

College of Engineering and Applied Science
2014 Graduating Senior Survey Comments by Response to
"If you had it to do all over again, would you choose UWM? Why or why

Definitely

steps forward.

Because i like to academic system here and I feel familiar to UWM.

Great school, provided great opportunities

Closer to home and I enjoyed the experience more than at UW-Platteville

It was more for the social aspect of it. I needed to grow in that area and i have significantly.

I wasn't planning on going to UWM but it turned out to be great.

It was a great experience and they offered me a lot of opportunity to grow as a person.

students who go above and beyond their call of duty to ensure your education and understanding, which is more important than any curriculum.

forever.

scholarships

It was a positive experience

yes, I love Milwaukee

UWM has been a very rewarding experience, towards both my educational and professional goals along with overall personal development.

Great Staff and Faculty, advisers very helpful, provided me with great opportunities to pursue my dreams and also study abroad.

I like the program as well as the research I was able to do while here.

Most cost effective and close school.

Cost is low and some Professor's care more about the students than research.

nice community, nice city and nice teachers

happier with the school.

I loved the atmosphere. Most of the professors and advisors were very helpful and kind. Even though it is a large campus, it felt relatively small and tight-knit.

I've had enough positive experiences and great professors that I doubt another university could have improved the process all that much.

I started my bachelors degree in Mexico, but I got an exchange program here, then I got to transfer because the excellent group of professors I had, and all the opportunities that came with it.

Good C.S. program.

Living in walking distance from one of the largest natural bodies of fresh water is very inspiring.

The professors/assistant professors and TA are awesome.

Probably

I was hoping for more hands on classes in engineering earlier on

There are many opportunities in the community, and I do like most of the staff. But there is some major adjustments that should be made concerning tenured professors.

My parents live ~30 minutes from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. As an 18 year old freshman, I didn't want to go half an hour from home but in retrospect living with my parents would have saved a lot of money. However, I am happy with my current situation.

I like living in the city of Milwaukee

Yes because it is close to where I live

The focus of the computer science program seems to be a little too academic focused and not enough focus is placed on "this is what working in the field will be like".

It was the right distance from my home town near Madison. Milwaukee can also be a really fun city where there is always something to do.
Classes that offered by UWM are really useful, especially some specialization courses, which I think are helpful for my future career.
I like the institution and the computer science program. However, I do not like living in Wisconsin. So cold.
Great people, jobs in area seem to respect UWM students and their ability to translate into the work force.
Better than other alternatives.
I enjoyed the atmosphere of UWM. Even though I didn't stay on campus at any point during my time here at
The cost of a state school versus private school far superior.
Frustrating administrative process
Overall a decent learning experience.
UWM is a good institution and it's close to home.
The courses all were relevant to my major and I found many opportunities to apply what I learned in industry.
It's very close to home
It's cheaper than UW-Madison and provides opportunities for employers that I doubt I would find at the larger
I had frustrations senior year. Other than that my time at UWM has been excellent. Due to the issues that came up I will not attend UWM for graduate work.
Just to experience a different school
UWM desperately needs to implement AutoCAD into classes.
Good education
I think the university is focusing too much on becoming a research university, when their primary focus should be churning out productive engineers. There is already Marquette and The University of Wisconsin Madison for people interested in research if a student were so inclined, so it doesn't make much sense to try to reinvent the wheel so to speak. Also, the departments need to get their act together. Not knowing what classes are going to be offered and who is teaching them until the last minute is ridiculous.
Price is good, but education is lacking in certain areas, especially compared to MSOE. Too many people get through without enough work which devalues the overall degree
Good location, acceptable program. I had too many instructors, while brilliant, really shouldn't be teaching.
I like UWM but there are many other great universities
UWM is a good school with a great culture, and I've very much enjoyed my time in this neighborhood and city. Speaking of the Engineering programs offered here - I've encountered a general feeling of uncertainty about the quality of these programs, in discussions with both professionals and fellow students. As of December 2013 there was talk on campus of Engineering programs losing ABET accreditation. In interviews I am always asked questions about why I did not choose to attend MSOE or UW-Platteville. Personally, at UWM I feel I've encountered both terrific professors and ones that do not seem at all invested in the success or quality of my education. I think UWM is a great school with a good program for engineers, however I am not sure that is the
UWM has a very broad engineering curriculum that would be a good choice for someone seeking an engineering
Teachers seemed to care.
I like the proximity I was to my hometown, but my first choice was always Wisconsin. When I was not accepted to UW-Madison, Milwaukee was my second choice.
I like the city
Yes, because of low cost and an improving engineering program. No because of commute.
I have mixed feelings about the education I have received, but overall the experience was positive. If I were could afford a more prestigious school, I would be much more inclined to apply for it.
It happens to be accessible to me and my family, in terms of distance traveled and other nearby opportunities.
First choice was UW-Madison. UWM is closer to home though. I do not regret it.

