

**2011 Graduating Senior Survey Student Comments**  
**Peck School of the Arts**

If you had it to do all over again, would you choose UWM?	Why or why not?
Definitely	Because UWM is an awesome learning environment with so much to offer to its students.
Definitely	Centrally located in Milwaukee. UWM has one of the best arts programs in Wisconsin.
Definitely	Dr. Martin Jack Rosenblum
Definitely	For anything involving the theatre program I would. For anything involving the music program I would not.
Definitely	Good film program, inexpensive, Good business program.
Definitely	Great GD Program!
Definitely	great school, great challenges
Definitely	Great teachers and support
Definitely	Guidance counselors were helpful, American Indian Student services was amazing and helped me a great deal with paperwork and FAFSA, Professors in Peck School of the Arts are very helpful and really provided great artistic challenges that really do apply in the "real world" of Art and in general.
Definitely	Had more options for majors and I really enjoyed my time here/my teachers
Definitely	I attended Marquette University and hated the environment. UWM was more inviting and welcoming. I was so happy to find a school I enjoyed attending.
Definitely	I had a great experiences here and I would have no other.
Definitely	I have had the pleasure of meeting some of the most wonderful professors and advisors. They have been helpful and driving in all aspects of life, not just academic.
Definitely	I learned a lot of material in my major and I strengthened my leadership abilities
Definitely	I liked the location and diversity of the school
Definitely	I loved my professors, they are so knowledgeable and helpful!
Definitely	I loved the teachers i had. Specifically Metalsmithing and Art Ed.
Definitely	I really enjoyed the faculty, and as far as my personal goals were concerned I feel that I received excellent guidance.
Definitely	I think it's a fantastic public school. I have had great teachers and met great peers for a more than reasonable tuition.
Definitely	I was most interested in the art program at UW-Milwaukee, I felt like it had the most to offer for my particular situation.
Definitely	I would choose UWM again for the exceptional professors and preparation they give us to graduate.
Definitely	It has a great music program! I enjoyed working with my professors!!
Definitely	It was a good experience.
Definitely	Milwaukee is a great city. I've felt while living here that I was part of the community, not just a small academic circle.
Definitely	Milwaukee offers the opportunity for creative experience, unlike that of any other school in Wisconsin.

Definitely	More than pleased with my educational career here at UWM. I attended another school for my first year, and transferred and felt at home at UWM.
Definitely	My first choice was MIAD to get my BFA, but I feel like the education I got from teachers in the Sculpture track at UWM treated me with a great respect and allowed me to learn on a personal level that I don't think I would have received at MIAD.
Definitely	Once I got to know the campus, it was much easier to get around. The Kenilworth building is much better too.
Definitely	Overall, I found the level of expertise of the professors that I've had in both of my majors at UWM, especially in education, has been above and beyond.
Definitely	Really enjoyed working with Yev and Frankie. Felt like I got a quality education.
Definitely	Rene Izquierdo, the relatively cheap cost of education
Definitely	The Arts department is really amazing, even though they may not be ranked super highly. They should be! Worth so much for the money! So thankful I choose UWM Peck School!
Definitely	The faculty within the Art Education department was extremely knowledgeable and helpful in guiding me towards my degree
Definitely	The film program taught me a lot and helped me evolve as a person, with the help of several teachers and the student body.
Definitely	The professors in the art department were very helpful in developing my techniques.
Definitely	the staff here is extremely knowledgeable and professional in the field of study that I followed.
Definitely	The teachers are amazing-very interested in their field of study and are excellent resources.
Definitely	The urban environment, the academics were very professional.
Definitely	They have a better theatre program.
Definitely	UWM has a solid arts program with passionate teaching staff. The university has also engaged itself as part of the greater Milwaukee community.
Definitely	UWM has the best Dance program in the state for what I am interested in.
Definitely	UWM's Peck School of the Arts offers a wide range of classes that allowed me to personalize my degree to learn exactly what I wanted to.
Probably	Although I continued with my degree of Drawing and Painting, over the years I discovered that I really want to be an animator. I enjoyed all of the animation classes I took at UWM, but If I were choosing a new college, I'd look for one that has an animation degree.
Probably	does not matter
Probably	Everything has an upside and a downside, but overall I had a beneficial experience
Probably	Excellent music teachers who are currently performing in the fields they teach. However, practice, rehearsal and performance spaces are in horrible need of expanding and renovating.
Probably	Good environment. Some of the professors for certain classes shouldn't have been teaching it but my program is picking up now and I'm happy with the direction its going
Probably	Good film program. Allows for personal growth. Please don't stop funding the arts...
Probably	Good system, good teachers
Probably	I choose UWM because I liked the location and I had heard great things about the department of dance.
Probably	I do feel strongly that the University has expanded my horizons and creative processes, however the programs of my choosing seem to severely lack funding as well as the teaching of technical competence.
Probably	I enjoy school here, however I was turned off by the Graphic Design program when I transferred here from the University of Wisconsin - Stout.

