newsletter at: uwlax.edu/admissions/explore/schoolcounselors-and-families.

**WINGS Student Center: Need To Know**
When a student applies to UWL, they are sent an email to the email address provided on their application with a username and password providing access to their WINGS Student Center.

Through their WINGS Student Center, they will:
- Track the status of their application
- Pay the $100 enrollment deposit
- Pay the $150 housing deposit and complete the housing contract
- View information about financial aid
- Sign up for START
- Register for classes
- Review information about transfer credit
- Applicants are encouraged to send official test scores directly from the testing agency or may self-report test scores.

The Admissions Office is here to help you and your students. Please call or email us with any questions, comments, or concerns.

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VISITING CAMPUS
Campus visits help students determine if a college is the right fit for them. After all, it will be their “home” for four years! We offer a variety of visit options to help students see themselves on campus and experience the community. Head to www.uwlax.edu/visit to learn about our tours and schedule your visit!

Contact Sam Pierce at spierce@uwlax.edu to request a visit to your high school, including our new Virtual High School Visit option.

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