

2007 Graduating Senior Survey Student Comments School of Education

If you had it to do all over again, would you choose to attend UWM?	Why or why not?
Definitely	because its a larger school and my needs were really met in classes
Definitely	Both challenging and clear-cut education plan
Definitely	For me UWM fit my life, I was able to live at home and work more.
Definitely	good education program
Definitely	Great Urban Education Program
Definitely	I am comfortable with UWM.
Definitely	I am very glad that I decided to go to UWM because the urban emphasis within the School of Education was an invaluable resource that other UW schools could not provide.
Definitely	I appreciated the urban focus in the education program. I also found many of the instructors to be very supportive and informational.
Definitely	I believe that the Urban Education program really prepared me for the field I am about to enter.
Definitely	I choose UWM over other schools because they offered me a scholarship. I fell in love because of their committment to urban education. The city and the school are more a part of my than my hometown now because of my experience here.
Definitely	I enjoy the campus and it's location, I like the environment and the atmosphere. For the most part, the professors are committed to helping students advance into the career world.
Definitely	I found that UWM had the campus size I was looking for. The staff was top notch and very helpful.
Definitely	I found the School of Education to be excellent. The professors are all knowledgeable and very helpful.
Definitely	I had a good experience and after 2 years at Eau Claire I chose to come to UWM due to the fact that they had a good urban education program.
Definitely	I had a great expierence at The University of Wisconsin Milwaukee!!
Definitely	I have had a very good experience receiving my education at UWM. I have found all teachers, professors, and other UWM staff to be very helpful and professional in my dealings with them. I would go to school at UWM again and over again if I had to.
Definitely	I love the area and the people I've meet. Although I have had some professors with don't inspire me, this last year I have. That has made a difference in my education.
Definitely	I love the campus and the staff I feel was very well qualified
Definitely	I love the campus because there is a small campus feel in a beg, diverse city.
Definitely	I love the urban education program. I believe I have gained a far superior education compared to a regular teachers education program. The attention to diversity in this program was tremendous and can only help me in my future teaching career.
Definitely	I really enjoyed all my classes and the people that I have met along the way.
Definitely	It is a great campus offering the major of my choice. I would definately do it again. Loved it!

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Definitely	<p>My friends I met have been great and the professors have been most interesting. However I think the School of Education needs to reshape thier program. Many students complain about advisors who sign them up for the wrong courses, this should not be acceptable. The dorms are a joke for pricing, you can have an apartment 2-3x as large for 12 months, or a dorm the size of a prison cell for the same price, but only for 8 months.</p> <p>However, the other perks like the klotche center, wireless and the union are great assessts to uwm. The boss bussing is an awesome feature as well.</p> <p>Nowadays UWM has alot of crime that goes unreported, is that just? I'm not sure.</p>
Definitely	not only does uwm have a great campus, but it is nice and small so it's easy to get around. also, most classes didn't seem to be too overcrowded so it was easy to get help from instructors.
Definitely	Teaching experience in an urban environment (MPS).
Definitely	The culture and atmosphere at UWM are great. I wouldn't have picked another school.
Definitely	The MACSTEP teaching certification was excellent. I feel very well prepared for a future career in teaching. The instructors and advisors in MACSTEP were wonderful. In the other departments I have, however, mixed feelings. I have had many bad experieces with general advising. I have had very good, student-concerned science instructors as well as very low-quality instructors, who care little for teaching.
Definitely	The Social Welfare program has prepared me for work in an urban setting. I feel very knowledgable and prepared to enter the work force as a social worker.
Definitely	The University was so much more than i expected, offered me a wealth of knowledge and wonderfully educated and knowledgable proffesors to guide me.
Definitely	The UWM experience has been very rewarding. The professors and curriculum have been challenging but very helpful in preparing me for my carrer.
Definitely	This is a great school. It is located in the heart of a wonderful city.
Definitely	Transferring to UWM was a great decision! I have learned more about society and the education system than I ever thought there was to know. I have become more open-minded and educated on important educational issues.
Definitely	UWM and the city of Milwaukee have a lot to offer.
Definitely	UWM is a great school in basically every aspect that I explored
Definitely	uwm is very diverse, and that very important.
Definitely	UWM provided the ITP.

