INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS
Effective Fall 2015

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 consists of nearly 7400 undergraduate students and approximately 750 graduate students.

The SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville offers the following campus-based degree programs:

- Master of Science in Computer Science (JIM - Joint International Master’s)
- Master of Science in Education – Teacher Education (with the following emphases)
  - Teaching-Elementary Education
  - Teaching-Middle School Education
  - Teaching-Secondary Education
  - Teaching-Adult Education

Additionally, the University of Wisconsin-Platteville School of Education, in collaboration with the School of Graduate Studies, offers several certification and/or licensure programs including:

- Educational Administration Certification
- Cross-Categorical Special Education Certification
- State of Wisconsin Psychotherapy Provider Certification
- English Language Learner Licensure

Contact information for the above campus-based degree programs: University of Wisconsin-Platteville School of Graduate Studies, 106 Brigham Hall, 1 University Plaza, Platteville WI 53818 USA; phone: 608.342.1322; FAX: 608.342.1389; web Site: http://www.uwplatt.edu/graduate-studies; email: gradstudies@uwplatt.edu.

UW-Platteville also offers several online graduate degree programs. These include the

- Master of Science in Engineering,
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice, and
- Master of Science in Project Management,
- Master of Science in Integrated Supply Chain Management
- Master of Science in Distance Education Leadership
- Master of Science in Organizational Change Leadership

Information about these programs can be found at http://www.uwplatt.edu/disted/. You may also contact UW-Platteville’s Distance Learning Center, 1 University Plaza, Platteville WI 53818 USA; phone: 608.342.1468 or 800.362.5460; email: disted@uwplatt.edu.

The Graduate Catalog is online at http://www.uwplatt.edu/registrar/catalogs.
ON CAMPUS GRADUATE PROGRAMS
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICATION DEADLINES

All application materials for admission for the fall (September) semester must be received no later than July 15. All application materials for admission for the spring (January) semester must be received by December 1.

ON CAMPUS GRADUATE PROGRAMS ADMISSION PROCEDURES

ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS are to be sent to the School of Graduate Studies, University of Wisconsin-Platteville, 106 Brigham Hall, 1 University Plaza, Platteville, Wisconsin 53818-3099, USA.

A complete application includes the following:

1. INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION FOR GRADUATE ADMISSION. Complete the application on-line at https://apply.wisconsin.edu/. The form must be completed in its entirety. A $56.00 (US dollars) nonrefundable fee must accompany the application for graduate admission. Instructions for online payment are included in the online application instructions.

2. ACADEMIC RECORDS/TRANSCRIPTS CONFIRMING YOUR BACHELOR’S (BACCALAUREATE) DEGREE, must be mailed directly from the institution that you attended to the UW-Platteville School of Graduate Studies. 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 and the grading system used. All persons seeking admission must have an earned bachelor’s degree from a nationally or regionally accredited institution recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) or the applicant must seek and pay for a course by course evaluation report from Education Credential Evaluators (http://www.ece.org/). Please request that ECE send the required report directly to the UW-Platteville School of Graduate Studies. The requirement of an earned bachelor’s degree is mandatory. NOTE: 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. A minimum score of 500 (paper based) or 61 (Internet based test) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language Examination (TOEFL) or 6.0 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) 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/IELTS requirement, if they have demonstrated competence in English through courses taken at such institutions. Requests for waivers or exceptions must be approved by the Director of the School of Graduate Studies. Alternative options for proof of English proficiency is listed at http://www.uwplatt.edu/graduate-studies/admission-campus-masters-programs.

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 UW-Platteville Graduate Student Financial Verification Form MUST be completed and returned to the UW-Platteville School of Graduate Studies along with proof of funding (bank statement, financial guarantee, etc.). The amount of available funds must be verified in U.S. dollars.

5. COPY OF PASSPORT INFORMATION PAGE

6. ADDRESS and PHONE NUMBER to where you would like your I-20 sent.
7. If you are currently studying in the U.S. and plan on transferring your SEVIS record from your current institution to UW-Platteville, you will be required to submit a **TRANSFER CLEARANCE FORM and A COPY OF YOUR MOST RECENT VISA AND I-20**.

8. **F-2 DEPENDENT APPLICATION** If you wish for your spouse and/or children to receive dependent I-20s and/or an F-2 visa, you must complete the F-2 Dependent application forms listed at [http://www.uwplatt.edu/isss/f-2-dependents](http://www.uwplatt.edu/isss/f-2-dependents).

**NOTE:** A form I-20 (for issuance of visa) cannot be issued to you until you have been admitted to the University. When your application is complete (meaning that you have provided all items 1 through 8 as noted above), an I-20 will be issued to you.

