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Alumni Association

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www.uwlax.edu/alumni

The UW-La Crosse Alumni Association builds and maintains relationships among alumni, students, friends, and the university. The Association is here to help you stay connected to UWL, provide opportunities for you to network and support your transition from college student to alumni.

We have resources for you as a student, including:

- Preparing you for the professional world
- Connecting you with alumni in your field of study
- Offering Legacy Scholarships to students that have alumni parents or relatives (apply on Academic Works)
- Assisting with events that large groups of alumni, friends and donors will attend

We’re also your one-stop-shop after you graduate, providing services such as:

- Hosting networking events to bring fellow alumni together in your area
- Keeping you updated with campus news
- Helping plan reunions with your student organization, club, athletic team, or graduating class
- Honoring distinguished alumni and connecting award recipients with current students

The UW Alumni Association is a dues-based organization. Consider joining once you graduate to give back and get great stuff—your membership supports everything mentioned above and more!

We know you are only a student for a short-time, but you will be an alum for a lifetime.
Once you move-on from UWL, we hope you will come home and visit!

For information regarding programs, membership, benefits, services, and how you can get involved, visit the UW Alumni Association (https://www.uwlax.edu/alumni).

The UW-La Crosse Alumni Association. For you. For La Crosse. For a lifetime.

Departmental honors programs policy

Departmental honors programs are available in the Departments of Archaeology and Anthropology, Economics, English, Geography, Global Cultures and Languages, Mathematics, Microbiology, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science and Public Administration, Psychology, and Sociology.

Designed to provide opportunities for special in-depth research, reading and writing for majors in the departments listed above, department honors programs also emphasize independent and creative work with highly personalized student-teacher contact and discussion.

The minimum requirements for all departmental honors programs are:

1. At least 12 credits in the major with a 3.25 cumulative grade point average, recommendation of two faculty members from major department.
2. Program development in one course in a seminar, independent study, research study, or other appropriate honors options within the major program of study.
3. Evaluation: a cumulative 3.50 grade point average at graduation in the major, distinguished performance on a paper or project (a project might be a ballet in the area of the arts, or a study of some aspect of local economic conditions in the area of business), and presentations of the paper or project to a colloquium of faculty and students in the major.

Honors programs may vary by department. See departmental listings underneath the colleges and schools.

Additionally, there are numerous student honor organizations.
See the "Honor and Recognition Society" category in the online listing of recognized student organizations on MyOrgs (https://uwlmyorgs.collegiatelink.net/organizations?SearchType=None&CurrentPage=1&Filters=GroupSearchOnMyInterests).

Intercollegiate athletics

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www.uwlathletics.com (http://www.uwlathletics.com)

The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse has a longstanding commitment to excellence in both the academic and physical development of its students, as memorialized in the University’s seal, which is emblazoned with the phrase “mens corpusque” (“mind and body”). The intercollegiate athletics program sponsors 21 sports competing as a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III, the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association (NCGA), and the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC). UW-L’s rich history in intercollegiate athletics is highlighted by 71 national championships, 404 conference championships, and thousands of All-American performers. Just as importantly, UW-L’s student-athletes have set a high bar in the classroom, with a cumulative GPA that consistently ranks as the highest in the WIAC and, for 17 out of the last 18 years, has exceeded the GPA of UW-La Crosse’s general student body. The nearly 600 student-athletes competing in UWL Athletics embody the program’s mission: Building Champions. In Sport. In School. In Life.

UW-L Alumni Association is committed to equal opportunity for student-athletes and staff. The program offers 12 women’s sports (basketball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, indoor and outdoor track and field, and volleyball) and nine
men’s sports (baseball, basketball, cross country, football, swimming and diving, tennis, indoor and outdoor track and field, and wrestling).

UWL Athletics is a member of the Division of Student Affairs and, as such, the director of athletics reports to the vice chancellor/dean of students. Two faculty athletics representatives provide academic oversight to the athletic program. In keeping with the campus commitment to shared governance, an Athletics Committee comprised of students, faculty, and staff monitors and advises the program on budgetary matters. A Student-Athlete Advisory Committee that includes representatives from every sport program meets regularly and consults with the program’s leadership.

