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2006 Graduating Senior Survey Student Comments
College of Engineering and Applied Science

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

I Like the kind of people here.

Although UWM was not my first choice, after 5 years here it was definately the right choice. I've come to love the area milwaukee area and plan on staying at UWM for graduate school.

I like to school, however, I feel that it lacks tradition. I feel that this could get better as the basketball team advances. The school needs more alumni and student support and enthusiasm.

My major complaints with UWM is the Computer Science department. The instructors do not have any real world experience, except for a few. The inctructors that have worked in their field are 100 times better than the instructors who did not. A lot of the information or material being presented does not reflect what is being used today in industry. I am not just making this up. I have had internships working on military projects and I have worked for NASA. I mention this because I am sure a lot students say bad things about the Computer Science department but I have worked in the field all through my education and at very prestigious places, so I am more credible than most students. So PLEASE change the Computer Science department or forward this message to someone who can, do NOT send it to the chair of computer science because they also do not have any real world work experience and they will disregard this message so they don't loose their job so they can keep screwing over students.

Good professors who care about teaching versus just performing research. It is a good school to get connections to the real world.

The opportunities and experiences at UWM were invaluable.

Lack of funding to school made for poor equipment in labs and bad audio/video equipment for instructors.

I transfered here after 3 years and i think it would have been a lot better being here from the start. The education expierence was ok after i got my credit situation worked out. I just think that it is a bunch of BULL that UWM does NOT have the same class structure as UW-Madison (where i transfered from). I had a lot of trouble getting my classes to tranfer. Both are a part of the UW system but have totally different structures and requirements for the SAME major. You would think transfering from a nationally renowned univerity (UW-madison) to UWM, my classes would be accepted. I am not talking about some weird class at madison; i am talking about major classes in my major. I had a class at UW-madison where my prof wrote the text we used. UWM, for the same class, used HIS book yet i had to fight for my credits to transfer. You would think that if i was taught by the person who wrote the book UWM (and Madison) used, my credits would transfer(especially when it was the identical class). If UWM wants to be so different, they should just break off the UW system and become U of Milwaukee. Also, have the library open longer at night or the ability to go into the buildings at night to have a silent place to study. EMS had the lounge open but it was one big room. I would rather have went off into an empty class room but you couldnt. Also, why did the parking lots around the library have parking enforced until 8pm on saturdays. I would have loved to drive and park near the library to study. I just think that Saturday enforcement is overkill. Oh i guess there was office hours for teachers on saturday.

I think the professors in the CEAS are good at helping students understand the course material with the help teaching assistants. I think the school makes it possible to do reasonably well in any course due to all the support mechanisms in place.

I wanted to go to MSOE, but on the whole, I feel that this was a great experience and a great education. I think a school like MSOE would be a better choice for grad school, then for undergrad.

UWM is the most convient in terms of location of family and friends, UWM is a well known college

I most likely would choose UWM again, because it does have a good engineering school and it was not that far away so that I could commute to and from easily each day.

I felt the electrical engineering program is not stable. The courses were being changed all the time and new classes, programs, and techniques were being added during the coarse of the program, and before they have time to get established they are changed again.

I met a lot of interesting people and the job opportunities in the Milwaukee area are outstanding.

I recieved a great education, met a lot of excellent friends, and had a lot of fun along the way.

The level of service, and help afforded to the night student has dropped too low. The university did little to nothing to address these concerns during my stay. The poor professor in the ME department has not changed her teaching style in spite of repeated complaints, and diffulculties in learning anything of value from her.

There is no softball team, and that is my second love.

Lots of job opportunities.

Scheduling classes was very difficult

No big complaints, but nothing impessed me that much either. Overall a good school. Materials department could be stronger.

I began attending UWM part-time. It was one of the only schools that offered night classes for electrical engineering major.

The university seems to put too much emphasis on the instructors ability to do research then to assist students in receiving the best education possible.

Good School

Enjoyable experience and people. Small university feel, with a division 1 experience.

There are many great things about Milwaukee. The professors in civil engineering are very knowledable and fairly dependable for any situation.

Second best CS school in Wisconsin

Location is a factor.