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Definitely No	My experience here has been an extremely difficult one. As a parent of three children, one of whom is chronically ill, the services at this school did not help me as I feel they should have. The day care on campus, even at the aggregated price levels, are more than what the budget could afford, the disability services could not help me because I am not disabled, even though the level of my child's disability affected me at the same level as though I was disabled. This school has some very good teachers, but being very good academically is not always what matters. I was met with a lot of cynicism and criticism during my experience here at this school. I have had teachers who have told me that my child's surgeries and appointments were not a good enough excuse for me to miss class. I have failed two classes because teachers would not allow me to make up an exam that I have missed or turn a paper in, which they would not take electronically, because I have had to take my child to an appointment. I have been faced with a lot of roadblocks, and inconvenience during this experience as well. It would have been better for me if there were more evening and online classes in my major, and there were
Definitely No	The Education Department is awful. NO consistency...placement office is completely unprofessional and incompetent...I would NEVER recommend this school to ANYONE.
Definitely No	The education program was not at all what I was expecting. I love the amount of time spent in the field but I dislike the urban aspect of the program and the pressure put on the students about it.
Definitely No	Way too much to fit in this space, and no time to type it.
Probably	A lot of students in one area, campus needs to grow a bit more. A lot of my science classes (both biology and chemistry) were taught by TA's who were too difficult to understand and therefore my grades suffered, however the education program, MACSTEP, is amazing...it was the best program that I've heard of and taken! I'm very pleased with it
Probably	Academic advising was very difficult, I had been switched to many advisors, but luckily I finally was put with someone who helped me out very much. I loved the School of Ed program and all of the professors, they were all very helpful!
Probably	Close to home so I can commute, reputation was very good (Interpreter Program), adult student friendly.
Probably	Convenience, cost of education and professors
Probably	Every professor, advisor, and TA were very helpful. The staff in the education department really go out of their way to help college students with accurate answers and guidance. My only concern with the department of education is not enough observing and time in the classrooms (which I believe is changing this year) but compared to other schools Milwaukee is lacking in that area for future teacher experience.
Probably	Excellent selection of classes and of majors. Great professors
Probably	Good quality faculty. UWM has reasonable tuition compared to other higher education institutions.
Probably	Good school with good classes offered... close to home as well.
Probably	I am torn as to whether or not I would choose to attend UWM. I did not feel that the campus was that safe and the police were not very visible. I wish that students in the School of Education would have had more of an opportunity to voice their ideas and opinions.
Probably	I enjoyed most of the professors I had in my education program. Most of them were very knowledgeable and gave me the information I needed to succeed in the future.

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Probably	I felt like a number in the School of Ed. My voice wasn't heard to the extent I felt it should have been. Overall, this has been a great program with giving me the experience I needed. But I would definately change the communication level in the School of Ed. because it did not benefit the students.
Probably	I had great professors and wonderful classmates in my program. The changes to the program should have been made earlier though.
Probably	I like the campus and the surrounding area. I don't like the theft and robberies that have gotten extremely worse since I first came here though. But I still love the metro area and the small campus that makes everything very accessible.
Probably	I like the city of Milwaukee and UWM is a nice campus.
Probably	I like UWM because of the diversity within the area and city. I came from a small town, so this community was a rich learning environment for me.
Probably	I liked the campus and and the staff.I wanted to stay close to home, and live at home to save money and commute.
Probably	I love the city and the teachers but the education program seems unorganized most of the time, and my advisor has no idea who I am even thought I see him/her twice a semester.
Probably	I originally went to UW Whitewater to pursue my degree, however, the program was not fitting my needs.
Probably	I really enjoyed myself at UWM. I would probably pick it because UWM has an excellent reputation and I'm proud to graduate from here.
Probably	I really like the University here and the campus and have taken many courses that have helped me to grow as a person and as a soon to be educator.
Probably	I really liked the atmosphere that was offered here on campus and the great resource of teachers that are available.
Probably	I selected UWM's Education Program because of the schools urban emphasis. The program gave me the experience I was looking for.
Probably	I think that the education program here is good but I think that they could prepare us better for student teaching.
Probably	I would because I had a pretty good experience
Probably	I would complete GER requirements at MATC.Overall I have not been impressed by my educational experience at UWM. In order to be certified as a public school teacher one is taught pedagogy, or methods that have been developed for teaching. In college, I have seen a total lack of even a basic educational tools. Where is the accountability for a disorganized, unenthusiastic college instructor? Because there is none, standards remain low. Often, teaching weaknesses are hidden by curving the class to hide any overall poor class performance. I also want to add that the introduction of PowerPoint as a lecturing tool has contributed to plummeting effectiveness. This is another avenue which allows professors to prepare a topic with less effort (I'm sure instructors love it). Is there no department which monitors the skills of UWM's teachers? How is it so bad? Also, now that I have completed the GRE exam, I am dissapointed that there was no preparation for it built into my courses. Many courses in physics and biology are taken by students who are interested in graduate studies. It would have been very helpful to require some vocabulary exercises into some of these courses.
Probably	I would definitely do more research on colleges to find out about the education program in order to find which one I preferred the most.
Probably	If I had the money, I would have like to have went out of state.