Probably	I enjoy the areas and the people that I interact with.
Probably	I enjoyed everything I learned at UWM but I was interested in doing 3D animation since day 1 of attending UWM and only got to take 2 classes towards that.
Probably	I enjoyed my experience here and would probably come back again if I did it all over again.
Probably	I enjoyed the diverse classes, but I had a issue with transferable credits from a different university.
Probably	I enjoyed the smaller class sizes and the size of the campus.
Probably	I fully support my program. I do not believe there is a better Acting Program in the state of Wisconsin. I would choose it again.
Probably	I have been having a really hard time signing up for classes, and also the sculpture department here was not what I had originally thought.
Probably	I learned a lot about the basics and fundamentals, but the department was lacking some resources on the newest technology on the market.
Probably	I really enjoyed my time here but I did not fully explore my options before choosing a school.
Probably	I think I was meant to come here. I had the experiences I was meant to have in order to be the person I was meant to be.
Probably	I would have gone to technical college first to save money.
Probably	I would have liked to go to a smaller university
Probably	I would if it was actually going back in time to when the theatre department had more funding and could teach properly. Now with all the budget cuts a lot is taught by theory instead of by practice, this is not a good way of teaching production based classes.
Probably	I would probably attend UWM again because the location is convenient for me and I am passionate about the city of Milwaukee. Overall I was disappointed in the changes for the Graphic Design program. I am going to have to go back after my bachelors and take some design courses for my job. There is no schedule flexibility in this program. For such a large university I would have expected a lot more availability so students can graduate on time. It was very discouraging when I found out I would be in school much longer if I continued the Graphic Design program. A lot of other students faced the same issues and its unfortunate because I would hate to see this program go away. A lot of students have turned away from the design program because of this issue and I hope that some more flexibility is looked upon for future students.
Probably	I've gained a lot from my professors and classmates
Probably	Individual professors have been incredibly supportive and inspiring but as a whole the administration has been unhelpful and largely a nuisance to my education.
Probably	It has one of the best Film programs in the midwest.
Probably	It took me a lot longer than I expected to graduate because the photography program was not very efficient.
Probably	It was a double edged sword. Some classes were useless, and some were very helpful, but I imagine it is like that at most other universities.
Probably	It was a good experience, but it would have been nice to check out more out of state schools.
Probably	It was a good fit for my lifestyle.
Probably	It was the only College in the Wisconsin area offering a 4 year photography program
Probably	It's the only Film school in the state
Probably	My voice teacher, Tanya.
Probably	Only university in the area with a well-known film program.
Probably	Overall, the subject matter that this degree offers is more than many other degrees I've found at other universities.

