2005 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?"

I was not able to see the academic advisor assigned to me. I was "pushed" off on a variety of other advisors who were not supportive or helpful.

I enjoyed my experience at UWM much more than where I originally chose to go to school.

Advisors who do not know what they are talking about, crowded classes, limited sections, inconvenient times, tuition is constantly raising

Any place that offers education is a place that anyone should want to and feel as though it is an honor and a privilege to attend. It is not the school that makes the student, it is the student body and the professors that make the school.

At first, I wanted to be further away from my home town, but I ended loving Milwaukee and all the school had to offer. It's a beautiful campus. I know many of my friends from high school have either transferred to UWM or choose to pursue their career and

Because I didn't have to alter my personal schedule to attend school, I was able to work and go to school. I think the UWM is extremely accommodating to all students, because the class schedules enable students from all walks of life to obtain an education.

Being a commuter, parking has definitely been an issue. Why have a time parking limit around the campus of 30 minutes when the shortest class is 50? Tickets were very discouraging and would sometimes make hard days even worse.

Close to home and a great side of town. Met a lot of great people.

Convenient location, and excellent education program.

Depends on what is offered for certain programs and how long it would actually take to complete another degree.

I am a returning older student and UW-M made me feel right at home.

I attended UW Oshkosh before moving to Milwaukee and transferring to UW Milwaukee. I found the entire system at UW Oshkosh to be much more organized and user-friendly to the students in terms of: degree requirements, academic advising.

I chose UWM because of proximity, price, and convenience. If I could do it again, I would have spent more energy applying to other schools that might have fit me better.

I did not have a good experience with some of the faculty and professors at UWM. Not all however. For the most part my experiences were exciting and part of the learning process in college; however, once I was into the College of Education, where classes

I didn't feel that the education program was up to par. The program requirements are constantly changing and it doesn't seem that many people know what they are doing in terms of assisting students. I don't feel that the advisors are all on the same page

I do not feel like I received a fair and balanced education through the Education Department and Program. Also, the academic advising was pitiful and horribly unhelpful.

I don't know

I enjoy being in the city and still feeling like I'm part of a small campus environment. However, there are other places that intrigued me more so I may have chosen differently.

I enjoyed the campus. My major is only offered and UWM and I'm pleased to have discovered it.

I felt that the education and experiences that I've received through UWM, are beneficial for my future as a teacher. However, there were a few methods classes that I took that I do not feel have fully prepared me for teaching that specific subject. In ad

I felt that the School of Education was very unorganized. There were not enough sections of classes offered,
and the classes that were offered each semester always seemed to be at the same times. This really set me back, because while I could have been

I had a deplorable experience with the advising I received and thus took at least an extra year to complete my degree. Numerous times I was forced to fix issues which should have been handled by University staff.

I had a great educational experience. I came here to get my degree and that is what I got.

I had too much difficulty getting into classes. I also did not like that it was such a commuter school.

I had too many problems with faculty and staff who didn't know what they were talking about. Mainly pertaining to my degree what I needed to do and when it needed to get done no one

I have had a great experience here. Almost all of my professors have not only been knowledgeable but also personable. I love the location and size of the campus.

I have had a very positive experience with my education at UWM. I feel lucky to have had quality teachers, great classes, and adequate counseling to help me complete my college experience.

I have lived here for over 20 years, I love Milwaukee and had a great experience as an older student.

I like the diversity.

I like the campus and the majority of professors that I have had.

I like the MACSTEP Program

I liked being closer to home than far away at UW Eau Claire. The city atmosphere was much more entertaining and eventful. I did not, however, like the comradeship I found at UWM. At UWM, everyone does their own thing and many students commute, so ther

I liked the one on one attention that I got from the professors.

I liked the urban focus in education. I also felt that working in cohort was extremely beneficial to my success.

I liked the environment at UWM, but the education program needs a little work.

I liked the cohort idea, i did not like the inconsistancy of the linking seminars and the uncertain dates and times of meetings and the lack of communication to get important information to the cohort.

I live by UWM and have had many great professors and teacher assistants. Throughout the Education program, I have had some truly dedicated teachers.

I loved UWM. I liked the campus and smaller class sizes. The professors were willing to meet with me and helpful. I also like the education program, especially the fact that the Early Childhood Education program covers birth to third grade.

I really enjoyed coming to campus. I like the location because it was close to home. One other thing I enjoyed was that it was mainly a commuter school, so I felt like I fit in.

I really got a lot out of my classes and enjoyed the professors, however the school of education seemed unorganized at times, especially when finding placements for student teaching.

I thought the School of Education was a little unorganized, but the diversity and resources the school offered were great.

I transferred from UW-Parkside where the Education program did not fulfill my expectations. I really enjoyed UWM's Urban Education Focus.

I want to teach in inner city schools and Milwaukee gives student teaching placements in city schools.

I wanted a bachelors degree in exceptional education, and UWM does not offer this. I would choose to attend a university where there is more organization and dedication put into student services and advising.

