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2004 Graduating Senior Survey Student Comments School of Education

"Why" or "why not" responses to question "if you had to do it over again, would you choose to attend UWM?"

Student Comments regarding question "do you feel a sense of commitment to and involvement with UWM?"

As a young graduate from highschool, I looked to explore the diversity and experience new opportunities. After attending UWM my reasons for attending a college will be based on the needs of not only myself, but my family. UWM would have to have specific

For the amount of time that I have spent at UWM I would not want to receive a degree from anywhere else. I feel that i have gained a lot from attending this university and I only wish to see it prosper.

no particular reason - school is school. very convenient

suitcases and business like atmosphere

I was not given the information I needed to navigate through the system right when I entered.

Toward the end of my undergraduate education I was able to get involved with campus conferences.

It is close to where I live, I have had a good experience, and I like the campus

I don't have a lot of school spirit

I am not happy with the procedures or the School of Education.

I did like the overall university.

Programs choice was very good

No the school is very large. I just went to class and went home.

Great urban education program. It took me six years because of the organizational problems at the University.

I spent six years here. I am committed to a lot in Milwaukee. I really support UWM in terms of sports and academics, but that is mainly because I have invested so much money into it.

I was enjoyable

My experience at UWM has been everything that I wanted

I played on the baseball team so I feel a very special bond with the University and the people there

Enjoyed the stimulation of learning and exposure to instructors and fellow students

Commitment in that it is important to have an urban university available to people from a broad range of socio-economic backgrounds Working adult

I feel that I would have not changed majors because the education department on campus is disorganized and does not hold true to their mission of urban education.

I have worked in different student organizations and student government which gives me reason to bring my own accomplishments and insight back to UWM.

I do like the school and the city, however I have been disappointed in the education program - specifically the Elementary program which I dropped out of.

Overall, I have had good experiences here

Tuition hikes. Change in certificate programs without be grandfathered in. difficulty scheduling all the needed classes.

I grew up in the Milwaukee area, and while there were times I considered moving out of state, I enjoy being close to home

I was never part of any organizations to feel committed to. I did try to attend various sporting events and participated in a few events set up on campus.

i liked UWM, except for the fact that somehow my advisors advised me wrongly, and I was stuck here

I really just go to classes and that's all.

for longer than needed.	
I really enjoyed my classes, and the professors were really helpful and knowledgeable, but I had some difficulties with advising and getting the right answers to my problems	
It was a very pleasant experience. I definitely grew throughout my years here at UWM.	Since I was active in community and University events, I do feel that I was involved and committed to UWM.
Parking is difficult and the education program changed too often	For any upcoming events UWM would send me information to keep me updated
I think that the School of Education was very unorganized and that they did not communicate well with the students. I ran into problems and saw other colleagues run into problems, this really upset my experience with UWM.	
Advising services were horrible. I wasn't informed about classes I had to take until my third year, when I was previously told I didn't need them. That's only one thing. There are many others.	
The field that I chose to pursue, Elementary Education, was taught through classes in a way that I feel that I will succeed.	I felt support from my advisors and other UWM staff.
no comment.	no comment.
it was close to home, fun, and enjoyable	i have been here for five years!
I came for athletic purposes at first. Great decision.	People want students to have fun but then they bust them for drinking in the dorms or at house party's. People go to college to get the college experience and that is all apart of that experience, that's a good thing.
i live in milwaukee and so it makes sense to attend UWM.	yes, i spent 5 years of my life there. unfortunately i wasn't very involved in the extra activities though.
It is the only school in the state with my degree.	No football team, no wrestling team, no sense of community at all!
I liked the activism of the campus. One of the organizations I was involved with was the Student Association and the Black and Gold Commission. I am glad I lead a role in bringing a student service, Pick-A-Prof to UWM.	I feel this involvement because I grew into it. I really did not know how to get involved until 3 years into my college career. Opportunities at that time seemed fake, people looking for bodies and volunteers. That has changed a little, but leadership opp
I had a great experience while at UWM.	Since I was a Panther on the baseball team, I will always feel a sense of commitment to the university.
UWM is located in such a great city and opportunities to learn in the community are readily available.	I never became involved with any organizations and I am in the ITP which has a small cohort and I really only feel connected to them.
Great staff, good mix of majors, convenience, and reasonable tuition rates.	I like the school, but the school does not give me reason to scream its praises from the rooftops.
Because before attending UWM I was failing. After going to school here I was able to pull myself up, and with the help of the faculty, reach the point I am at today.	I have made an attempt to become involved at school through student organizations.
I like the urban campus, the small class sizes in my major and the overall feel of the university.	I spent 5 great years here, so I feel a sense of commitment to UWM.
Splendidly diverse student body.	I just do.
Affordable	Work too much and live way off campus
I like the atmosphere of the school and the city.	I have put in 6 six and I want to try to improve the school and myself by being involved.
poor staff	
The advisors are not trained very well.	
The tuition is much less than alternative schools in	I completed my internship at an on-campus ministry

the Milwaukee area and I feel the education process has helped become well rounded.

and hope to contribute to this organization.