Probably	Some of the courses were taught by new/inexperienced professors who did a somewhat poor job, and some courses I felt as if I learned almost nothing. The program changed about 3 times while I was in it, so I was always confused what was required of me and what wasn't. I feel many things could have been improved and more organized. Also, the extra fees I paid for the art classes almost always seemed unnecessary, as I often did not use print labs and I got no supplies for the fees I paid.
Probably	The Peck school of the arts program was great just took a really long time to get through with limited class offerings during specific semesters.
Probably	The program I attending was in the beginning stages of development and was lacking a organization.
Probably	The program I completed was one of the best for the price.
Probably	The teachers were welcoming, and open to your ideas.
Probably	The university is close to home for me, and my primary instructor was top notch.
Probably	UW Milwaukee proved to be a wonderful college staffed by helpful and engaged staff. I enjoyed my experience here very much.
Probably	UW-Milwaukee is a great institution to get your BA or MS.
Probably	UWM has a very good Art History program which is what I would like to pursue my Masters in.
Probably	UWM is a great university and the photo program is pretty decent. The photo professors were amazing. But if I could anything different it would be to attend a college not in Wisconsin.
Probably	UWM is really the only school in Wisconsin/Minnesota with my degree program.
Probably	UWM provided a structured graphic design program
Probably	While I understand the importance of conceptual studies I feel as though the film department focused more on film aesthetics rather than technical skills.
Probably No	Attending UWM was a great opportunity for me. The Peck School of the Arts is an awesome school.
Probably No	Classes seemed to be limited by facilities and budget. Instructors did best with what was available
Probably No	Didn't feel like I received a lot of personal attention in some areas of study. I also felt that in particular the curriculum for a music major in performance was way too much to ask of a performance major. The facilities for a percussion performance major are also not adequate at all. More often than not, I had to find places to practice much more off campus to get my work done.
Probably No	Different Campus/Environment/Student body
Probably No	I did not do my research before college. I thought I could always transfer but I enjoyed the school and the location compared to home so I stayed. I just believe that there would be better programs for my selected major.
Probably No	I had gotten my first undergrad here too, so if I were to go back to school for a third time I would choose a different school for some diversity.
Probably No	I prefer a warmer climate. However, that's not UWM's fault. Overall I enjoyed the school.
Probably No	I would go to an actual art school
Probably No	I would have done this the first time around at UWEC when I got my first degree.
Probably No	I would have liked a dance program with a more rigorous schedule and curriculum
Probably No	I would have went somewhere warmer and with a more rigorous program. Probably a private school.
Probably No	It has been a good experience but I could have done more some where else.
Probably No	Looking back I wish I would have gone out of state, somewhere out of my comfort zone, but my experience here and the people I met were perfect.
Probably No	My experience with UW-La Crosse was much more positive.

Probably No	Not if I was going for photo. The professors were wonderful, however I feel the classes being offered need to be improved. There was no lighting class!!! There was nothing that prepared me to enter the work force as a photographer. I feel I am finally done with college to start being trained to do things others that do not have degrees can already do.
Probably No	Not the photography degree I was hoping for.
Probably No	Painting and drawing is the 'black sheep' of the peck school of the arts when considering the funding that the sub-department receives.
Probably No	Uwm doesn't offer the subject that I like to continue my education in.
Probably No	While I appreciate and respect UWM as a good, diverse and well-rounded school, I found it socially difficult to adapt to. If one is not living in a dorm, as I didn't, it's a large place in a large city and I simply didn't find that people were as connected to each other here as in other schools.
Probably No	While UWM has a good deal of encouraging professors. There are an equal number of professors that seem to only care about job security. I have had a number of professors for both classes in my field, as well as larger lectures, in which I felt my voice as the student was not heard. I believe professors should teach with the intention of seeing a student succeed, and take into account the student's progress made over a period of semesters. When going back for a Master's degree, I will most likely pay more and attend a university which focuses more on individual student success, such as Alverno.
Definitely No	I felt the program I was in was sloppy and unorganized thus causing me to spend an extra semester in school, paying tuition. (example, classes that are only offered in fall / spring). I also felt extremely lost 90% of the time with no one else knowing what to tell me or do next. I also think UWM is way overcrowded (lack of classes available) and the search engines for UWM's email and other websites were useless.
Definitely No	I wanted to learn more studio lighting/ commercial photography.
Definitely No	It is too cold here.
Definitely No	The BFA program has indeed made me a better artist, however the focus is mainly on the fine-art aspects of the photography world, which I do not plan to utilize now that I am a graduate. I plan on going towards my goals as a commercial photographer, not a fine art photographer. I have learned little to no technical aspects of the world of photography, using my camera, lighting, and just the basics of photography or equipment needed.
Definitely No	There is not a sense of community until you are well into your major. This makes the first two years of college very difficult for commuter students.