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### STANDARDS FOR GRADUATE ADMISSION & DATES OF TERMS

All applicants for graduate degree programs must have:

- A bachelor’s degree from a nationally or regionally accredited institution recognized by the Council of Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) or proof of equivalent;
- An overall undergraduate grade point average of 2.75 (4.0 scale) or a grade point average of at least 2.90 (4.0 scale) on the last 60 credits from the degree granting institution;
- Proficiency in English [500 (paper based) or 61 (Internet based) minimum on TOEFL or 6.0 on IELTS]; and
- Adequate financial resources to complete academic master’s program (2 years) of study.

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

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### FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY & VERIFICATION

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### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville does **not** have financial aid available for international applicants. There are a limited number of graduate assistantships available; some may include an out-of-state waiver. If you wish to apply for a graduate assistantship, please complete the [graduate assistant application form](#) and return it to the School of Graduate Studies.

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### I-20 AND VISA INFORMATION

Most international students seeking master’s degrees come to the United States on a student F-1 visa. To secure an F-1 visa, students must present their I-20 form at a U.S. Embassy/Consulate. The I-20 is sent to the student by the admitting college or university after all requirements for admission have been met and
a letter of admission has been issued. During their entire stay in the United States, students will be held to the conditions of admission located on the I-20. Before receiving the F-1 visa, a student must satisfy the Embassy/Consulate regarding their financial ability while in the U.S. as well as provide evidence of health insurance.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will, upon the student’s arrival in the United States, issue an electronic 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 and the information stamped in the students’ passport at the U.S. port of entry 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 on an F-visa 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 email or fax it to the UW-Platteville International Student and Scholar Services Office at isss@uwplatt.edu or 608-342-1736 (fax).

HEALTH INSURANCE

Participation in the UW-Platteville group health insurance policy through Rust Associates is required for all F and J international students, scholars, and their dependents, except for students receiving sponsorship and insurance coverage from the governments of Kuwait or Saudi Arabia. The insurance fee will be added to the student bill at the beginning of each semester and international students will be enrolled in the Rust Associates insurance for the entire year (12 months) or for as long as they remain students at UW-Platteville. Visiting J-1 professors will be sent an invoice to be paid at the Cashier's Office (236 Brigham Hall) for the insurance fee every six months during their time at UW-Platteville. To learn more about the group health insurance policy, please visit the Rust Associates website: https://www.rustassoc.com/international_students/index.cfm.

UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville Student Health Services 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 Student Health Services (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.

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 twelve residence halls providing accommodations for students. All halls are readily accessible to classroom buildings, food service facilities, and the Markee Pioneer Student Center. Food service facilities are noted for excellent food quality. Lodging and meal plan information will be sent to you upon request.
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES

All international students are required to contact the Office of International Student and Scholar Services PRIOR to arrival at UW-Platteville. The International Student and Scholar Services office will provide specific information regarding transportation, orientation, immigration, academic, and personal adjustment services.

The Office of International Student and Scholar Services is located in Royce Hall. The address is: Office of International Student and Scholar Services, Royce Hall, 1 University Plaza, Platteville, Wisconsin 53818-3099, United States of America. The phone number is 608-342.1852; the FAX number is 608-342-1736; or you may email: isss@uwplatt.edu.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS AT UW-PLATTEVILLE

The University’s undergraduate programs are administered through three colleges.
- **THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, INDUSTRY, LIFE SCIENCE AND AGRICULTURE** includes the departments of Biology, Business & Accounting, Communication Technologies, and Industrial Studies and the School of Agriculture.
- **THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS, AND SCIENCE** includes the departments of Civil & Environmental, Electrical, Mechanical & Industrial, and Software Engineering as well as Computer Science, Chemistry & Engineering Physics, and Mathematics.
- **THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND EDUCATION** includes the departments of Criminal Justice, the Humanities, Performing and Visual Arts, Psychology, and the Social Sciences as well as the School of Education.

You can learn more about the University’s undergraduate programs at [http://www.uwplatt.edu/academics](http://www.uwplatt.edu/academics). There is information regarding undergraduate international student admission at [http://www.uwplatt.edu/international-admission](http://www.uwplatt.edu/international-admission).

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM AT UW-PLATTEVILLE

The English Language Program (ELP) at UW-Platteville prepares students to apply their English skills successfully in university courses and professional settings. The ELP offers year-round English immersion courses to non-native English speakers. Students will become effective communicators in English and accomplish a wide variety of academic tasks. Upon completion of the ELP, students will be prepared to study at an academic institution. For more information, please see [http://www.uwplatt.edu/elp](http://www.uwplatt.edu/elp).

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS REGARDING GRADUATE SCHOOL ADMISSION CONTACT

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