



INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE 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 1907. The campus covers 820 acres of gentle rolling land and includes a 90-acre recreation area. A 430-acre university farm is located nearby. The student body includes nearly 7000 undergraduate students and approximately 250 graduate students. There are approximately 336 faculty and teaching academic staff members providing the university an excellent faculty/student ratio of approximately 16 to 1.

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

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

ESTIMATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Estimated Annual Budget

Estimated Expenses (2009/2010) Full-time International Undergraduate Student

Academic year tuition & fees*	\$14,500
On campus housing & meals*	\$ 5,940
Mandatory health insurance	\$ 750
Personal & academic expenses**	<u>\$ 2,350</u>
Academic Year Total	<u>\$23,540</u>
 Tuition waiver***	 <u>\$ 5,000</u>
Academic Year Total (minus waiver)	<u>\$18,540</u>

Estimated Summer Expenses	
Summer on campus housing	\$ 950
Meals, health insurance & personal expenses	\$1,800
Summer school tuition (8 credits)	\$4,700
Total Estimated Summer Expenses	\$7,450
(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 [a 500 (paper based), 173 (computer based), or 61 (Internet based) minimum on score on the TOEFL] or [5.5 minimum score on the IELTS].
- 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), an 8-week **Summer Session term** (approximately June 1 through July 30), and a 2-week **post-session** (approximately August 1 through August 15).

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION PROCEDURES

A complete application includes the following:

1. **INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION FOR UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION:** This form must be completed in its entirety. A **\$44.00 (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, all international applicants whose native language is not English are required to provide evidence of English-language proficiency through one of the following examinations:

- 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)**, OR
- A minimum score of 5.5 on the **International English Language Testing System (IELTS)**.

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.

Wisconsin English as a Second Language Institute (WESLI): Students who enroll at WESLI (<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 a minimum score of 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.

ADDRESS FOR APPLICATION MATERIALS

University of Wisconsin-Platteville
Office of Admission and Enrollment Services
1 University Plaza
1300 Ullsvik Hall
Platteville, Wisconsin 53818-3099
United States of America.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The I-20 form (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 on the previous page), 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

International applicants 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 to be completed at the applicant's request and at the applicant'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 **AFTER** they receive a letter of admission, but **PRIOR** to arrival in Platteville for specific information regarding health insurance, 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

Degree seeking international 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 AND 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/; see participating schools at the bottom of the page), **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 SERVICES

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

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