I had a very good experience at UW-Milwaukee.

Received Desired Training

The engineering labratories were not very good at all, and only a handful of the instructors were fluent in english. More hands on activities to demonstrate the concepts learned would of greatly improved classes.

Good engineering department.

The school isn't perfect but overall it is the best choice.

Depending at the status of residence

Location

Although I am enjoying my time at UW-Milwaukee, I would have liked to experience an area outside of Wisconisn.

I have been living in Milwaukee for 17 years. It is convenient to commute to this urban university.Besides, the school is commited to increase the quality of education to serve the needs of the local businesses and industries.

I would want to live away from home for atleast a couple of years. I would also look for a school that I feel would teach me better in-depth knowledge of the core ideas about electrical engineering. This includes basic practical uses like robotics.

Excellent Faculty and the Computing Labs and supporting staff are fantastic.

Really the only reasons I went to UWM were that it was close to home, and relatively inexpensive. Looking back at things I wish I had gone to a college farther away from home, simply put just for the life experience of going to a college far away from home. Commuting is definately not a good way to go to school. My advice to you is to increase the amount of student housing available, and make it mandatory to live on campus

Its been a good educational experience for me at UWM. COurses offered and the professors are being helpful to achieve my goal.

The cost for how much education I received was definitely worth it.

I like the city of milwaukee. I also like the location of campus and the the fact that the campus is so compact.

I have mixed feelings about the education I recieved from several TAs. I feel they had a poor command over most aspects of the lab sessions.

There is a low percentage of professors/teaching assistants that speak fluent English, inhibiting one's ability to fully learn the material. Also, the quality of teachers is not as high as it should be.

UWM is a very good school. It has a very good engineering program, a competitive curriculum and a proficient teaching faculty. I definitely recommend UWM.

I feel it has a strong computer science department with some very knowledgable instructors.

Wanted to go out of state, constant bad choice of textbooks, handling of textbooks, parking.

It may have been a little easier on me financially to have joined the military instead of trying to work my way through school so if I had it all over again I may have chosen that route

Being from Madison, I wanted to go somewhere else than there for school. But I never realized what kind of

atmosphere there was, which we don't really get here. So maybe I would like to go to a less commuter oriented school.

From my experience this school too often does not provide the rigor of classwork and grading that should be required of an Engineering program. Also, the Engineering facilities are severely out of date and need to be updated, and better labs and lab equipment are definitely needed. On a side note, students should not be commuting to college. This does not provide a "True college experience."

UWM was just close to home, there are better engineering schools available.

Courses were acceptable, yet tution dues did not always provide a large enough window for finacial aid dispersment.

Knowing the relationships I would form with the instructors and the opportunities I would have, I would not trade those.

I'm really happy with the Computer Science program and I've met some of my best friends at UWM.

Some of the most difficult courses I had were also taught by instructors that did not have a very good grasp on the english language. This made it even harder to understand and do well in these classes. If I could go back and do it over again, I would probably look for a university that had a greater percentage of professors that were native english speakers.

Good Program, much less expensive than MSOE.

School is located in comfortable environment, and I would seek bachelor's degree in such environment. I could prefer higher expectations on some of the courses, but overall, it's good school for bachelor's degree

The Mechanical Engineering Students at UWM rock.

I think the research and lab facilties are under funded and outdated for the majority of the classes I've attended. A fresh approach to teaching is needed in some areas.

I feel cheated by CEAS. I had two high level classes dropped each of my last two semesters. How can I say I am a water resource engineer if Water Quality and Wastewater treatment are dropped after I have signed up for them. Also I feel that the different colleges need to stop bickering amounst themselves and get a REAL environmental degree program together. I have completed most of the courses for a CES minor that has been in the works for over three years.

I found that obtaining an associates degree is a better alternative in today's world. You can be taught everything you need to know on-the-job anyway, so why not go to a college with some real-world hands-on applications. The labs in the university are completely outdated, and in the electrical engineering world, nothing is done at the component level now anyway so there is no need for all the component level applications throughout the degree

Because of the commuting nature of the campus. I would have prefered to live away from home during my education.