

Undergraduate Catalog

of policies, requirements, regulations, and procedures in a form helpful to you during your college career.

This catalog is a record of undergraduate programs, courses, policies, staff, and facilities as of June 1, 2017. Changes that occur after the June publication date will be included in the next catalog.

Welcome

Welcome to the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. We're delighted that you have selected our campus for your education and look forward to working with you as you pursue your goals.

This catalog is your guide to planning for your degree. You'll find it helpful now through commencement; virtually every question you might have about UWL is answered in this book. I encourage you to read and continually refer to this essential publication. In addition, you should talk frequently with your college and departmental advisors to ensure that you are taking the right steps toward your educational goals.

Best wishes for success in your academic pursuits!

Joe Gow
Chancellor

Student responsibilities and this catalog

All departments, schools and colleges within the university establish certain requirements that must be met before a degree program is completed. These requirements concern such things as curricula and courses, majors and minors, and residence at the university. Advisors, department chairpersons, academic staff members and deans are available to help you understand and meet these requirements, but you are responsible for fulfilling them. At the end of your selected course of study, the faculty decides whether you will receive a degree. If requirements of graduation have not been satisfied, the degree will not be granted. For this reason, it is important for you to become acquainted with university requirements and regulations, to continue to keep information about them throughout your college career, and to be responsible for the completion of all requirements.

Also, it is necessary, in the general administration of the university, to establish broad policies and to provide certain regulations and procedures by which they may be carried out. It is important that you understand the policies and know the regulations and procedures that you are expected to follow. This catalog will serve as your curriculum guide throughout your education at UWL, provided you maintain uninterrupted attendance and complete your degree within six calendar years. In compiling our catalog, we have used the most current and accurate information available to us at this time. However, we reserve the right to add, revise, or delete any of the information at any time and without giving prior notice. Often when changes are made, you may follow either your original catalog or the catalog containing the changed curriculum requirements, whichever you prefer; however, you must choose one catalog or the other, not a mixture of the two. At times, changes are applicable to all students, regardless of what catalog you are following. This decision, which is in the best interest of your education, may be based on accreditation or certification requirements, campus or UW System policies, or program quality. Curriculum changes are reflected in your advisement report, which makes it the most up-to-date source of information. Changes, such as prerequisites and credits, which affect individual courses, are applicable to all students.

This catalog does not establish a contractual relationship. It summarizes the total requirements you must meet before qualifying for a degree, and is presented, therefore, not only to enable prospective students and others to learn about UWL, but also to provide a statement