McNair Scholars Program

106 Graff Main Hall
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www.uwlax.edu/mcnair-scholars

The Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program is federally funded by the United States Department of Education to provide eligible students with support and preparation for graduate school. McNair Scholars must either be low-income, first generation college students AND/OR be members of a traditionally underrepresented group in their field (usually African American, Latino/a, Native American and/or Asian Pacific Islander). The program at UWL-Crosse began in October of 2009 and is housed in the College of Science and Health. The program considers students from all majors that would lead to a Ph.D. as the terminal degree.

Music activities

608.785.8409
www.uwlax.edu/music

The Department of Music welcomes all University students to participate in its performing organizations. Music ensembles function as part of the curriculum for our music majors and minors but non-music major students from all colleges and programs make up a large percentage of the participants in our ensembles. There are a variety of music ensembles available including: Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Screaming Eagles Marching Band, Jazz Bands and combos, Concert Choir, Women’s Chorus, Mannerchor, Chamber Choir, Vocal Jazz Choirs, Korean Percussion Ensemble, and various other chamber ensembles. The large ensembles regularly perform on tours within the state, nationally and internationally. Auditions are required for admission and placement for some ensembles. Contact the Department of Music for details on audition dates, times, and repertoire. Also, for students who enjoy listening to music, the abundance of concerts presented by our ensembles throughout the academic year provide ample opportunities to attend a wide spectrum of musical events.

Recognized student organizations

For a current listing of over 215 UW-La Crosse Recognized Student Organizations, visit MyOrgs (https://uwlymorgs.collegiatelink.net).

Recreational sports

130 Recreational Eagle Center
608.785.5225
www.uwlax.edu/recsports

UWL students study hard, work hard, and play hard. Once you put down your books, check out what the Rec Sports Department has to offer. We have programs and facilities designed to help you stay active, meet new friends, and reduce your stress levels. Programs include: intramural sports, sport clubs, group fitness classes, personal training, special events, Outdoor Connection gear rental, trips, and climbing wall.

Recreational Eagle Center houses a climbing wall, 200 meter elevated track, two racquetball courts, six basketball courts, ten volleyball courts, three badminton courts, 3 multi-purpose rooms, new 15,000 sq. ft. fitness center, cardiovascular equipment, aerobics studio, conditioning room, locker rooms with showers, outdoor trips and rental program.

Mitchell Hall houses a swimming pool, climbing wall, 200 meter track, three basketball courts, six tennis courts, indoor course, dance studio, sports performance center, wrestling room, and locker rooms with showers.

Student Association and student government

2244 Student Union
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www.uwlax.edu/student-association

Chapter 36.09(5) of the Wisconsin State Statutes reads: “The students of each institution or campus shall have the right to organize themselves in a manner they determine and to select their representatives to participate in institutional governance.” To exercise that right, the students have established the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Student Association (UW-LSA) (http://www.uwlax.edu/student-association). Each student enrolled at UWL is a member of the UW-LSA. The student government is divided into three branches: executive, legislative (Student Senate), and judicial. The executive and legislative branches are elected by the members of the UW-LSA each year. The judicial branch is appointed by the executive branch and approved by the legislative branch. The Student Association seeks to provide a student voice by advocating for student rights and responsibilities, fostering leadership, communicating student issues, and demonstrating respect for diversity in their actions.

Student-Faculty Committees

The Academic Initiatives Differential Allocation Committee (AIDAC) is responsible for the annual distribution of academic initiatives differential tuition money to programs which fall under one of four cornerstones: advising, research, internationalization and diversity. AIDAC is a made up of students, faculty and staff members who must determine how to allocate the budget so as to be the best advocates of student money through program presentations and budget deliberations.

The Segregated University Fee Allocation Committee (SUFAC) recommends to the student senate the manner in which funds collected by the state for support of student activities are to be distributed among eligible organizations. The committee also allocates funds to eligible groups for equipment and supplies, reviews requests for the Sustainability Fund, and makes recommendations to the student senate.

The Legislative Affairs Committee is responsible for encouraging student participation in voting and other events and maintaining these by-laws of the various Student Senate committees.

The Organizations Committee is responsible for recommendations to the Student Senate for the formulation of general policies concerning student organizations, and for recommendations regarding the distribution of the allocable fees for programming organizations. The committee is also responsible for choosing commencement speakers and reviews requests for graduation regalia applications.

