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2005 Graduating Senior Survey Student Comments Peck School of the Arts

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

City is big with many options of recreational activities

I had questions about my majors and I got the run around. Everyone tells you something different.

Although UWM is pretty expensive, it had exactly what I was looking for in my degree. It is also close to home and that made it easier.

Because of the field I am currently in, which I finally discovered is where I should be, I would have probably been better served at a technical college. Assuming that I knew what I wanted to do from the beginning, of course.

Diversity of the campus environment in people and offered classes.

Good art school that offers dance and has a reputable program. Close to my hometown/family/friends. Large but not gigantic campus with diverse schools and people. Good location within the city. Nice campus all around.

Good film school

Good program, good teachers, close to home.

I always felt very comfortable at UWM, on campus and in all my classes. I always found myself in a friendly atmosphere with both teachers and students. I got the education I was looking for here.

I am happy with my education as well as the professors I had while attending UWM.

I am living in Milwaukee.

I definitely would because I discovered what I wanted to do with the rest of my life while here. I got put with the perfect voice teacher, who opened my eyes to a world that I didn't know could exist for me, and if I hadn't gone here thinking that I would

I do not like being graded on attendance. It makes me feel like I'm in high school. There is also a complete lack of communication between professors and departments at this school. It makes me angry when I put in a lot of effort and work to get things

I enjoy the urban setting, the classroom size, and the interaction I have had with the faculty and students.

I enjoyed the art courses offered at the Peck School of the Arts.

I enjoyed my teachers and classes. Made some great friends. I be back for my masters in the near future

I enjoyed my experience at UWM immensely and was happy to find a school nearby that had the major I was looking for.

I feel the fine arts department is strong.

I had a difficult time transferring my credits from another UW-university which caused me to have to retake class that were similar to the other university and then had to remain in fulfilling my degree extra year.

I have grown to be a stronger, more knowledgeable person. I have enjoyed working with many members of UWM's faculty. I will also take away many friends, and the love of my life, which I met at UWM.

I have had a wonderful experience at UWM, and am confident that no other school would have given me any more experiences or opportunities than here.

I just would like to be in another city than Milwaukee where I'm from originally.

I learned so much. I did find some of the professors where perhaps only doing this to pay their bills but you'll find that in theatre. The ones who were brilliant balanced it out though.

I learned from some excellent professors during my time at UWM. I also generally enjoyed my experience.

I like Milwaukee.

I like the film program here.

I liked the campus and the attitude. Mostly people were pretty nice. I don't have anything to compare it to though, so I am not sure.

I love the city of Milwaukee, but the organization of the school was not up to my standards. My schooling was bumped back a semester not because of my neglect, but because the school had to "organize" itself. The insane tuition increase since I started in

I love the dance program here. We have really amazing teachers who have challenged me and help me a lot through out my time here as a dance major.

I probably would have graduated sooner had I continued to attend UW-Parkside, but the urban environment, the people, and the experiences I have gained in Milwaukee are much more important to me than the number of years it took me to graduate.

I really enjoyed working with my private teacher, and most of the other music faculty are just great people. There were some faculty I had misgivings with, but generally I had a good experience.

I received a well-rounded education, but may have benefitted better from a school further away from home.

I received a quality education with individualized attention.

I think I would rather have went to a tech school and not taken so much fin. aid out. But I enjoyed uwm.

I think going to a school that focuses more on art programs would have been a better choice for my skills.

I think it is a good solid program.

I think the Art Department needs some work. The lack of equipment and class times were very frustrating. The photography department only offers certain courses certain semesters, so I had to wait to take the ones I needed, it was very inconvenient.

I thought it was a great university, and i really liked most of my professors.

I transferred here from Stevens Point and I wish I would have just started here because the music program is just astounding. The people are wonderful, the scholarships helped me get through school, and Milwaukee is a great venue for upcoming artists.

I was extremely disappointed with the transfer process and both advisors between UW-Milwaukee and UW-Washington County. I definitely appreciate my experience with UWM, but if I had it to do over again I would not have transferred here had I known I was go

I would come back to UWM again, because as a student who works full time I found the schools system to be accommodating

I would of liked to have been further away from where i grew up.

