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Academic advising

Faculty advisers are assigned to each student based on academic major. Advisor assignments can be found in the WINGS Student Center. Advisers may be consulted for major and career choices and concerns, course sequencing and selection, and a variety of other issues. Students should schedule a minimum of one conference per semester with their advisers. Frequently this is done when planning next semester's class schedule.

Other advising resources include the Academic Advising Center, Career Services Office, and the Counseling and Testing Center. The staff in these offices provide academic, career and personal counseling, and make referrals when appropriate. These resources, particularly the Academic Advising Center, are useful for students who have not declared an academic major or are uncertain about a major or career.

Academic assistants to the deans are knowledgeable about university policies and procedures. They assign faculty advisers and notify students of their academic status. They determine whether students have completed all General Education, college core, major, minor, and university requirements for graduation. You should schedule an appointment with the assistant in your college dean's office one semester prior to graduation to confirm that all requirements will be met.

The Advisement Report (AR) is an important advising tool and is available in the WINGS Student Center under "Academic Requirements." The AR identifies requirements that have been completed and those that remain. Using your AR is the best way to ensure that you are taking exactly the courses you need for graduation. You may be thinking of changing your program of study and wondering how that change would affect your progress. You can use the What If AR to set up and request a simulated or “what-if” advisement report based on alternate programs of study. This provides an opportunity to determine how one's courses fit into a different major, and what requirements would need to be met. ARs are available in the online WINGS Student Center. If you have any questions about how your courses are applying in the AR, please see your dean's office.

Academic Advising Center

1140 Centennial Hall
608.785.6950
advising@uwlax.edu
www.uwlax.edu/Academic-Advising-Center

The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Academic Advising Center is committed to providing all students developmental academic advising grounded in teaching and based on valuing a liberal arts education. Through this process, students develop the skills and self-knowledge to be adaptable and reflective life-long learners. This results in the ability to set personal goals and to make intelligent educational, career, and life choices to achieve those goals.

Undeclared majors: Most of the center’s work is focused on students who have not decided on an academic major. In addition to a staff of professional advisers, there are resources to assist with academic and career decision-making, including Career Locker and other web-based programs that can help students explore their interests, values, skills, potential majors and occupations. Staff members meet individually and in group advising sessions to assist students with their majors and career choices, course registration, Advisement Reports, general education requirements and academic policies and procedures.

Declared majors: The Academic Advising Center staff supports the advising that is carried out by faculty and academic staff in the colleges, departments, and other academic units. While students who have declared their major/minor should meet every semester with their designated faculty adviser, they are also welcome to utilize the services of the Academic Advising Center.

The ACCESS Center

165 Murphy Library Resource Center
608.785.6900
www.uwlax.edu/access-center

The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse is committed to providing equal educational opportunities for all students. Students with disabilities on our campus are offered a variety of services to insure that both facilities and programs are accessible. The ACCESS Center for student with
disabilities can assist students in obtaining reasonable accommodations at the university.

If you have a physical, sensory, emotional, or learning disability, you should meet with personnel from The ACCESS Center during your first semester on campus. Contact personnel at the office immediately after acceptance into the university.

**Campus Climate**

1120 Centennial Hall
608.785.5094
www.uwlax.edu/campus-climate

Formed in 2005 as a project of Plan 2008, the Research & Resource Center for Campus Climate envisions a campus environment where the individual and collective are committed to welcoming, including, and engaging the experiences and perspectives of all. Through fostering dialogue, respect, critical thinking, personal growth, and social action, we believe in the power of awareness, the strength of understanding, and the potential of bridging cultures across difference. To that end, our mission is to facilitate, sustain and advance an organizational culture and climate that supports principles of social justice, equity, inclusion and community.

A couple of our most recognized efforts include:

- **AWARENESS THROUGH PERFORMANCE** (http://www.uwlax.edu/Campus-Climate/Awareness-through-Performance-%28ATP%29) - AWARENESS through PERFORMANCE is a student group that works toward promoting greater consciousness around social justice, diversity, and climate issues on the UW-L campus and beyond. Using the stage as their forum, students creatively challenge systems of privilege and oppression and strive to plant seeds of social responsibility, inspire critical thought, and spark a campus-wide conversation.

- **HATE & BIAS RESPONSE** (http://www.uwlax.edu/Campus-Climate/Hate-Response-Team) - The Hate Response Team (HRT) exists to combat the many forms of hate/bias and all manifestations of prejudice and intolerance through consistent assessment of the campus climate, proactive educational efforts for all, and comprehensive response and counsel to the individual and collective impacted by hate/bias.

