



INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE UNDERGRADUATE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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The University of Wisconsin-Platteville is located in the southwest corner of the State of Wisconsin. UW-Platteville traces its origin to the Platteville Normal School, founded in 1866, and the Wisconsin School of Mines, organized in 1908. The campus covers 350 acres of gentle rolling land and includes a 90-acre recreation area. A 400-acre university farm is located nearby. The student body includes nearly 7000 undergraduate students and approximately 250 graduate students. There are approximately 260 faculty and teaching academic staff members providing the university an excellent faculty/student ratio.

The University's undergraduate programs are administered through three colleges.

- **THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, INDUSTRY, LIFE SCIENCE AND AGRICULTURE** offers degree programs in Agriculture, Biology, Business, Accounting, Communication Technologies, and Industrial Studies.
- **THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS, AND SCIENCE** offers degree programs in Civil, Environmental, Electrical, Mechanical, Industrial, and Software Engineering as well as Computer Science, Engineering Physics, Mathematics, Chemistry, and General Science.
- **THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND EDUCATION** offers degree programs in Criminal Justice; Elementary, Middle and Secondary Education; Physical Education and Health; Economics; the Fine Arts; the Humanities; and the Social Sciences.

ESTIMATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Estimated Expenses (academic year 2008-2009) Full-time International Undergraduate Student

Academic year tuition & fees*	\$14,000
On campus housing & meals*	\$ 5,500
Mandatory health insurance	\$ 725
Personal & academic expenses**	\$ 2,200
Academic Year Total	<u>\$22,425</u>
Tuition waiver***	\$ 5,000
Academic Year Total (minus waiver)	<u>\$17,425</u>

Estimated Summer Expenses	
Summer on campus housing	\$ 950
Meals, health insurance & personal expenses	\$1,550
Summer school tuition (8 credits)	\$4,500
Total Estimated Summer Expenses	\$7,000
(Summer school enrollment is optional)	

*Actual charges for tuition, fees, lodging & meals are established annually, in August.

**Personal & academic expenses include academic supplies, clothing, travel, & entertainment.

*****UW-Platteville offers a tuition waiver to full-time international students in the amount of \$5,000 per year (\$2,500 per semester).** International students may receive this tuition waiver for up to 8 academic semesters providing that they remain full-time students in good academic standing.

Students must present documentation of ability to meet all financial obligations for the duration of their study at UW-Platteville. The University of Wisconsin-Platteville encourages students to pay tuition, fees, housing and food costs in full at the beginning of each semester to avoid finance charges and/or late fees. For more information - www.uwplatt.edu/admission/international/admission.html.

STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION

All international students must have:

- Strong academic achievements, comparable to other UW-Platteville applicants, especially in areas of mathematics, natural science (chemistry, biology or physics), social sciences and the humanities.
- Proficiency in English [500 (paper based) or 173 (computer based) or 61 (Internet based) minimum on TOEFL].
- Adequate financial resources for academic program (4 to 5 years) of study.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Application materials for admission **for the fall (September)** semester must be received **by May 1.**

Application materials for admission **for the spring (January)** semester must be received **by September 15.**

The university calendar includes two 16-week academic semesters, **Fall** (approximately September 1 through December 20) and **Spring** (January 15 through May 15). The calendar also includes an optional 2-week **Winterim** (approximately January 1 through 15) a **2-week pre-session** (approximately May 15 through June 1), and an **eight-week summer session term** (approximately June 1 through July 30).

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION PROCEDURES

ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS are to be sent to the Office of Admission and Enrollment Services, University of Wisconsin-Platteville, 120 Brigham Hall, 1 University Plaza, Platteville, Wisconsin 53818-3099, United States of America.

A complete application includes the following:

1. **INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION FOR UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION**. This form must be completed in its entirety. A **\$35.00 (US dollars) nonrefundable fee** must accompany the application for undergraduate admission. This fee may be paid by check, money order, or bank draft on a bank in the United States (made payable to UW-Platteville). **DO NOT** send cash or any type of coupon. A receipt for the fee will **NOT** be sent to you. The application is available on-line at <http://apps9.uwex.edu/pls/ea/apply.undergrad?src=APPLY>.
2. **ACADEMIC RECORDS** (called transcripts in the US), confirming your secondary and/or university education, must be mailed directly from the school that you attended to the UW-Platteville Office of Admission and Enrollment Services. Academic records must be in the original language with a **certified English translation** and should include the dates of attendance, level of study, list of subjects, school leaving marks (grades) earned, rank in class (when possible) and the grading system used. Official records should include all exam or test results and certificates, diplomas or degrees earned. All of these requirements are mandatory and must be official documents. Photocopies of official records are acceptable if an authorized university, government or public official has certified them **after they are made**.
3. **EVIDENCE OF ENGLISH PROFICIENCY**. To gain admission to UW-Platteville, international students must provide evidence of English proficiency. A minimum score of 500 (paper based) or 173 (computer based) or 61 (Internet based) on the **Test of English as a Foreign Language Examination (TOEFL)** is required of all international students whose native language is not English.

Students transferring from United States colleges and universities may be excused from the TOEFL if they have demonstrated competence in English through courses taken at such institutions and have earned grades of "B" or higher in English composition courses and speech.