Convenience (location and scheduling of classes)

As an adult student I never felt a part of the UWM experience, I was just going to classes.

UWM was a good school and offered a good program that I was interested in.

I didn't get this feeling until my fourth and fifth years at UWM.

It has a good education program although it was longer and required more than some other schools' programs.

I have not participated in any UWM activities outside of class so while I recognize UWM as my school, I wouldn't consider myself committed or involved.

I am not sure if I would or not.

I don't really have a sense of belonging here. People do their own thing. Some professors don't really seem to care much about students, and my current advisor does not have a clue what she is doing.

I constantly was kicked out of classes because either the day or time changed. My counselor was not helpful in letting me know all of my options.

Considering the fact that I was a transfer student from MATC, I found it difficult to get my credits applied to my graduation requirements even though there was an articulation agreement.

UWM is a completely disorganized campus. It is too big, and not even near worth the money you spend for the education you receive.

Read the above statement.

I was not happy with their education program. I felt like some of my classes were repeating and not giving me new knowledge or knowledge that I needed for teaching.

Because I spent a lot of time and money in this degree

I'm sick of the city, and the inadequacies of the education program.

I really enjoyed the overall experience of the city of Milwaukee, and I met a lot of wonderful people here

I had a great college experience-I'd like to help create that for someone else

The only reason why I say probably not is because UWM really doesn't feel like a college meaning most students go home after their classes are over if there were more dorms that might make a difference

I would definitely attend UWM. My experience here has been a positive one and I feel that it has prepared me to teach in an urban setting.

Over the past four years, I have become more connected with UWM.

I received much personal attention which impresses me. Many of my professors or instructors were willing to go the extra mile to help me as a student. My advisors were also great!

Definitely! I got involved early and became a part of UWM. I have done a lot of stuff for recruiting students to UWM and have also served in leadership roles in student orgs. All of it made me feel like I had a place here.

UWM has been a great place for me to grow both personally and professionally. I have had the opportunity to network with fellow students as well as with knowledgeable professors and instructors in their respective fields. Aside from that, UWM is situated

I got involved early on after transferring from Madison and it really accentuated my experience as an undergrad overall. I'll be back for sure...whether it be to pursue my master's or just as an alumnus!

I don't live on campus and commute every day to class

This experience was fine and I found most of my educators and instructors to be good ones. Unfortunately, some were rather terrible and made me question my money spent and how such an instructor could be at a

In all the time I spent at UWM, I never perceived an effort by the school to truly encourage people to attend events or sports games. Yes, there were always very large banners hanging in the Union, but that's about it. One had to literally walk through

I enjoyed the majority of my classes and professors, it was a positive experience.

Not as much right now, but when I get more settled.

Because I got what I needed from here.