Through the online Hate/Bias Incident Report (http://www.uwlax.edu/Campus-Climate/Hate/Bias-Incident-Report), the Hate Response Team seeks to collect information on any and all incidents of hate, bias and discrimination motivated by a person’s actual or perceived identity, which could include race, ethnic background, nationality, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, or religious affiliation.

**Campus safety and parking**

**Police Services**
605 17th St. N.
608.789.9000
www.uwlax.edu/police

The University Police Department exists for the protection of people and property within and adjacent to the university community. The staff of certified (commissioned) police officers strives to provide a safe and secure campus environment. This is done through enforcement as well as engaging in activities with the Student Life Office and Residence Life Office to promote safety and responsible behavior. The officers are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.


**Campus Parking**
605 17th St. N.
608.785.8061
www.uwlax.edu/parking/

This unit also works with the campus parking office. Parking space is very limited. Lots designated as commuter parking for students and staff are controlled by permits sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Residence hall parking permits for students living on campus are sold on a priority basis, depending on students’ year in school.

**Career Services**

1140 Centennial Hall
608.785.8514
www.uwlax.edu/career-services

The Career Services Office assists students in finding meaningful careers. The following services are available to assist in this process:

- **Career Advising:** Students can meet individually with a career advisor to discuss career exploration, job and internship search strategies, resume and cover letter writing, interviewing skills, and graduate school application process.

- **Career Events:** Each year, Career Services coordinates several major career events that allow students to meet employers on an informal basis to discuss career options, internship positions, and employment opportunities.

- **Online Services:** From the Career Services’ home page, students can view and apply for regularly updated internships and jobs, sign up for on-campus interviews and upload resumes for employers to view online. The home page also provides a complete schedule of Career Services sponsored career fairs, events and workshops, extensive “how to” information for resume writing, cover letter writing and interviewing, links to the top job web sites and major employer home pages, graduate and professional school information, links to career guidance information, and an annually updated report on employment information of recent UW-L graduates.

- **On-Campus Interviewing:** Employers from business, industry, government, and education visit the campus to interview students for employment opportunities.

**Cooperative Education and Internship Program:** Internships help students integrate the classroom with practical experience through work related to their academic and occupational goals. These experiences, for which a student can receive credit, include working for regional, national, and international businesses, government agencies, and community organizations.

To participate in the Cooperative Education and Internship Program, students must meet grade point average and course prerequisites. Students must be at their internship site during the academic term for which they are registered for academic credit. Thirty credits may be taken and recorded on the academic record; however no more than 15 credits are applicable to a degree. Students should contact the Career Services Office during their sophomore year to learn more.

Departmental internships also are offered. See Cooperative Education and Internships (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/cooperativeeducationandinternships) for a list of the departments.

**Child Center**

Eagle Rec Center
The Campus Child Center was established in 1985 to provide care for the children of University of Wisconsin-La Crosse students, staff, and faculty. The Center has built and maintained a reputation for providing quality care to the families they serve. For more information, visit the Campus Child Center (http://www.uwlax.edu/campus-child-center).

Continuing Education and Extension (CEE)

205 Morris Hall
608.785.6504
conted@uwlax.edu
www.uwlax.edu/conted

CEE works with faculty and departments to extend the instructional, research, and public service resources of UW-L 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. Collaborative, online bachelor’s degree completion programs and graduate programs are also offered.

Conferences, workshops and other non-credit instructional programs are conducted for selected professional audiences, as well as the general public. A non-credit certificate program is offered in autism spectrum disorders. Learning in Retirement programs are offered specifically for older adults. 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.

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

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

Cooperative Program with Viterbo University

The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and Viterbo University, also located in La Crosse, have an agreement for inter-institutional cooperation. The program is designed to enhance the educational opportunities for students of both institutions and to optimize the use of personnel, financial, and physical resources. Authorized students from each institution will be allowed to enroll in selected courses at the other institution.

