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Applying to graduate study
Students seeking admission to graduate study must apply electronically by completing the UW System application (https://apply.wisconsin.edu).

Application fee
In accordance with the University of Wisconsin System policies, graduate students applying to a graduate degree program must submit an application fee. The application fee is non-refundable, does not apply to graduate tuition, and cannot be waived. If enrollment is delayed, the application fee can be applied to the next two consecutive terms including summer session.

Academic records
It is the student’s responsibility to make arrangements for official transcripts of previously established academic records (undergraduate and graduate) bearing the official seal of the institution(s) where course work was taken to be sent directly from the registrar of each institution to the UW-La Crosse Admissions Office. This includes college level courses taken while in high school.

UW-La Crosse accepts transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution(s) or through an electronic secure document sending service. Application fees and transcripts can be sent to:

Graduate Admissions Office
2320 Student Union
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
1725 State Street
La Crosse, WI 54601
admissions@uwlax.edu

Admission criteria
Admission consideration to graduate study will be given to students who meet the following requirements:

For those seeking master’s degrees:
• A baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution.
• An overall undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.85 on a 4.0 scale, an average of at least 3.00 in the last half of all undergraduate work, or an average of at least 3.00 for no less than 12 semester credits of graduate study at another accredited graduate school. Some programs have higher grade point average admission requirements.
• Departmental or school/college admission to enter the graduate program. Many graduate programs require additional supplemental application materials. Please refer to the website of the specific program for details.
• Satisfactory scores in all tests required by the program, department, or college. Please refer to the program website for test requirements. The UW-La Crosse GRE Institutional Code is 1914.

For those seeking doctorate or post-master’s degrees:
• A baccalaureate degree and/or a master’s or doctorate degree from a regionally accredited institution.
• An overall baccalaureate, master’s, post-master’s, or doctorate degree grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is required for admission to the Ed.S. (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/graduate/programrequirements/educationalspecialist) and DPT (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/graduate/programrequirements/physicaltherapy) degree programs. The Ed.D (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/graduate/programrequirements/doctorofeducation) requires an overall grade point average of at least 3.25.
• Departmental or school/college admission to enter the graduate program. Many graduate programs require additional supplemental application materials. Please refer to the website of the specific program for details.
• Satisfactory scores in all tests required by the program, department, or college. Please refer to the program website for test requirements. The UW-La Crosse GRE Institutional Code is 1914.

For more information, including a list of graduate program websites, please visit the Office of University Graduate Studies (http://www.uwlax.edu/graduate-studies). For questions about admission to the university, contact the Admissions Office (http://www.uwlax.edu/admissions).

Admission on probation
Students may be admitted on probation if they do not meet the minimum academic or graduate program admission requirements. Upon completion of nine graduate credits or two terms (whichever comes first) with a grade point average of 3.00 or above, the student will be removed from probation. Students admitted on probation will be dismissed from graduate study if their cumulative GPA is below 3.00 after completing nine graduate credits or two terms (whichever comes first).

Conditional admission
Students may be conditionally admitted to a graduate program while they are in the process of completing their undergraduate or master's degree. Final admission is contingent upon maintaining their cumulative grade point average and submission of an official final college transcript from the college they are attending showing the conferment of their degree. The final official transcript is due 15 days after the degree is posted.

International student admissions
International applicants seeking graduate admission to UWL should follow the instructions below.

Application: Complete the UW System online application (https://apply.wisconsin.edu) for graduate study and pay the graduate application fee.

Academic records: Official copies of academic records from all post-secondary institutions attended are required, even if the program was not completed. Documents issued in languages other than English must be accompanied by literal English translations.
Proof of English language proficiency: Applicants for graduate study who are not native speakers of English must meet one of the following for admission:

- Official TOEFL score of at least 79 iBT or 550 pBT • Institution Code: 19141,2
- Official IELTS score of at least 6.0. 2
- Official PTE (Pearson Test of English) score of at least 60.2
- A bachelor's or higher degree from UWL or another approved institution where English is the sole language of instruction may also fulfill this requirement.
  - Degree must be earned within two years of expected enrollment at UWL.
  - Applicant must have attended the institution for a minimum of two years.

1 Graduate program directors may require graduate students with scores of 550 or above to take the La Crosse Battery placement exam (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/englishasasecondlanguageesl/#battery).
2 Scores cannot be more than two years old.

Program specific requirements: Many graduate programs require additional application materials. Applicant should contact the graduate program directly about additional requirements.

Proof of funding: Bank statement and signed affidavit of support. Funding must be equal or greater than International Education & Engagement’s estimated costs (https://www.uwlax.edu/info/cost-to-attend/#tab-international) for one year (two semesters) of graduate study. Students who require F-2 visas for dependents (spouse and/or children) must submit additional proof of funding and passport copies for each dependent.

Passport copy: Submit a photocopy of the biographical data in the applicant’s passport. If the applicant is admitted to a program, this will ensure that immigration documents are issued accurately.

Application materials can be sent to:
Admissions Office
2342 Student Union
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
1725 State Street
La Crosse, WI 54601
USA

For more information on international student admissions, visit the Admissions Office (https://www.uwlax.edu/admissions/learn-how-to-apply/international-student).

Special non-degree graduate students

Students with a bachelor’s degree seeking to enroll in graduate courses for which they are qualified but not wishing to pursue a graduate degree may be admitted with special non-degree graduate student status. Special non-degree graduate students either may receive academic credit for courses successfully completed or may choose to audit. Auditors usually are not responsible for attendance or exams and therefore do not receive academic credit or grades for completed courses.

To apply for special non-degree graduate admission, complete the appropriate UW System application (https://apply.wisconsin.edu). Application fees and transcripts are not required. Students admitted as