TO the resident halls

Because I have not involved myself in

<p>I had pretty good professors for the most part, who were interesting and intelligent.</p>	<p>extracurricular activities, nor have I attended any sporting events or student counsel meetings nor have I visited any clubs.</p>
<p>Over all the campus was ok. I just didn't like being there and living there. Which is why I had chosen to commute from Madison for the past two years. I also had a very bad experiance with a very unfair professor who gave me no choice but to switch my</p>	<p>I didn't like the school and had no interest in getting involved.</p>
<p>good teacher, good advising</p>	<p>Somewhat, I was able to get involved in Habitat and go to London through UWM, but my classes were not too challeging no time</p>
<p>I felt that my program was very valuable to me as an urban educator. However, there appears to be a bit of disfunction and lack of organization in the School of Education at times. Also, certain professors were not worth my tution expense.</p>	<p>I was not involved in many things outside of my certificate program. I have not felt that UWM cares for individual students.</p>
<p>I did not get served by my counselors or program leaders. No one was willing to help me with things and always told me to talk to someone above them if I wanted to see changes.</p>	<p>I did not attend many events at UWM.</p>
<p>The History Department is great! The location of UWM is ideal for a student that wishes to work and also attend school full time. In addition, the partnership between UWM and MPS schools is a great way for education students to get to know a district that they will most likely teach in.</p>	<p>I have lived off campus throughout my years at UWM, and I have not really taken the time to get involved in many campus events.</p>
<p>There was a lot of disorganization in the advising dept. and there were a lot of things I was not informed of regarding applying to the school of education and student teaching. I also feel that many of the classes could have been combined into one class.</p>	<p>Well, only really within the Interpreter Training Program because that is where I spent most of my time. I feel that I had a lot of problems with the school.</p>
<p>Only because of the location of the school. I found that a lot of the professors and advisors weren't what I expected. Important items, regarding class policies, weren't explained or even glanced over. They were found out the hard way.</p>	<p>I do because of some of the great profs that I had. i.e. Ben Schneider, Suzanne Leonard and Holly Smith. However, the not so great ones make me not want to get involved after graduation.</p>
<p>There have been too many non-academic obstacles in my way here that could have been avoided with the proper support. The finiancial aid department needs to be more organized and student focused.</p>	<p>Althoug there have been a few generous sould here at the university that have helped my on my journey toward graduation, I don't feel fully supported by the School of Education.</p>
<p>I want to work as a teacher in MPS. This university specializes in urban education.</p>	<p>I am committed to my studies, but I do not get involved with school happenings. I do not have the time and I live too far away. Commuting takes a lot out of my schedule.</p>
<p>reasonable cost, close to large urban setting</p>	<p>school is too large to know anyone, and i didn't live on campus</p>
<p>I would have transfered to Madison, because it has a much higher rank and costs about the same.</p>	<p>It just is not that kind of school.</p>
<p>There are many choices out there... yet I appreciate the global vision that UWM can portray.</p>	<p>Yes, I have met so many people ranging from high school students to professors, homeless people to soccer players, rural folk to urban dwellwers, and colleagues to foes. I have worked in very positive venues with all of them.</p>
<p>I've had a horrible time with the advising department at the School of Education. I was told to take classes that I did not need to take, they lost paperwork of mine regarding transfer credits, I</p>	<p>I do not support UWM because of the poor treatment I've received at this university.</p>

found I needed to find the

If I was sure of my degree before entering college, I may have looked more closely at schools which offered the degree.

The instructors I had, and my classmates just made me feel like I have a lifelong commitment to UWM.

I love going to school in a city. Milwaukee is so diverse and there is so much to do here; furthermore, I never feel like I am enclosed by the campus.

I had a pretty good experience here - everything was as I expected.

I guess, I went to UW-Madison for my first two years of undergraduate, so I never really felt especially committed to UW-Milwaukee

No I didn't feel that my educational needs were met. In the majority of classes the work seemed to be too easy for college courses. The advisors also were not of any value either they did not know help at all. I may have checked out the program more first and realized it was not as good as I thought

Everything closed too early. The library, computer lab, and union should be open longer.

I was often unhappy with the school of ed program and did not feel a connection to the university

There were a lot of unnecessary steps to achieving my goal and I was very disappointed in my classes that were not equivalent when I transferred from UW-Oshkosh

I transferred here after 3 years at UW-Oshkosh

I found UWM to be highly disorganized. In addition, I did not think that the secondary education majors should be expected to student teach two semesters. Do you think that we are rich? That we can afford to pay tuition, work full-time, and not get paid

Quite honestly, I caution people about going here, especially transfer students. I know so many transfer students who have difficulty getting their credits transferred. In addition, more classes are considered requirements for all degrees each year.

Distance to drive was quite long.

too far away to be extensively involved

close to home

The only reason why I would not would be because of the large classroom sizes.

It's close to home, tuition is less expensive than many other schools, the professors are good, and the activities on campus are good overall.

Could never get into classes I needed, very frustrating, didn't feel ready through the classes to do student teaching.

Never got involved and was very involved in high school....School seemed to be big and unapproachable

I had some bad advising experiences and mix ups which led to a much harder time at UWM.

I have made many friends and have found innumerable resources within the UWM community.

The school of education was very unhelpful and unorganized. I also would want to attend a school that places you in a classroom for the year and gives me the option of where I would like to student teach.

I didn't really get involved in campus activities, I was very busy with work and my class loads.

Teachers are very good and I enjoyed the Educational classes

I really like the evening programs. It allows students who are working during the day and still can take classes at night. Besides, UWM has many majors or fields of study for students to choose, and most of professors are excellent and willing to help...

I like the diversity of the campus.

The diversity of the student population.

The School of Education seems extremely disorganized. I obtained a bachelor's degree at the University of Minnesota and now definitely appreciate that school all that much more. Things were organized and the students were well-taken care of.

The education program changes its classes, teachers, requirements, and obligations too often.

Every semester a drastic change would occur that would set me back, confuse me or make me worry if i was doing the correct thing. The program needs major refor

I would like to change A LOT in the education program, I would get involved with that.

I didn't like the school of education and how they ran things.

UWM doesn't care about me. No one is concerned with helping me graduate ASAP.

It was a great university and UWM provided me with a wide range of opportunities.

I had the best years of my life at UWM and i felt the university was directly involved in providing me with such a great atmosphere.

because is a good university with all help for latino and others students