Specific conditions:

1. Enrollment of any student in any course will be contingent upon the written permission of both institutions.
2. Students must be enrolled as full-time students at their home institution to be eligible for participation in the program.
3. Priority will be given to students from the home institution in courses where enrollments are limited.
4. Students will be allowed to carry a maximum of six credits at the sister institution.
5. Payment of general tuition and fees will be made at the institution at which the student is enrolled full-time.
6. Any special course fees, i.e. for laboratories, physical education, etc., will be paid at the institution at which the course is taken.
7. Only under special circumstances will students be allowed to enroll in courses at the sister institution that are available at the home institution. This will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
8. Summer and winter terms are excluded from the agreement.

If you are interested in participating in the program, contact the Cooperative Program Advisory Coordinator in the College of Science and Health, 205 Graff Main Hall.

Counseling and Testing Center

2106 Centennial Hall
608.785.8073
www.uwlax.edu/counseling-testing

The Counseling and Testing Center (CTC) offers a wide range of mental health and testing services designed to help college students adjust to the university environment and cope with emotional and psychological difficulties, as well as academic and social pressures. The CTC is also home to a Relaxation Room equipped with reclining chairs and massage pads, as well as computer-based biofeedback, guided relaxation, and music programs.

Individual counseling provides an opportunity to talk with a professional counselor about any topic or personal concern. Groups and workshops help students learn new interpersonal skills, improve study skills, or discuss personal concerns in a safe and supportive atmosphere. Couples therapy is also offered when indicated by treatment needs. The CTC staff works closely with the physicians, nurse practitioners, and the psychiatrist at the Student Health Center to coordinate any medical care that might be needed. Information shared in counseling sessions is confidential in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes.

Our professional staff consists of psychologists, counselors, social workers, and supervised professionals-in-training. Staff members have considerable experience in working with college students and use various short-term methods of individual and group counseling to help students achieve their goals. The CTC is a training site for graduate level practicum and intern students, as well as post-doctoral psychology fellows who work under the supervision of licensed professional psychologists and counselors. We strive to empower students to recognize and improve their own capacity for wellness and healing. Our staff believes that good mental and emotional health are imperative to both academic and interpersonal success. Most counseling center services are funded by student segregated fees and are available to all currently enrolled students.

Several national testing programs are administered for UW-L students and community members in a paper/pencil format. Available exams include the ACT, CLEP, CHES, LSAT, Miller Analogy, SAT, and Wisconsin Placement Tests. The Counseling and Testing Center also serves as a computer-based testing center for Castle World Wide, PAN (Performance Assessment Network), and Pearson/VUE. The GRE, Praxis/PPST, TOEFL and MCAT exams are available through agreement with Education Testing Service. As a member of the National College Testing Association’s Consortium of College Test Centers, CTC also provides proctoring for UW-L students and community members for those who are taking correspondence, online or distance courses, in addition to those individuals needing professional certification for employment.
more information on proctoring services, see the National College Testing Association (http://www.ncte-testing.org/cctc).

First Year Experience
149 Graff Main Hall
608.785.8055
www.uwlax.edu/first-year-experience

Student Life - First Year Experience is responsible for programs such as New Student Orientation and Family Weekend. It exists as a resource to assist in the transition of new students and their families by building partnerships through communication, programming, and resources. Please call, email, or drop-by to ask a question or to chat about your experience as a new student at UW-L.

Information Technology Services (ITS)/ Help Desk
Information Technology Services
Wing Technology Center
www.uwlax.edu/its

Eagle Help Desk
103 Wing Technology Center
608.785.8774
helpdesk@uwlax.edu
www.uwlax.edu/its/Eagle-Help-Desk

ITS provides our campus community with the technology necessary to facilitate and enhance learning through these services: computer labs and classrooms, personal file storage, distance education, lecture capture, Eagle Help Desk, EagleApps (email) powered by Google, network, and personal file storage. Students can access their academic information, tuition, and fees and register for classes online using WINGS. Many courses offer online resources through Desire2Learn (D2L), the campus supported course management system. Many of these resources are available on or off campus through a web browser. Computing and network information resources are widely used to support instruction, research, student services, and communication and to create a community of shared inquiry. Principles of responsible use, to which all users are bound, are included in the student (http://www.uwlax.edu/ITS/Student-technology-guide) and staff (http://www.uwlax.edu/ITS/Faculty-and-staff-technology-guide) handbooks.

ITS open computing access labs (http://www.uwlax.edu/ITS/Computer-classrooms-and-labs) are located in Murphy Library and Cartwright Center. The labs have computers using Windows 7 and Macintosh operating systems. A wide variety of application software including Microsoft Office is available. Pay-for-print laser printing is available in ITS computing rooms, and the Eagle Help Desk has more information about printing on campus (http://www.uwlax.edu/ITS/Pay-for-print).

