

Graduate & Extended Learning - Graduate

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Graduate & Extended Learning was formed by the merger of Graduate Studies and Extended Learning. We connect the university to the community by offering innovative educational opportunities. Our goal is to help our partners learn, grow, explore, and achieve more. Our work falls into five main categories, outlined below.

Graduate education

Graduate & Extended Learning supports the work of graduate students, faculty, and programs. We coordinate several tuition award programs, grants to support graduate student projects, and a number of graduate student awards and competitions. We host Hooding Ceremonies for programs that do not hold their own graduation events. Finally, we take lead role in enacting the action steps identified within the Graduate Education Strategic Plan.

Conference and event services

We have expertise in conference and event planning, both for in-person and online formats. We can help you navigate campus protocols and processes, or help you plan an event in another city. We also run registration and membership processes for events and organizations. Finally, we can arrange for the creation, tracking and awarding of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for professional events, as appropriate.

Youth outreach programming

We partner with UWL faculty and other educators to offer high-quality enrichment classes for upper elementary, middle, and high school students in topics spanning the arts, humanities and the sciences. We bring youth to campus for a number of events which help them see a future for themselves in higher education. We offer test preparation courses for ACT, GRE, GMAT, and LSAT. Finally, we coordinate the UWL Concurrent Enrollment Program, allowing regional high school students to earn college credit for UWL courses taught within their own high schools.

Work with UWL departments and staff

We support UWL departments in offering online degree and certificate programs. Some are offered in collaboration with other campuses, through UW Extended Campus. Others are 100% developed by UWL personnel. We partner with UWL faculty and staff to develop credit and non-credit outreach programs, helping them connect to the community. Finally, we support UWL personnel in hosting events and conferences, assisting them in professional service to their academic disciplines.

Professional development

We offer an array of credit and non-credit learning opportunities, some of which are of interest to a general audience and some of which are developed in partnership with a regional employer. Strengths include the topics of health and wellness, environmental science, social justice, and education. Many of our conferences include Continuing Education Units (CEUs), documenting the value of these events as professional development opportunities.