Graduate & Extended Learning - Graduate

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Graduate & Extended Learning is a new unit at UWL, and we are excited to be uniting our talents. Our shared identity builds on values of excellence, partnership, and innovation that were central to our work before the merger. In the coming year we will explore how to use our connections and skills to build new bridges inside and outside of UWL. We are inspired to think that our own growth through collaboration will in turn lead to new opportunities for our partners.

Graduate Studies

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The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Graduate Studies Office supports the work of our graduate students, graduate faculty, and graduate programs.

Several grant programs to support graduate student work and presentations at conferences are administered through the Graduate Studies Office. We also direct students to information about financial aid, campus resources, and campus policies. In partnership with the college offices, Financial Aid, and the Office of Multicultural Student Services, we coordinate tuition award programs. We host the annual 3 Minute Grad Project Competition, to highlight student accomplishments to the campus community. Thesis and dissertation editing and approval are facilitated by the office, and we host a Hooding Ceremony each semester for students in programs that do not hold their own graduation events.

Graduate faculty applications are processed by our office in preparation for review by the Graduate Council, and we maintain a database of the graduate faculty. We host a monthly meeting for Graduate Program Directors, providing communication and resources for these campus leaders. We also support the processes by which faculty may nominate students for awards.

We support graduate programs in recruiting students, including website support and a graduate school visit day each fall. We work in partnership with Admissions to support online application processes to many graduate programs. Finally, we take a lead role in enacting the action steps identified within the Graduate Education Strategic Plan.

Extended Learning

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University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Extended Learning (UWLEX) works with faculty and departments to extend the instructional, research, and public service resources of UWL to individuals and organizations in western Wisconsin communities and in other parts of the state. Some programs attract national and international audiences.

Graduate and undergraduate credit courses are offered off campus for part-time students, primarily K-12 educators, and health and human service professionals. Online master’s degree programs are offered in collaboration with UW Extended Campus and UWL Recreation Management and Therapeutic Recreation.

Conferences, workshops and other non-credit instructional programs are conducted for selected professional audiences, as well as the general public. Continuing education units (CE units) or health education continuing education contact hours (CECHs) are awarded when appropriate.

Science, humanities, and arts enrichment classes also are offered for upper elementary, middle, and high school students. Test preparation courses are also offered for ACT, GRE, GMAT, and LSAT.

Credit outreach courses and most non-credit instructional programs are offered in partnership with UW Extended Campus. Distance learning technologies are used for selected audiences.

UWL Extended Learning staff work with faculty and off-campus individuals to host conferences and annual meetings of professional associations and other organizations.

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