The Eagle Help Desk provides free technical assistance. Assistance is available by phone, email, live chat, web, or on a walk-in basis. For self-help and more support resources, please visit the Help Desk (http://www.uwlax.edu/ITS/Eagle-Help-Desk).

The campus network reaches all buildings, including residence halls. Residence halls have individual network connections in each room; plus, a computer lab in each hall is available to residents. Wireless network connectivity is available in all academic buildings, residence halls, and many public areas on campus, both inside and outside, for students with mobile computers.

International Education & Engagement
1209 Centennial Hall
608.785.8016
www.uwlax.edu/international-education

International student services
International student advisors are located with International Education & Engagement. The advisors play an important role in assisting new international students in their adjustment to UW-L and life in the United States. Although a primary function is advising students on immigration regulations, International Education and Engagement and the international student advisors provide other important services:

- Pre-arrival information containing details about transportation and arrival, health insurance, housing, life in La Crosse, and orientation.
- Orientation programs scheduled each semester before classes to acquaint new students with university academics, facilities, procedures, life in La Crosse, money and banking, immigration laws, and campus and community organizations.
- Administration of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and Department of State (DOS) regulations in areas such as work authorization, transfer of schools, practical training authorization, and extension of stay.
- Referral services to other university offices and community agencies.

The international student advisor serves as a liaison with other organizations that provide international students various opportunities to meet and interact with people from UW-L and the La Crosse community. One organization is the La Crosse Friends of International Students (LFIS). LFIS is an organization actively involved with international students at UW-L. This group organizes welcome activities for new international students and coordinates Friendship Families for all interested students.

UW-L offers many recognized university student organizations (https://uwlmorgs.collegiatealink.net) to domestic and international students. Membership provides an opportunity to become involved on campus and in the community. Many of these activities emphasize educational, social and cultural sharing, as well as the development of a more global campus perspective.

Academic programs abroad
UW-L and International Education & Engagement offer students a range of academic programs for full university credit at leading universities well matched to the needs and interests of UW-L students. Program costs are, on average, comparatively less than many other university programs nationwide.

The university encourages students to study in a foreign country to enrich their university training and enhance career opportunities. International study programs provide special opportunities for advanced study of the humanities, social sciences, international business, and the arts. Language study programs are coordinated with modern language course work at UW-L so that students may continue their progress in an appropriate sequence.

International Education & Engagement has a resource room with information on UW-L programs including course catalogs, videos and host country information. Study abroad peer mentors are also available during regular office hours to share a student perspective on study abroad experiences in a variety of countries and programs.
Academic program abroad categories

1. Exchanges permit students to enroll directly at a foreign university for a semester or year by "trading places" with a student who may come to UW-L from that university. Exchange students take standard classes in the curriculum and otherwise participate fully as regular students at the host university.

2. Study abroad programs also allow students to enroll directly at a foreign university but under the auspices of a specially designed program to accommodate American students.

3. Provider programs are study abroad companies that offer international programs for American students. Their sites may be affiliated with a foreign university or designed as a study center exclusively for American students.

4. Study tours are short-term credit-bearing programs (summer, winter intersession, or spring break) led by UW-L faculty which allow students to focus on specific issues, themes, or world regions. Destinations may vary each academic year.

5. Service learning programs are non-credit bearing study tours that offer students the opportunity to take part in a volunteer or service learning experience abroad.

Listed below are the principal academic programs abroad currently available to UW-L students:

- Australia
- China
- Denmark
- Egypt
- France
- Ireland
- Germany
- Israel
- Japan
- Mexico
- National Student Exchange Program (NSE) - domestic placements
- Norway
- Spain
- Sweden
- United Kingdom (includes Scotland)
- Worldwide
  - Academic Programs International (API)
  - Cultural Experiences Abroad (CEA)
  - Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE)
  - GlobaLinks
  - International Student Exchange Program (ISEP)
  - International Internship Programs
  - International Undergraduate Research (http://www.uwlax.edu/urc/Funding/URCC_grants.htm)

Academic requirements

Selection of the appropriate program for each student requires careful consideration of the academic, personal, and financial factors that determine a successful international experience. Group and individual advising sessions with the study abroad staff assist students in choosing an appropriate program. Applicants for academic programs abroad are expected to have a good record of academic achievements. UW-L requires a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.50 and successful completion of one semester on campus. However, some programs may require a higher GPA and class standing in order to be eligible.