I was able to complete my program in four years. I continually sought and received help from my advisors; they always knew what classes I needed and in what order to take them to best benefit me.

I was born and raised in Milwaukee, and I found that I fit in easily to what was a truly urban education experience. Also, as a non-traditional student I felt comfortable at a school I perceived to have many 'older' students. I simply enjoy the education

I was nice to go to a big school because there were so many resources, but I would rather that Waukesha was a four year and I could have gone there.

I was not really pleased with the education program here.

I wish I would of know more about what degrees where offered. I sometimes wish I would of went off to a school that was not so close to home.

I would have done more research into the educational programs of several universities before narrowing it down to one.

It is a excellent university and it has very good professors

It is a wonderful school!!

It offers one of the most compelling education programs in the nation.
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**Location**

Milwaukee offers an excellent learning environment for Education majors. The smaller size of the classrooms make learning a more personable experience. However, the urban location offers students a first hand experience with cultural diversity and a fast

My AOC advisor was very helpful and I'm not sure if I would have found someone like him at another university. He went above and beyond, making my years at UWM easier. My major complaint with UWM is the diversity, but I'm not sure if tha

Hardly anyone involved in the English Ed. program knows what they are doing.

Offer more degrees/classes for the mother that is starting/returning to school. It is hard to do other majors/minors if you are working 9-5.

Once I was accepted into the School of Education, my college experience blossomed. Before that, I didn't feel part of a University

One of the only programs in the country for community education and community organizing.

Overall, I had a good experience. The school of education was sometimes disorganized and inefficient, but otherwise, I enjoyed the experience.

Probably yes. Changes in the Education program at UWM, and confusion relating to those changes, however, have made the past year and a half very stressful.

**Quality of education was satisfactory.**

The Education department has no idea what they are doing, especially in the advising office.

The English department at UWM has proven time after time to be filled with highly educated individuals who are truly concerned with the success of their students. However, the School of Education undergraduate advisors were often unreliable.

The School of Education has given me some anxiety over these past few years. I loved the education I received, and the people I met, but there were so many little issues that could have been avoided given people who cared more.

The School of Education advisors make it more difficult to get through the program. They never have the same answers for questions. That is the most frustrating part of UWM.

The School of Education is not very organized.

The University met all of my needs and leaves me with a feeling of satisfaction of the entire experience.

The academic advisors are horrible for the school of Education. They do not know any of the updates that DPI regulates out to the state. Therefore they do not inform their students of any of these changes.

The advising department was clueless. I took far more classes than I needed to and did not find out until my SR year. I met the math requirement in my placement test, yet advisors told me i had to take calc which still brings by GPA down.

The advising department in the school of education leaves a lot to be desired.

The education department is unorganized and not very helpful to thier students. You find more information out by talking to older classmates. The CURRINS department has NEVER put out a schedule where the classes do not conflict eachother.

The education program was good for urban education, but it was unorganized at times. The instructors were nice, yet some lacked professionalism. The guiding principles tell me what to "belive" and they shoved them down our throats without asking us what

The location was excellent, the staff members were extremely nice to deal with, but there were some things that I personally didn't like about the school of education, but they weren't bad enough to make me not choose this school if I had to do it over ag
The main reason I like UWM is because of its urban environment. While many of my classmates throughout school were not the sort of scholars I expected to meet at university, I almost always had instructors who I found intellectually stimulating.

The school offers a wide variety of programs and majors.

The urban focus of the Education program here at UWM has provided me with perspectives of people and cultures that are extremely valuable. Wherever I teach I will be a better teacher because of the exposure to other cultures and ways of thinking I have g

There were both positive and negative times at UWM, but I was satisfied with my education here.

Things could have been more organized. There's confusion with PI-34 and NO ONE is making sure we have all the needed info. Advising was bad experience from the beginning to the end.

This is a great school to get the degree I am going for.

This university is a bureaucratic nightmare.

Too far away from family and to experience a different school.

UWM is close to where I live and had a flexible schedule of classes which allowed me to work and be able to go to school full time. The teaching staff was knowledgable and caring.

UWM is full of hidden fees that I am sure that other colleges do not have to pay especially Madison which, I could have easily gotten into.

UWM offers a variety of courses and has great advisors that will help you with your major.

UWM offers a variety of classes. The professors are very informal and informative.

University was a good experience for me, but I could have and maybe should have transferred to a more challenging university after the first two years.

good programs

I would attend UWM because it is convenient for me right now. However I feel that the education department and a lot of the ways things are run at UWM is very unorganized. No one ever knows what's going on and no one is ever available to help. I was ve

it was a nice experience for me

the administrative process is a pain in the neck, employees seem to have a "that not my problem" attitude and instead of helping you see a task through try to push it off on another person or department.

unorganized, advisors don't know what they are doing, my advisor was switched several times, classes only having one section available, almost all of my classes were at night the last few years