I have had many opportunities at UWM that may have not been available at a larger school. However, I do enjoy traveling and culture, so studying abroad could have been a better option (minus tuition cost).
Good bang for your buck
I enjoyed the program and professors mostly. There were plenty of opportunities for me to get involved.
UW-Madison would've been a top choice. They have an excellent engineering program.
The class I attended are too much on theory and not enough on practical knowledge. For an example, one of my friends graduated from UWM with a degree in EE engineering and he does know how a chemical battery works.
Engineering program was great. Loved the professors and most of the classes.
It was close to home. I wanted to stay close to home.
Location
I had the opportunity to participate in an incoming freshman summer research program which opened up many doors for me. It was a great experience and was one of the reasons I chose to attend UWM
At the time, I did not know too much about college. As my knowledge of the college experience grew, I found out that there are other schools which has different types of engineering programs that would suit my interest
Yes because it is close to home and provides quality programs in my areas of study.
Undergrad program isn't very strong.
Engineering Program Good. Small Classes.
Most of my professors do not know how to teach. If you don't understand a key point they often can't explain. I have had a few good professors who were good teachers. Why I would choose again was location and cost. Otherwise I would not attend here again. Broken down equipment in labs is extremely frustrating. How do you learn practical application when all of the equipment is broken?
Although some classes were taught with more importance placed on grades rather knowledge retention, most of the professors did a great job in conveying material to students.
It was good enough for my needs and close by where I live.
Probably No
I probably would have considered a school more geared towards engineering like UWPlatteville.
university not notable
I would like to go to a university outside of wisconsin
I may want to attend a bigger school if my university in China has other programs.
because its freezingly cold here
Tuition rose by 1000\$ since I started to attend
Getting into the appropriate classes to stay on track for even a five year degree was extremely difficult.
Engineering student organizations are not supported by the school of engineering. I would like the school to value their students not involved with research projects.
I would've rather gotten into UW-Madison
They cared about grad students and only cared when research was involved with the undergrad students.
There was lots of cheating within the department and lack of concern from faculty about the cheating. It seemed like every student passed regardless of their knowledge level which makes me concerned about the reputation the school has in the work force.
I could have graduated in 4 years instead of 6 at any other engineering school.
Location was good, program was so/so
Many of the courses were taught by TA's instead of professor's. Many of the courses seemed more geared towards research careers rather than industrial applications. I would like to point out the solid modeling was a very small part of the curriculum but a huge part of engineering in industry. Also, certain courses are missing from the education such as even an intro course to Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerancing. I feel that this is a
Would have probably moved out west to make more work connections out there, which is where I ultimately

The classes had more of a teach yourself feel to them. Most classes were taught by TAs which didn't make sense due to how much money a student spends for their classes.

There seems to be almost no help when it comes to job placement. When I would go in for help, I would just get directed to PantherJobs...which isn't really helping me get my foot in the door somewhere. Now, in my last semester, I haven't been able to find any internships/co-ops to gain experience...so good luck to me. Also, it was very difficult for me to enroll in the classes that I wanted due to scheduling conflicts with other classes. This last semester I'm being forced to take some classes I didn't want to because either I have already taken other classes

Definitely No

I would attend a university that would get me out in less than 5 years.

Because I hate Milwaukee and I want to be somewhere smaller, and with more normal people.

The quality of the teachers in the mechanical engineering department are lacking significantly. The equipment in the labs is old and doesn't work...I had better equipment at my high school.