Upon acceptance into a semester or academic year program, students are required to enroll in INS 250 Orientation to Study Abroad (1 cr.), a course designed to prepare students for a successful international experience. This course examines educational, cultural, political, and other issues that affect a student’s adaptation to foreign environments. Students may also elect to enroll in INS 251 Study Abroad Practicum: Journaling (1 cr.) while abroad, and INS 252 Cross-Cultural Reentry From Study Abroad (1 cr.) upon return, which taken together fulfills a general education requirement.

Academic credit is awarded for all programs, subject to approval of transfer by specific departments. These grades are calculated in a separate transfer GPA and are not included in the student’s overall GPA. Programs offering UW-L resident credit will be included in the overall GPA.

Students wishing to participate in non-UW-L study abroad programs may do so pending review and approval by International Education & Engagement.

Cost and financial aid

The university makes every effort to provide academically sound exchange and study abroad programs at reasonable costs. Exchange program fees may be based on tuition, room, and board at UW-L with some additional administrative fees. Study abroad program fees are set by the sponsoring institution. Students may apply financial aid to the cost of the programs. Wisconsin residents are eligible for a need-based grant of up to $2,000. Veterans benefits may apply as well. In addition to financial aid, International Education & Engagement has information on several scholarships and grants that may be used to offset the cost of studying abroad.

La Crosse Exercise and Health Program (LEHP)

221 Mitchell Hall
608.785.8883
www.uwlax.edu/La-Crosse-Exercise-and-Health

The LEHP program, in conjunction with the La Crosse area medical profession, comprises two community service units, Adult Fitness and Cardiac Rehabilitation, as well as professional units in Research and Educational Services. Based on laboratory evaluations, individualized programs of diet and exercise are developed by UW-L faculty and technicians in cooperation with area medical personnel. Graduate assistants and undergraduate fitness majors assist during exercise periods in the Mitchell Hall pool and field house or during individual testing sessions in the Human Performance Laboratory. The LEHP offers an opportunity for practical experience, particularly to students who major in exercise and sport science and health education. Both the graduate degree program in clinical exercise physiology and the undergraduate program in exercise and sport science-fitness emphasis enroll students who rely heavily on the LEHP units for their clinical work and supervision opportunities.

La Crosse Medical Health Science Consortium, Inc.

3065 Health Science Center
608.785.5150
The La Crosse Medical Health Science Consortium (LMHSC) is an alliance of Mayo Clinic Health System-Franciscan Healthcare and Gundersen Health System, the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Viterbo University, Western Technical College, the La Crosse County Health Department, and the School District of La Crosse. The medical and higher education partners formed the Consortium in 1993 to provide a means for working collaboratively to provide better healthcare, strengthen the healthcare workforce, and encourage strong health science research initiatives. The Consortium continues to work toward these goals through collaborative projects in population health improvement, nursing, clinical placements, cultural competency, and workforce issues in 20 counties of Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota.

The Consortium is located in, and operates, the $27.1 million Health Science Center (HSC), which opened in 2000. The HSC was built with the support of the five founding partners, the State of Wisconsin, and generous private donations. It houses classrooms and teaching laboratories, research labs, faculty offices, and meeting rooms used by UW-L, Western, and Gundersen Health System. It is also home to the Student Health Center, which serves both UW-L and Western students, and La Crosse Community Dental, a nonprofit dental provider for the community.

Legal aid service

The Student Association annually contracts with local attorneys to help students who need legal advice. By contacting Student Life, 608.785.8062, you can make an appointment to see an attorney on campus. All information between attorney and student is kept confidential. It should be noted that legal service is limited to advice, not court appearances. For further information contact Student Life, 149 Graff Main Hall.

Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center (MVAC)

Archaeology Center and Laboratories Building
608.785.8464
mvac/uwlax.edu

MVAC is an archaeological research, preservation and public education unit of the Department of Archaeology and Anthropology that conducts excavations, surveys, pre-collegiate education, and public programs. MVAC preserves sites and collections and works with archaeologists in the Archaeology/Anthropology Department to provide opportunities for student participation in archaeological research and pre-professional training and experience. The archaeology laboratory is a location for much course-related student research and contains space to curate artifacts recovered from field projects. Field studies are conducted regularly to learn about the prehistoric and early historic cultures of the upper Mississippi River Valley. The MVAC website contains much information on the archaeology of the upper Mississippi River and the public events and activities that MVAC sponsors.