The Student Services and Buildings Committee recommends policy concerning services provided to students with regard to the
Student Union, Recreational Eagle Center, Health Center, Child Care Center, and Whitney Center. In addition, it is responsible for making recommendations to SUFAC for distribution of segregated fees for recreation, sport clubs, and student media.

The Marketing and Special Events Committee consists of up to four Student Senators as well as the Public Relations Director. The committee focuses on organizing and planning events sponsored by UWLSA. With the help of the Executive Cabinet, the committee also aids in facilitating creative discussion on the best way for the group to positively impact the experience of UWL students.

Student Governance Associations
Student governance extends beyond the UWL Student Association on campus. The Fraternity and Sorority Life Community is governed by The Panhellenic Council (https://www.uwlax.edu/university-centers/get-involved/fraternities–sororities/panhellenic-council) and the Interfraternity Council (https://www.uwlax.edu/university-centers/get-involved/fraternities–sororities/interfraternity-council). The Embassy serves as the governance group within Residence Life.

University Centers (UC)
3200 Student Union
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www.uwlax.edu/university-centers

University Centers (http://www.uwlax.edu/university-centers) is a financially self-sufficient part of the Division of Student Affairs, comprised of the Student Union and Whitney Center. The focus of the Student Union is on student involvement, development, leadership and services, while Whitney Center provides the main dining operations on campus. Our objective is to support the academic mission of the University Centers (UC) is to be a financially self-sufficient part of the Division of Student Affairs, comprising the Student Union and Whitney Center. In addition, the centers are responsible for making recommendations to SUFAC for distribution of segregated fees for recreation, sports, and student media.

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• University Reservations and Event Support assists the university community by coordinating reservations, offering information for event planning, and serving as a liaison with university services. The Reservations Office offers equipment and assistance for events and meetings occurring in the Student Union. In addition, they can assist with reserving classrooms (when classes are not scheduled), fundraisers, and outdoor events. Event Support consists of experienced technicians and event planners that help student organizations develop and produce events of all sizes. The Campus Activities Board (CAB) (http://www.uwlax.edu/cab) is a student-run programming board that provides entertaining and educational activities for the entire campus community. Events such as small and large concerts, comedians, coffee house acts, and special events are offered to students, faculty, staff, and the community. Several educational events are offered. These activities may include fine arts programming such as theater, music, lecture, and dance. The Distinguished Lecture Series also offers the university community an opportunity to interact with speakers of national prominence due to their significant contributions to society.

• Dining Services offers an assortment of different dining locations within the Student Union and Whitney Centers to meet the variety of needs and tastes of the campus community. Students may select from several contract dining plans, block meal plans, and cash/Campus Cash options. Students looking for a light snack or beverage between classes can visit the coffee shop located in Centennial Hall, which features a variety of sandwiches and pastries. Murphy’s Mug in the library also serves a great cup of coffee, along with sandwiches and their signature cupcakes.

• The Dining Plan/Eagle ID Card Office (https://www.uwlax.edu/university-centers/services/eagle-id-card/eagle-id) located in room 1131 on the first floor of the Student Union, is where students add dining plans (http://www.uwlax.edu/University-Centers/Meal-plans), Campus Cash, and get information on the dining program. It is also the location to have your Eagle ID card picture taken and get answers to ID card issues. Your Eagle ID may be used as an official ID document when voting in Wisconsin. Please be sure to sign the back of the card if intend to use it for this purpose. To use as a Voter ID, the card cannot be expired.

• The COVE - Center for Organizations, Vision, & Engagement (https://www.uwlax.edu/university-centers/get-involved/the-cove/about-the-cove) is the student organization suite located in 2200 Student Union. The COVE is a space for all student organizations to come together to share ideas, collaborate, and find resources specifically for student organizations. It physically houses several student organization offices, including: Campus Activities Board, COVE Admin, COVE Graphics, Leadership & Involvement Center, Fraternity and Sorority Life, eight designated Multicultural Student Organizations, College Feminists, International Student Organization, the Pride Center, Student Association, Disability Rights, Education, Activism, and Mentoring, and the Racquet. The ‘front porches’ in each of the spaces are an extension of the organization’s office space, giving students opportunity to interact with others in a relaxed setting. Although some porches are open for any student to sit in, students are asked to respect these spaces and be mindful that organizations use this space for meetings and gatherings.

