



General Information – International Education & Engagement (IEE)

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University Overview

The [University of Wisconsin–La Crosse](http://www.uwlax.edu) (UWL) is a public university in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Founded in 1909, it is a leading comprehensive university as part of the University of Wisconsin System offering bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees. With around 9,600 undergraduate and 1,000 graduate students, UW-La Crosse is composed of four schools and colleges offering 102 undergraduate programs, 31 graduate programs, and 2 doctoral programs. UW-La Crosse has nearly 85,000 alumni across all 50 U.S. states and 57 countries. Located on the great Mississippi River surrounded by towering bluffs and meandering rivers, La Crosse is home to 51,000+ (metro: 136,000+) people. Look for bald eagles soaring overhead and listen for nostalgic riverboat whistles. Whether trekking the La Crosse River marsh or hiking the bluffs, your path runs through UW-La Crosse!

IEE Staff Contacts

Incoming Exchange Contact	Miranda Panzer, mpanzer@uwlax.edu
Outgoing Exchange Contact	Kim Fuerstenberg, kfuerstenberg@uwlax.edu
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Semester Dates

FALL 2026

Arrival Dates	August 30 – September 1, 2026
Orientation	September 2 – September 7, 2026
Classes Begin	September 8, 2026
Final Exams Begin	December 17, 2026
Term Ends	December 22, 2026

SPRING 2027

Arrival Dates	January 19 – January 20, 2027
Orientation	January 21 – January 24, 2027
Classes Begin	January 25, 2027
Final Exams Begin	May 10, 2027
Term Ends	May 14, 2027

Academic Information

Exchanges are only eligible for undergraduate coursework.

*Graduate level students interested in undergraduate coursework welcome to apply.

Language of Instruction	English
Average Course Credit Load	12-15 credits/semester
Minimum Credit Load	12 credits/semester
Maximum Credit Load	18 credits/semester
Course Restrictions	Restricted Courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• English as a Second Language (ESL) – courses no longer offered.• Nuclear Medicine Technology• Radiation Therapy• Health and Wellness Management• Internships, Practicums, Experiential Learning courses during first semester• Graduate level coursework
Course Prerequisites	Generally, 100 and 200 level courses are open to incoming students. Entry to some 200 and all 300 and 400 level courses require proof that student has taken relevant prerequisites at their home university.
Grading System	A semester grade point average is calculated by dividing the grade points earned by the number of credits attempted that semester. The cumulative average is the total number of grade points earned divided by the total number of credits attempted. GPAs are not rounded; they are truncated at two digits and a zero is added as the third digit for all students. UWL grade point averages are determined only by grades in UWL courses.

English Proficiency

Where the primary language of instruction at the home university is not English, applicants must satisfy the English language requirements for entry to the program. Updated entry requirements located at the [international student admission website](#).

Application and Nomination Procedures

Nomination	Send nominated student details directly to the Incoming/Outgoing Exchange Coordinators. Information should include student's name, degree/major, current level of study, period applying for (fall, spring, Academic Year) and email.
Application	After the student has been nominated, they will receive an email from Heather Pearson, International Admissions Contact with information and a link to an online application.
Supporting Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Home university transcript including courses in progress.• English Language test results (if primary language of instruction at the home institution is not English)• Photocopy of valid passport identification page• UWL Course Selection form• Background Information form• Proof of Funding as required per Affidavit of Support These documents can be emailed as PDFs to intl admissions@uwlax.edu .

Nomination Deadlines

Academic Year and Fall Semester	March 15
Spring Semester	October 15

Application Deadlines

AY & Fall - Priority Course Registration	April 1
AY & Fall – General	June 30
Spring – Priority Course Registration	November 1
Spring – General	December 15
Late Applications	Submissions of late applications should be requested and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Course Registration

Accepted students will receive an email from Miranda Panzer, Incoming Exchange Contact, with information on how to register for next term's courses. Students submitting complete applications by priority deadlines listed above are usually eligible to enroll in courses on the first day undergraduate registration opens.

Accommodations

Exchange students are required to live on-campus. Students will be emailed online housing application link once accepted for exchange study. No housing deposit is required. Students living on-campus are required to enroll in a campus meal plan. Housing application includes meal plan options. Incoming students can select [Reuter Hall](#), apartment style living or [Eagle Hall](#). Housing is assigned on a first come first serve basis.

Student Visa

Admitted exchange students will be issued a Form DS-2019 to apply for a J-1 visa. The acceptance package, including immigration documents, will be mailed to their home university representative through DHL or another mail service. Students are responsible for completing all steps to apply for their visa. Information about the J-1 visa is available at [BridgeUSA](#).

Health/Medical Insurance

J-1 (visa) Exchange students are required to participate in UWL's International Student Insurance plan. IEE enrolls students in this insurance plan prior to their arrival on campus. Insurance fees are added to student bills at the beginning of each semester. Additional information is available at [IEE website](#).

Incoming Exchange Student Fees

Expense (USD)	One semester	Two semesters
Tuition	Waived	Waived
Registration & DLE Canvas Fees (This is \$25 + \$2 per credit so it fluctuates based on the # of credits)	\$57.00	\$114.00
Special Course Fees (See note below)	Varies	Varies
Textbooks	Included	Included
Orientation Fee	\$175.00	\$ 175.00
International Student Fee	\$250.00	\$500.00
Housing (Based on Eagle Hall)	\$2,865.00	\$5,730.00
Meal Plan (Based on the Eagle Meal Plan)	\$1,596.00	\$3,192.00
Health Insurance	\$1,050.00	\$2,100.00
Personal Expenses (Estimated)	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00

*All fees are estimated costs and subject to change

Orientation Fee

All exchange students are charged an International Student Orientation Fee their first semester at UW-La Crosse. This fee goes towards meals, programming, transportation costs, materials, facilities rental, personnel fees, and other miscellaneous costs to achieve a successful orientation program that acclimates exchange students to the UW-La Crosse campus and community.

International Student Fee

All exchange students are charged an International Student Fee each term that goes towards the shipping/ mailing expenses of immigration documents, professional memberships and affiliations for compliance assurance, training and staff development, emergency response systems for international students, software costs to ensure compliance with the rules and regulations, and other miscellaneous costs including program and event supplies.

International Health Insurance

Exchange students are required to enroll in the UW System International Student & Scholar Health Insurance Plan per Federal and Institutional regulations. Each semester UWL automatically enrolls students in the health insurance coverage and students will be billed directly to their student account.

Notes to Tuition & Fees:

1. DLE Canvas Technology fee is charged to all students attending UWL and varies depending on the number of credits (\$2.00/credit).
2. Special course fees are assessed to cover supplies and expenses for certain university courses. The Cashiers Office maintains a listing of information regarding current [special course fees](#).
3. The Eagle meal plan is listed here. Meal plan selection is made on an individual basis. More information about the cost of specific meal plans can be found at the [University Centers website](#).
4. More information about specific room rates can be found at the [Residence Life website](#).

NOTE: Actual student costs can vary **significantly** based on housing choices, meal plan choice, and student's non-academic expenses.

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Links to local regional/travel information:

- <https://explorelacrosse.com/>
- <https://www.travelwisconsin.com/southwest/la-crosse-county/la-crosse>
- <https://chooselacrosse.com/about/>