The Academic Success Institute (ASI)

ASI is a bridge program designed to help first year multicultural and disadvantaged students adjust to a rigorous college routine during the summer before the regular academic year begins. Between 20 and 25 students are enrolled for six weeks of intensive instruction in college level courses and related college experiences. The institute’s records have provided proof that retention and grade point averages can be improved appreciably by this transitional academic experience between high school and college.

Students interested in attending the Academic Success Institute must have a need for academic support to successfully complete a college education and must identify as being from one or more of the following groups:

1. First generation college student (neither parent earned a bachelor’s degree);
2. Historically underrepresented populations (African American, Native American, South-Asian American, and Latino/Hispanic);
3. Economically disadvantaged.

submitting an application for admission to the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse is a requirement for participation. Students will also complete an ASI application and be interviewed prior to acceptance into the program. Applications for ASI are accepted until program capacity is reached. For additional questions, please contact the Office of Multicultural Student Services, 1101 Centennial Hall, 608.785.8225.

Murphy Library Resource Center

608.785.8507
murphylibrary@uwlax.edu
www.uwlax.edu/murphylibrary

Murphy Library is the campus center for academic inquiry. The library provides access to a vast and diverse collection of electronic and print resources, facilities designed to accommodate in a flexible manner a variety of learning needs, and technologies that complement and enhance the acquisition and synthesis of information.

The library building offers open, welcoming spaces for study and collaboration as well as individual study carrels, group study rooms, and a café. The open-stack print and microform collections are complemented by map collections, the pre-K-12 Curriculum Center, leisure reading materials, and a media area. A multimedia collection consisting of audio-visual materials in a variety of formats such as DVD, CD-ROM, and videotape is located on the main floor of the library. The library is also a selective depository for state and federal government documents. The Special Collections/Area Research Center contains university archives,
The Planetarium has served the university, area schools, private groups, and the general public since 1966. Several thousand people attend presentations at the Planetarium each school year. Bright stars and major constellations are pointed out in the simulated sky for school groups, private groups, and public programs. Each of these programs also includes a multimedia presentation on various subjects in astronomy and space science. There are monthly public programs at 1:00 pm on Saturdays in October, November, December, February, March, and April. Album Encounters are multimedia light and laser shows set to rock music. They are at 8:00 pm on Fridays when classes are in session. For information on programs, see the UW-La Crosse Planetarium (http://www.uwlax.edu/planetarium) or call 608.785.8669.

For more information, please visit Murphy Library (http://www.uwlax.edu/murphylibrary).

Planetarium

020 Cowley Hall
608.785.8669
www.uwlax.edu/planetarium

The Office of Residence Life team mission statement reads, "The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Residence Life Program is an integral component of the University's educational mission. We provide reasonably priced and well maintained living/learning environments which are designed to foster learning, community, personal growth, responsibility, respect, leadership, and citizenship."

Over one-third of the undergraduate students enrolled in the university reside in one of the eleven residence halls with a total occupancy of 3,200 including two new residence halls which provide apartment and suite style living for 880 students.
Residence halls are group living and learning centers financed and maintained solely by revenue from residents. Several living/learning arrangements are offered to meet individual needs: an upper-class hall, first-year experience halls, gender inclusive housing, and specialized living/learning communities exist in our newest residence halls. All halls are co-ed and smoke-free.

Halls are equipped with big screen color TVs, study areas, kitchens, computer rooms, laundry rooms, vending machines, a front desk operation, and games such as ping-pong, pool, and foosball. All student rooms have hard wired internet connection, one port per resident, and wireless connectivity throughout the hall.

Recreation, social, personal development, intramural sports, and diversity programs are some of the activities planned by residents of each hall with guidance and support from residence life staff members. Students are encouraged to assume leadership roles and take an active part of their living community via hall council or the Residence Hall Association Council (RHAC).

Entering students, after paying the $75 housing deposit, may indicate a living arrangement, specific hall, and/or roommate preference when you complete the online housing application. Priority for housing and meeting specific requests is based on the date of your housing application. In addition, a web-based roommate finder program is available.

Specific housing regulations are communicated to all residents through our polices and procedures (http://www.uwlax.edu/ResLife/Policies-and-Procedures) and the student handbook, Eagle Eye (http://www.uwlax.edu/Student-Life/Student-handbook). These regulations are consistent with the conduct code referred to in this catalog and have been formulated by the chancellor under the authorization and direction of the UW System Board of Regents.