Public computers and workspaces, as well as a variety of graphic supplies are also available for use within the COVE. The three student-staffed groups that operate out of the COVE are:

• COVE Admin (https://www.uwlax.edu/university-centers/get-involved/the-cove/student-organization-resources) staff provide student organizations with resources such as publicity materials, Fundraiser Registration approvals, and information on starting a Recognized Student Organization.

• COVE Graphics (https://www.uwlax.edu/university-centers/get-involved/the-cove/cove-graphics) provides resources and opportunities not only for student organizations, but for all students. COVE Graphics offers free graphic design services and low-cost printing and laminating for a variety of projects.

• Leadership & Involvement Center (https://www.uwlax.edu/university-centers/get-involved/the-cove/lc) offers a variety of leadership, involvement, and service opportunities for students, including support of the Ugetconnected (http://www.uwlax.edu/ugetconnected) volunteer portal and MyOrgs (https://uwmyorgs.collegiatealink.net) student organization database.

The COVE is also home to the Campus Food Pantry (https://www.uwlax.edu/university-centers/get-involved/the-cove/campus-food-pantry), a free service provided to all faculty, staff, and students. Interested users should visit the COVE desk to register for access to the pantry.

• Ugetconnected matches prospective volunteers with service opportunities that fit their interests, skills, and availability. Ugetconnected is a collaboration between Great Rivers United Way, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Viterbo University, Western Technical College, and more than 125 community agencies. Ugetconnected is a tool for UWL students to use and get involved in the community. It also produces a volunteer resume with room for site leaders to write references and recommend you for other positions. More information can be found at the Ugetconnected website (https://www.uwlax.edu/university-centers/services/get-involved/ugetconnected).
volunteer opportunities. Service learning is a way to get involved in the La Crosse community. Login to the site with your net ID and password https://uwlax.galaxydigital.com/user/login/.

- The Fraternity and Sorority Life Community (FSL) (https://www.uwlax.edu/university-centers/get-involved/fraternities-sororities/welcome) The Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) community is rooted in the four pillars of: brotherhood/sisterhood, leadership, service, and academic excellence. These are the core, shared values that all of the social fraternities and sororities have in common. Members of the community engage in a variety of different areas of campus and community development including: partnering with our community philanthropic partner, The Children’s Museum of La Crosse, individual philanthropic partnerships, participation in leadership conferences at the local and national level, community service and outreach endeavors, and academic development opportunities. The goal of the FSL community is to empower students to reach their fullest potential by living the values of their organization every day.

- The Pride Center The Pride Center works to empower all members of the UWL Community by providing students, faculty, and staff with a further awareness of issues related to LGBTQ+ identities. Through ally workshops, trainings, student-led panels, and student organizations, the Pride Center fosters a safer and more inclusive environment for all individuals to be their most authentic self. Books and documentaries are available for check out, as well as other resources to help further learn about various sexual orientations and gender identities. In an ever-changing world, the Pride Center works to continually support and advocate for the needs of LGBTQ+ individuals, with the goal being that every student is successful while attending UWL.

University theatre

608.785.6701
Box Office: 608.785.8522
www.uwlax.edu/theatre-arts

The Department of Theatre Arts produces a theatre season of seven shows in the 418-seat Toland Theatre and in the more intimate Frederick Theatre including musicals, dance performances, and a children’s show. Additionally, Summer Stage, the summer theatre, produces a major musical each June-July. The theatre season is a thoughtful mix of contemporary plays, classics, musicals, and cutting edge new works. Tickets for all Toland Theatre productions may be purchased in advance, either as season tickets or tickets for individual performances. Reservations are strongly recommended.

Any UWL student registered for at least three credits is eligible to audition and be cast in productions. The same applies to any student wanting to work backstage or in various capacities of the production team. Whether or not you are experienced in theatre, your participation is welcomed. Students work both with faculty and guest directors, designers, and choreographers on a wide variety of theatrical offerings. Opportunities to become involved are announced across campus, or you can contact the theatre department for more information.