



NEWSLETTER FOR ADMITTED NEW FRESHMEN

UWL & LA CROSSE TALK

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-LA CROSSE

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UW-LA CROSSE CHECKLIST:

UWLAX.EDU/ADMISSIONS

After You Submit Deposits and Housing Application

- Apply for financial aid (Dec.–Feb. 1): studentaid.gov. UWL's priority date is February 1, 2025.
- Apply for UWL Foundation Scholarships by February 1, 2025. uwlax.academicworks.com.
- Sign up for a Universities of Wisconsin Placement Test. Information about signing up will be sent in early February.
- Students should indicate when they register for the AP exam that scores be sent to UWL.
- Minnesota students apply for tuition reciprocity beginning April 1. www.ohe.state.mn.us/ssl/reciprocity2024/index.cfm.
Contact the Minnesota Higher Education Services Office at 800.657.3866 if you have questions.
- Information regarding START will be sent via mail to all admitted students who have paid the \$100 enrollment deposit. Watch for this packet in April and then sign up for START!
- After graduation, contact your high school to have them send an official final transcript to the UWL Admissions Office. Request any official college transcripts for courses you took.
- Watch for New Student Orientation and Welcome Week information sent in August.
- MOVE IN! A variety of Welcome Week events, including residence hall move-in day and new student orientation, take place over the Labor Day weekend. **Classes begin Tuesday, September 2, 2025.**

ADMISSIONS OFFICE

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Schedule your visit: uwlax.edu/visit

UWL Admissions Office: admissions@uwlax.edu
Financial Aid Office: finaid@uwlax.edu

Information in this brochure is subject to change. Visit our website for current information — uwlax.edu/admissions



YOU ARE UWL!

Congratulations on your admission to UWL! We are looking forward to welcoming you to campus for Fall 2025. Our students, faculty, and staff are proud to be part of UWL, and we look forward to having you join our tradition of excellence. You will find a challenging and dynamic environment where you will meet others who share your passion for learning. See you on campus soon!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

START for First-Year Students and Families
June 9, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20, 23

STudent Advising, Registration and Transition (START) is for all new first-year students. Students will need to attend one of the nine dates. More information will be sent via mail in the spring.

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES
TUESDAY, SEPT. 2, 2025

A LEADER IN WISCONSIN

UW-La Crosse is the only comprehensive campus in Wisconsin to make a new list of the nation's best public colleges. In a ranking by news website, Stacker, UWL received high marks on a variety of factors, including academics, admissions, cost and student life.

"This is a wonderful student-centered university with an excellent academic reputation and profile. UWL has superb faculty and high-quality staff who are dedicated to the mission of this great institution," says UWL Chancellor James Beeby. "It is a welcoming campus community on a beautiful campus setting."

Additionally, the online magazine, Money, placed La Crosse on its list of the 50 best places to live in the U.S. — the only Wisconsin city to make the list. Money described La Crosse as "a picturesque slice of Midwest Americana with a healthy job market, thriving arts scene and some of the best freshwater fishing in the country."

I'M ADMITTED TO UWL... NOW WHAT DO I DO?

TO-DO LIST:

- **Pay your deposits.** Housing is assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, and you cannot apply for housing without first paying your \$100 enrollment deposit and then \$150 housing deposit.
- **Apply for scholarships through the UWL Foundation.** For a listing of available scholarships and application information, visit uwla.academicworks.com. Applications are due February 1, 2025.
- **Take the Universities of Wisconsin System placement tests in English and math.** World language placement is also available. Information about registering for the test will be sent in early February.
- **Visit campus one more time!** On-campus tours are available Monday-Friday at various times. Need a more in-depth visit? Two Campus Close-Up open house events are scheduled for the spring on February 14, 2025 and April 25, 2025. Log on to uwla.edu/visit to plan your day!



ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

Did you apply for housing? If not, and you are planning to live in the residence halls, act NOW to reserve your space! On-campus housing and assignments are made based on the date you complete the online housing contract and submit the \$150 housing deposit.

Steps to applying for housing:

1. **Submit \$100 enrollment deposit using your WINGS Student Center.**
2. **Complete the online housing application and pay \$150 housing deposit.** For step-by-step instructions and a link to the housing application, visit uwla.edu/reslife/apply-for-housing/application-process
3. **You may log back in to update any selections you have made.**

*The housing application will become available 24-48 hours after the enrollment deposit is processed.

What residence hall should I choose?

There are many great things about living in each of the residence halls! Visit the Office of Residence Life webpage at uwla.edu/reslife to find specific information about each hall.

How do I find a roommate?

Completing the housing application not only guarantees you on-campus housing, it also provides you with opportunities to select a roommate. Roommate Selection will be available on the housing portal in mid-January. This optional feature allows students to search for a roommate based on different preferences or browse roommate biographies. Already know who you want to live with? When the roommate selection opens, you can look them up by name and get connected to ensure that you are assigned together!

What's in my room?

Each room contains a desk, chair, bed and dresser for each resident. All rooms have a refrigerator and internet access. Residence hall mattresses are 33" x 79". Extra-long twin fitted sheets are necessary and are available at many stores. Additional information about room furnishings is available at uwla.edu/reslife/orl-resources/frequently-asked-questions.

The screenshot shows the WINGS Student Center interface for a student named Stryker Eagle. The page is organized into several sections:

- Academics:** Includes links for My Class Schedule, Shopping Cart, My Planner, and a message: "You are not enrolled in classes."
- Finances:** Includes My Account, Account Inquiry, Financial Aid, and Account Summary. The Account Summary shows: "You owe 100.00. Due Now: 0.00, Future Due: 100.00. Currency used is US Dollar."
- Personal Information:** Includes Contact Information with fields for Home Address, Local Address, Home Phone, and UW-L E-mail.
- My Applications:** A table showing application status for UW-La Crosse, College of Science & Health, Fall 2025, with a green checkmark indicating admission.
- Communication Archive:** Access Communications.
- Right-hand navigation:** Search for Classes, Holds, To Do List (with links for Enrollment Deposit, Final Official HS Transcript, Enrollment Dates, Advisor, Program Advisor, Financial Resources, Enrollment Resources, and Other Resources).

Callouts from the image point to the following features:

- "Personalized to-do list: what you need in order to be ready to go!" points to the To Do List section.
- "View financial aid awards and other financial info" points to the Financial Aid link.
- "Make your deposits online!" points to the Make a Deposit/Payment link.
- "Update addresses, email and phone numbers" points to the Contact Information section.

WINGS STUDENT CENTER: YOUR ONE-STOP SHOP

You used the WINGS Student Center to check your application status. Now you'll use it to manage all of your information as a UWL student. Log in to wings.uwla.edu to check your to-do list and pay your enrollment deposit. Later you'll be able to check your financial aid award status and register for classes.

Can't find your NetID/WINGS password?

Use the password recovery link available on our website at uwla.edu/info/password-reset.

Your senior schedule and grades matter!

Admission decisions are determined, in part, by consideration of senior year courses you identified on your application for admission and how well you do in them. Changing your senior courses, especially in the core classes, could affect your admission status. Your final senior grades could also affect your admission status. Keep up the hard work in class and if you need to make changes to your schedule, email our office at admissions@uwla.edu to request prior approval from an admissions counselor.

The importance of your placement testing

Preparing for your placement test will make a difference. The results will determine the level of your English and math courses. Placement tests are also available in French, German and Spanish. A high placement can save time and money. Yes, it is important to prepare and take these tests seriously.