Off-campus living opportunities (http://www.uwlax.edu/ResLife/Guide-for-living-off-campus) are also available. Rental agreements are between students and their respective landlords. The university does not inspect or approve off-campus housing.

River Studies Center
4043 Cowley Hall
608.785.8261
www.uwlax.edu/river-studies-center

The River Studies Center, created in 1972, is a non-curricular unit established to focus on research and informational programs pertinent to the Upper Mississippi River and its related resources. During the past 40 years, the Center has expanded its research program to other aquatic resources, including rivers, streams, lakes, and wetlands across Wisconsin, the Upper Midwest, and the nation. The Center has extensive interdisciplinary collaborative partnerships with several state and federal agencies and with other universities, including the U.S. Geological Survey, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, the National Park Service, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The research of Center faculty addresses resource issues and environmental problems of pressing regional and national concern, such as environmental pollutants and contaminants that have caused widespread degradation of our aquatic resources. Faculty affiliated with the Center are highly competitive and successful in securing financial support for sustained aquatic environmental research. Scholarly investigations by the Center have provided research opportunities to nearly 100 graduate students and more than 250 undergraduates.

Small Business Development Center (SBDC)
120 Wimberly Hall
608.785.8782
www.uwlax.edu/sbdc

The SBDC helps business owners start and grow their businesses through research, on-site programs, advising and educational programming. As one of Wisconsin’s Small Business Development Centers, the SBDC taps statewide resources to help business managers solve business challenges. It provides businesses with information and guidance in starting, maintaining, and expanding a small business including innovative, high potential businesses. Funding from the Small Business Administration supports the counseling.

Case studies sometimes are conducted by advanced students under faculty supervision.

In partnership with UW-Extension, the SBDC provides non-credit continuing education programs for business people in a seven-county region. Topics include business plan development, marketing, sales, finance, human resources, and other small business concerns. The Supervisory Management Certificate Program provides practical training for both new and experienced managers. In addition, the SBDC provides speakers, programs, and trainers to individual firms and groups.

Some research, such as feasibility and impact studies, is conducted for area businesses. Local economic data is accessed through the SBDC website.

Student Health Center
1st Floor, Health Science Center
608.785.8558
www.uwlax.edu/student-health-center

The Student Health Center, a member of the American College Health Association, provides medical, nursing, and physical therapy services in the form of outpatient and urgent care as well as prevention of illness or injury. The staff consists of Board Certified physicians, a certified nurse practitioner, two registered nurses, physical therapists who are also certified athletic trainers, physical therapist assistants, medical lab technologists, health information managers, and office staff. The Health Center staffs are experienced in working with the health care needs of college students and are dedicated to providing high quality care and assistance.

Services are available to students who are registered for credits each semester. The student health fee is automatically included in the student fee statement.

Students are not required to have insurance to receive care at the Health Center. Payment of student fees covers this cost. However, students are strongly encouraged to obtain supplemental hospital-accident insurance to cover such expenses as hospitalization, emergency services, specialist care, pharmacy, and ambulance transport. The student health fee does not cover these costs. If coverage is available through a family plan, students are urged to have the name of the insurance carrier and policy/subscriber numbers available on campus.

All information in a student’s health record is entirely confidential and is not released to anyone without the student’s written consent. Students may schedule an appointment to review their medical records.

Students can be seen at the Health Center by scheduled appointments, same day appointments, and urgent clinic. Appointments are available
weekdays when school is in session from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Monday, Thursday, and Friday; 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Wednesday; and 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday. Students who need emergency medical care when the Health Center is closed should go to the emergency department or walk-in clinic of either of the La Crosse hospitals.

Student Life
149 Graff Main Hall
608.785.8062
www.uwlax.edu/student-life

Student Life staff serve as advocates to promote the interest of students within the university. Their goal is to facilitate student success by maximizing the use of the services available and to intervene on students' behalf when requested and appropriate. Staff are prepared to address the following issues:

- advising and referral of students who experience personal crises
- investigation of student complaints (ombuds role)
- advocacy and advisement for returning adult students (non-traditional aged)

Student Life is also designated with the responsibility of enforcing the various conduct codes on campus, which can be found in the Eagle Eye. If you experience harassment, discrimination, assault (physical or sexual), or have questions regarding your rights and responsibilities, visit Student Life for confidential advice and guidance.

