In my opinion, the Undergraduate Research & Creativity program is one of the most valuable resources available to UWL students. It provided me with the motivation, not to mention the funds, to travel to Bolivia to complete my research and get a jump start on writing my senior thesis. I was also able to present my research to peers, professors, state senators, and even to Wisconsin’s Governor due to the Office of Undergraduate Research and Creativity.

Matt Sitek, UWL Undergraduate Research Participant
Investigation of Household Archaeology at the Pirque Alto Site (CP-11), Cochabamba, Bolivia.
Apply for Admission
Students need to submit the UW System application, nonrefundable $25 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:
Please respond to ONE of the following: (1) How will your life experiences or commitments enrich the UW-La Crosse campus community? OR (2) Tell us why you are interested in attending UW-La Crosse and what aspects of the campus are especially important to you.

Scholarships
Students who are admitted to UWL can apply for scholarships through the UW-La Crosse Alumni & Friends Foundation. The application can be found at uwlax.academicworks.com and is due February 1. There are also academic merit scholarships that students are automatically considered for based on their application for admission. 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. 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 uwlax.edu/scholarships.

Midwest Tuition Rate
This is a competitive merit-based tuition reduction program for selected new freshmen who are Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, or South Dakota residents.
ACT/SAT Scores
Submitting 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. Students who have taken the ACT or SAT are welcome to submit their score.

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.

Applicants are encouraged to send official test scores directly from the testing agency or may self-report test scores.

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 the high school to the UWL Admissions Office. An official final high school transcript with graduation date (sent directly from the 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 test scores if taken 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 uwlex.edu/admissions/ap-ib-clep-credit.

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 and review information about transfer credit.

SENIOR TIMELINE

| Fall       | - Apply after August 1  |
|           | - Submit $100 Enrollment Deposit |
|           | - Submit $150 Housing Deposit/Contract |
| October-January | - Apply for Financial Aid & Scholarships |
| March     | - Apply for Minnesota Tuition Reciprocity |
| March-May | - Take Placement Tests |
| June      | - Receive Hall & Roommate Assignments |
|           | - START (freshman registration) |
| September | - Move-in Labor Day Weekend |
|           | - Classes Begin |

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FOSTERING SUCCESS FOR INDEPENDENT SCHOLARS

Fostering Success for Independent Scholars is a collaboration between Student Support Services and the Financial Aid Office for students who have aged out of foster care/guardianship or are unhoused.

Services:
- Annual scholarships
- Emergency funds
- Peer mentoring
- Advising & academic support
- Access to home, personal & school supplies
- Funding for career, personal & cultural development

Learn more at uwlax.edu/go/fostering-success

TOP GRADUATING PROGRAMS
- BIOLOGY
- EXERCISE & SPORT SCIENCE
- PSYCHOLOGY
- FINANCE
- MARKETING
- EDUCATION
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- COMMUNICATIONS

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
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- RADIATION THERAPY
- RECREATION MANAGEMENT
- THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

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 a visit!

CAMPUS CLOSE-UP

Each day provides information on admission guidelines, academic programs, financial aid, residence life, extracurricular activities, and what students think about UWL.

Dates for 2023-24 are:
- Friday, October 20, 2023
- Friday, October 27, 2023
- Friday, November 17, 2023
- Friday, February 16, 2024
- Friday, April 26, 2024

HIGH SCHOOL VISITS

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

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