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Probably	It is close to home so that I can commute.
Probably	It's location is convenient.
Probably	Like the size of the school/campus. High quality of professors compared to UW-Oshkosh.
Probably	My education, along with the experiences that I have gained through my urban years in Milwaukee have proven to be extremely valuable in shaping my opinions of the world along with my self image. I have come from a close-minded, sheltered and naive state to a confident and more informed citizen. Acquiring an urban education degree will be the best thing I have ever done for myself. UWM has offered challenges and given me opportunities to that I would have never been exposed to.
Probably	My program was really beneficial in helping me get ready for teaching. I have heard other programs do not offer as much field experience as UWM.
Probably	Strong ASL program!!!
Probably	The education program here focuses on the urban environment. I may not be in an urban environment when I start teaching.
Probably	The MACSTEP program is a strong education program that is well recognized.
Probably	The program was laid out well, and the professors and advisors were extremely helpful!
Probably	The second year of my education in the Interpreter Training Program was awful, but overall I enjoyed my experience here at UWM.
Probably	The university is close to where I live and I knew of many people who chose UWM.
Probably	There are better institutions in the state. I am not overly happy with my experience, but it has gotten me to where I wanted it to.
Probably	This was a great Education program that I went through.
Probably	UWM is the closest University to my home. I had some concerns with the program and the helpfulness of faculty but was able to work through them. This program differs from many other education programs that I have been exposed to and the program did not offer many hours to work due to so many field hours each semester.
Probably	UWM was close to home and it offered a very good science education program. Not only did I save money, but I was also able to work with some very good teachers in both science and education.
Probably	Yes, I enjoyed the atmosphere and the chance to become an adult living on my own.
Probably No	Advising was very unorganized and there were too many hoops to jump through to get through a basic degree program.
Probably No	Advisors not very helpful, and don't like how the education program is organized.

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Probably No	Field placement assignments every semester were either late(started 3 weeks late Block II),last minute(Block I and Block III 2 days before start),and the cooperating teachers chosen had not been properly communicated with and did not have a clue as to what was required of us or them. The SOE needs to screen and orientate cooperating teachers better so they and the field placement students are on the same page when the semester starts. Although I did have many quality instructors, too much busy work was assigned, and the linking seminar instructors for Blocks I and II at times did not know what all the requirements were for our portfolios or to properly link our classes. The frequent, "I'll have to get clarification on that.", caused SOE students too much confusion and stress as we had to wait and/or revise work we already had completed. Overall, my undergraduate experience at UWM has not been as rewarding as I thought it should have been.
Probably No	I believe I could have recieved a better education elsewhere; most of the instructors at UWM are uninvolved and unexcited about educating students
Probably No	I did not feel my program was well organized or properly staffed. I would only encourage other students to attend the UWM ITP if it was completely re-assessed and proper changed were put into place.
Probably No	i feel that teh education program did not prepare me for teh real teachig experience. i found this out as i started to student teach. several classes were not needed, and also there should be MORE clinicals.(experience hands o in a classroom) besides currins 100.
Probably No	I felt like I was just a number and not a student. Didn't know what was going on with scheduling classes, portfolio requirements, student teaching, etc. most of the time. Slightly dissapointed with preperation for teaching as well as the fact that I am required to student teach in MPS when I live in Racine and commute.
Probably No	I had a lot of problems with my department towards the end of my process. I also would choose a school a little further from home.
Probably No	I love UWM. But the ITP program has been on a consistant decline for the two years I've been enrolled.
Probably No	I want to eventually be a special education teacher and since it's only a postbac program here I will probably just wait and get my master's in special ed. If I had the choice over again I probably would have gone to a school that offered special ed. as an undergraduate program.
Probably No	It was difficult not attending as a full time student
Probably No	It was too large of a school for me.
Probably No	some of the staff members
Probably No	The Education program at UWM is a 5 year plan. I know this is not the case at UW Whitewater. I only made it through in 4 years by attending most summer and Winterim classes. The only saving grace of this university was my connection with American Indian Student Services. I knew that Whitewater would not have the same program.
Probably No	The feeling of support from certain programs is not there often.
Probably No	The only thing I regret is never having left home for college and experiencing the college life
Probably No	The program really didn't prepare me to teach all of the ages that I will be certified for. A lot of the learning had to happen on my own time, by my choice, not because anything was set up.

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Probably No	The School of Education was changing so much and was very confusing while I was getting my degree.
Probably No	Though some aspects were great about UWM, and I actually recommend it to others, the Education Department is terrible. The Department seems to do as little work for their students as possible, and has way too many classes necessary to graduate. I have not enjoyed working with that department.
Probably No	To much busy work and not enough of real training experiences that would help me become a a very good teacher
Probably No	Tuition kept going up.