In addition, the staff provides mediation services to students who may experience interpersonal conflict(s) and are interested in working toward resolution.

Student Life/Violence Prevention
149 Graff Main Hall
608.785.8062
www.uwlax.edu/violence-prevention

UW-L recognizes that violence in any form interferes with the work and learning taking place in our community. Often, someone who experiences a sexual assault, stalking, or violence or abuse in a relationship, may find that they have difficulty focusing on work or on their studies. Student Life/Violence Prevention is here to assist with advocacy, information, and support, so that you can make informed choices about the options available to you in these situations. Services are free, confidential, and available to all UW-L students, faculty, and/or staff members.

In addition to advocacy, the Violence Prevention Specialist is available to provide education and training on campus. Contact us to learn more or to schedule a classroom presentation or training session.

Student Life/Wellness Resource Center
Wellness Resource Center
149 Graff Main Hall
608.785.8977
www.uwlax.edu/wellness

The mission of the Wellness Resource Center is to empower students and staff by providing them with the knowledge and tools necessary to lead a healthy, balanced lifestyle. People have a natural impulse for health and an innate wisdom about what is best for them. The Wellness Resource Center’s job is to help minimize or remove the barriers that interfere with that impulse and cultivate an environment in which the potential for health flourishes.

The Wellness Resource Center is committed to the UW-L campus community. By guiding their behaviors we allow for a more holistic, balanced lifestyle where students, staff and faculty are able to achieve their full potential.

Student Support Services
2131 Centennial Hall
608.785.8535
www.uwlax.edu/student-support-services

Student Support Services is a federally funded TRIO program that has been at the university since 1978. Each year, the program provides services to 350 students who meet federal eligibility requirements. A student must meet one of the following criteria to be considered eligible for services:

1. First generation college student (neither parent graduated from a four-year college or university);
2. Receive a substantial amount of financial aid;
3. Have a diagnosed physical and/or learning disability.

Services provided through the program include: individualized academic, personal, financial, and career advising; and professional and peer tutoring in a variety of topics including math, English, and science.

Tutoring Services
Murphy Learning Center
256 Murphy Library
www.uwlax.edu/murphy-learning-center

The Murphy Learning Center

The Murphy Learning Center is a place where all UW-La Crosse students can receive free tutoring services in a variety of general education courses. The Murphy Learning Center is located in 256 Murphy Library and is mainly staffed by peer tutors. Tutoring is available for Mathematics, Writing, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science/Geography, Microbiology, and Physics. Tutors can assist with homework, preparation for quizzes or tests, learning vocabulary, and special projects as well as gaining an understanding of the general concepts. Hours vary depending on the subject. Visit the Murphy Learning Center (http://www.uwlax.edu/murphy-learning-center) for more details.

Mathematics: Mathematics and Statistics tutors are available in the Murphy Learning Center. In addition, the Mathematics Department keeps a list of private tutors available in the department office, 1020 Cowley Hall.

Writing: The Writing Center is housed within the Murphy Learning Center. The center is open at no cost to all students who seek help with their writing in any class. Students may be referred to the center by their professors, but many students come to the center on their own. Students should make appointments to be tutored, but drop-ins are welcome if tutors are available.

Writing Center (http://www.uwlax.edu/Murphy-Learning-Center/Writing-center) staff assists students at any stage of the composing process: understanding an assignment, finding a topic, identifying an audience, developing materials, planning and organizing, writing a rough draft, and revising. The staff does not proofread student papers. Visit the Writing Center for more information.

Upward Bound
176 Murphy Library Resource Center
Campus Resources

Upward Bound is a federally funded program for low income and/or first generation college bound high school students. It is funded under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and is one of the TRIO programs created by Congress to help students overcome educational, social, cultural, and financial barriers to higher education. Services include weekly tutoring and advising, monthly Saturday activities, college visits, career exploration, and a six-week summer residential program. Funded at UW-L since 1979, the program serves eligible students from La Crosse and Monroe counties.

Veterans Educational Benefits

116 Graff Main Hall
608.785.8751
www.uwlax.edu/veteran-services

The Veterans Educational Benefits office is a resource to help facilitate the transition from the military to university life. They assist students in applying for and receiving their federal and state veteran educational benefits and understanding how those benefits are best used at UW-La Crosse. For more information, visit Veterans Educational Benefits (http://www.uwlax.edu/veteran-services).