English as a Second Language: Students who enroll at Wisconsin English as a Second Language Institute (<http://www.wesli.com/>) in Madison, WI may seek a conditional admission letter from UW-Platteville **if they meet all other admission requirements at UW-Platteville**. When a student, conditionally admitted, completes his/her coursework at WESLI, WESLI will provide UWP with the following to 'finalize' the admission: a letter of recommendation of English language proficiency, completion of the 700 level coursework and/or at least a 75 on the Michigan test; a copy of the current visa; and a completed transfer verification form.

4. **FINANCIAL VERIFICATION**. You must present documentation of your ability to meet all financial obligations for the duration of your study at UW-Platteville. A UWP Financial Verification Form **MUST** be completed and returned to the UW-Platteville Office of Admission and Enrollment Services. The amount of available funds must be verified in U.S. dollars.

NOTE: A form I-20 (for issuance of visa) cannot be sent to you until you have been admitted to the University. When your application is complete (meaning that you have provided all items 1 through 4 as noted above), it will be reviewed and you will be notified about your admission status. If you are transferring from a US institution you must also submit an International Student Transfer Clearance Form.

TRANSFER CREDITS

Students who wish to have credits evaluated for transfer to UW-Platteville from another university outside of the USA must contact Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc (www.ece.org). UW-Platteville requires a Catalog Match evaluation. This evaluation is completed at the student's request and at the student's expense.

Transfer students from another school in the US must also submit an International Student Transfer Clearance form <http://www.uwplatt.edu/intprog/international/files/transferClearance.pdf>

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE

All international students are required to contact the Office of International Student Services PRIOR to arrival and during their stay in Platteville for specific information regarding health insurance (through Rust Associates - http://www.rustassoc.com/international_students/; see participating schools at the bottom of the page), airport pick-up, transportation, orientation, immigration, academic, and personal adjustment issues.

The Office of International Student Services is located in 101 Royce Hall. The address is: Office of International Student Services, 101 Royce Hall, 1 University Plaza, Platteville, Wisconsin 53818-3099, United States of America. The phone number is 608-342.1852; the FAX number is 608-342-1847; or you may email: intlinfo@uwplatt.edu.

I-20 AND VISA INFORMATION

Most students come to the United States on a student (F-1) visa. To secure an F-1 visa, students must present an I-20 form to their American Consulate. The I-20 is sent to the student from the admitting college or university. During their entire stay in the United States, students will be held to the conditions of admission located on the face of the I-20 as well as items in the statement on the back of the I-20. Before receiving the F-1 visa, a student must satisfy the Consulate regarding their financial support while in the United States as well as provide evidence of the purchase of health insurance.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will, upon the student's arrival in the United States, issue Form I-94 (Arrival and Departure Record), which is generally valid for the duration of the approved program of study at the university issuing the I-20. The Form I-94 indicates the student's date and place of entry, status and an admission number.

If you are an international student and are currently studying in the United States and seek to transfer to UW-Platteville, it is required that the International Student Advisor/DSO at your current school complete the **Transfer Clearance Form** and return it to the UW-Platteville Office of Admission & Enrollment Services. UW-Platteville cannot issue an official letter of admission until this form has been received.

LODGING & MEAL INFORMATION

Residence halls at UW-Platteville are an integral part of the educational and social environment. The residence hall programs encourage and assist students in their academic as well as social and personal development. There are nine modern, well-equipped residence halls providing accommodations for approximately 2400 students. All halls are readily accessible to classroom buildings, food service facilities, and the Pioneer Student Center. According to a ruling by the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents, all freshman and sophomore students are required to live in the residence halls.

Food service facilities are modern and noted for excellent food quality. Lodging and meal plan information will be sent to you when you are accepted for admission.

HEALTH INSURANCE

University of Wisconsin System policy **mandates** that all international students shall secure personal health insurance. Documentation/proof that a student has purchased health insurance is required as a part of the visa interview at the Embassy/Consulate. International students must maintain health insurance as long as they are students at UW-Platteville. International students who cannot present proof of health insurance will not be allowed to register for classes.

The UW-Platteville International Student Services Office will assist international students in obtaining insurance through Rust Associates (http://www.rustassoc.com/international_students/), **UW-Platteville's preferred provider**. There are other vendors such as HTH Worldwide (<http://www.hthstudents.com/>), but UW-Platteville maintains a relationship with Rust Associates.

UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICE

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville Student Health Center is maintained for students only and is equipped to care for minor illness and injuries but NOT serious health problems. Students with chronic or special health concerns should always inform the Student Health Center (located in Royce Hall) of such conditions. Students may take advantage of local clinics including Doctors Park and Medical Associates Clinic as well as local dentists, physicians, chiropractors and other health professionals. There is a hospital, Southwest Health Center, in Platteville where 24-hour emergency care is available, daily.

Upon receiving proof of admission, international students should schedule and complete a health assessment with a licensed physician, before departing their home country. International students should bring a completed and signed international student health form to campus. It shall be kept on file at the Student Health Center. The International Student Coordinator collects the health form during the International Student Orientation activities, or the form may be mailed to the Student Health Center prior to arrival.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS REGARDING ADMISSION CONTACT

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