I've come to realize that I am very interested in illustration. UWM offers no programs in pen and ink design. I've enjoyed my stay here, but if i could do it all over again, I think I'd look for a school that might offer classes more in my field of inter

IT has a friendly, knowledgeable staff. The Art ED. program is perfect for exposing me to what I need to know and preparing me to become a Teacher.

If I could go back I would have done better in high school and I would have had to see what my options were. I did enjoy UWM though.

If I had it to do all over again, I would have gone to school somewhere on the East coast.

If I had to do it all over again, I would have researched my decision more.

In the beginning the graphic design department was all over the place and with teachers coming in and out, it wasn't the "best" experience. We were the guinea pigs, many of us thought this way, but things are changing and I'm very proud of what this depart

It has a diverse selection in art studio classes allowing myself a well rounded studio experience. The faculty members are wonderful and always willing to talk to students.

It was difficult to get classes and it would have been enjoyable to travel out of state. The program ended up taking me six years due to scheduling.

Its one of the few colleges in the area that has a major in dance, and a good program too.

Many of the professors in my department are often difficult to reach and consult with--they're focused on the new PTPP program and appear to have little or no time left for the BA students.

My photography education left much to be desired--I expected to learn real world technical skills in the field of photography. I appreciated the artistic ideas behind the classes.

Not satisfied with the acting program, but UWM would grant me all my transfer credits from another university.

Proximity to family and friends, and I like the campus.

The art program at UWM is excellent, I would continue on for my masters, but printmaking is not offered.

The dance program at UWM is very good. I have grown as a person and as an artist from the instructors.

The fees are too high. As an art student it is extremely disappointing to pay a \$75 class fee and then have nothing supplied to me. I transferred half way through my schooling to UWM from Viterbo University, where our class fees paid for some or all of o

The lesson teacher faculty in the Music department is comprised of many talented performers and teachers.

The location is convenient, it is affordable, and I feel that I have had, with a few exceptions, good instructors.

The music program has a lot of good things about it, but there needs to be some changes. There are some inadequate faculty and courses.

The music education department at UWM is one of the best; we are located in an area where we can learn the instruments from the best performers in the state and where there are many schools to practice teach and observe at. There is a difference between g

The specific program I was in offered a unique experiences and skills to be learned. The faculty were superb instructors as well as bringing many great experiences to each and every class.

The teachers here are rather nice and easy to work with and they seem to want to teach and enjoy watching us learn. The courses are decent, but sometimes frustrating, especially during course enrollments. But thats life.

The visual art department faculty is great.

There is a great faculty in the art department as well as other academic fields that I felt I greatly benefited from. In most cases the professors I had were passionate and very willing to go out of their way to give you extra information if you seeked it

They offer the degree in the field of study that I am interested in.

This was definatly an interesting school but I felt as though I could have learned more...ps the art department could use a business in art course.

UWM is an extension of High School. I don't think employers are impressed about UWM's graduates. Most students party and are not committed to studying, therefore an "average" student in HS becomes "above average" at UWM.

UWM provided me the chance to attend a real Film School at State School Prices, any qualms I had with the school or individual program pail in comparison to the finacial advantage

UWM seems like a business trying to make PROFITS rather than a university trying to give its students a quality education. While I've had some great professors and some great classes, UWM as a whole seems unorganized and unfriendly.

Unfortunately I had no other choices. I still lived in Wisconsin, and I wanted to get my degree. I could have moved out of state, but I was worried that my credits would not transfer as I have already had a problem dealing with trying to transfer them her

Unhappy with my experience here.

excellent area, staff, and education.

film program is different than many others, school is in-state

great diversity; good for the arts

i can't answer that, since I haven't been anywhere else.

i wish there was a design program for the theater dept.

inter-arts program was underdeveloped within the emphasis chosen.

mis communication within the administration. I was dropped from courses which my advisor and paws that were okay, my major kept getting erased; or got withdrawals on my record from courses I dropped within good time. I could not double major.

my major is a complete disappointment.

organization and class availability

the location, milwaukee, is convenient and beneficial.

there is such a wide range of studies, activities, people, and in general expiriences. if i had gone to a private art school i would have most certainly missed out on a lot.

tuition is on the rise, despite cuts to my department. We were told there would be a 20% hike over the next 5 years and believed it to be a 4% per year. the first year was 28% and the next 23%. also the necessity of classes unrelated to topics of study

two professors

yes but i wish i would have studied abroad after taking a language instead of sign language.

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