

Peck School of the Arts

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

I feel very fortunate to have such a talented and intelligent faculty.

I found a family here with my friends and I wouldn't trade the memories for anything.

I received a lot of support from the professors

The degree program I completed was excellent.

Good variety of classes to fulfill my requirements

I started at a different college and transferred here realizing this was the place I wanted to go for school.

At the beginning of my education here at UWM I was a bit skeptical about the film program. Over time, I came to realize that everything I was being required to take helped me incredibly with future classes. I love the city and

Location is ideal.

The UWM campus provides a wonderful environment to learn and grow as a student. The professors are some of the top educators in their fields and are master teachers of their crafts.

I was able to achieve the skills and knowledge to pursue my art education major with confidence,

My experience has been wonderful.

Excellent ceramics department- great instructors!!

The professors are incredibly helpful.

I was extremely impressed with my core professors and I feel I could learn so much more from them yet.

The studio art staff and labs were fantastic. Glad I didn't waste my money at an "art school" like MIAD!

The faculty are amazing. UWM has the diversity that I wanted in a school and the overall environment is a great

The film program is great

Yes, because it is close to home.

I loved uwm, the professors seem to care about us as individuals, and the campus has so many activities!

Once you find your place at UWM- Campus, Friends and the UWM community become second nature. The professors really care about you as an individual and a learner.

I only say definitely because I formed an incredible bond with one of my professors, Allison B. Cooke, and I wouldn't give that up for anything. She has taught me more than anyone here at UWM.

UWM's film program blows Eau Claire and UAT Arizona's out of the water.

I had a great experience at UWM and am glad I made the transfer during my sophomore year.

UWM allowed me to explore music composition through the technological lens, which other schools would not

My parents and grandparents went here. I've lived in Milwaukee my whole life and didn't want to move.

Awesome faculty, in-state tuition as I am a Wisconsin resident, great funding for the art program; we have an enormous amount of tools and classes available.

As a Jewelry and Metalsmithing major with focus on digital fabrication, I was able to help UWM build the acknowledgment and acceptance of this area through extensive work within the Digital Craft Research Lab as

both an intern and SURF student. These were some life changing experiences within a department that is committed to the push into new technologies, keeping up with relevant topics and preparing students for a

I've learned so much over the course of the last four years that the only thing that I would do different is try to

The film school is outstanding.

the staff here is extremely knowledgeable and professional in the field of study that I followed.

UWM was my 3rd college, and out of all three that I attended the program for costuming was the best

I love the teachers in Peck School of the Arts

I believe it has the best program in the world for my area of study.

I was able to be exposed to the theatre community of Milwaukee through both faculty and visiting guest artists, who have all had real world experience in their respective fields.
Probably
Offered great connections into the film scene in Milwaukee
I would. The film program was challenging, but I felt that helped me grow.
It is close to my hometown and I like the city of Milwaukee.
I feel like there was a lot more creative freedom at UWM compared to my previous college.
I enjoyed many of my professors and enjoyed the healthy level of competition in my program. I met some awesome people during my time here.
I have had the opportunity to take a lot of interesting classes with some very good teachers.
The only issues I had with UWM was the transfer student process. I took numerous classes that I later found out I didn't have to take but heard differently from different advisors.
I like the city of Milwaukee and all the cultural experiences available for art students.
Close To home, Super community. Facilities are a bit dated.
The university is close to home for me, and my primary instructor was top notch.
Because of the opportunities that UWM offers is what brought me to this University plus it was close to home.
Yes, it is the only public school in Wisconsin with a great art program.
Yes, because I like Milwaukee and the school is all right. No, because I should have applied to more schools.
Closer to home and the price
For my theatre degree I felt really connected with the community and support from my teachers. With my film degree, there was the support, but I felt like some of the approaches that some of the film professors took were unrealistic to what skills we need in the "real world". But overall I had a good experience at UWM.
Because I learned a lot about myself here and had a lot of great experiences and teachers.
I appreciated the education I received here, but I think it may have been more beneficial to join a theatre department more rooted in comedy
I enjoyed it here.
Its been pretty alright
I love UWM, however the design program needs some work and when myself and my peers ran into issues I didn't feel like our department heads reached out to help us, instead they told us that the "design program isn't for everyone" and that isn't really reassuring nor did it address our problems. I feel that it's part of the reason people are leaving the program more and more each year. I feel like no one listens to the students, they just continue to ignore problems that could be easily fixed and improve enrollment. I have had some really great professors, I just don't understand why one person continually is in charge of our curriculum year after year
The school was just right, had a variety of programs to choose from. Felt as if I have really grown here as a student and a human being.
I had transferred two several other schools in my college career but UWM was the only art school I could explore my own ideas and creativity. There is structure but so much of what I learned came from the ability to express my thoughts in the manner I liked. It wasn't about what the professor preferred. They all encouraged me with
It was a great experience and I learned a lot in my program.
UWM wasn't my first choice, but after my 4 years of schooling here, the connections I have made with friends, colleagues, and potential business partners, I wouldn't trade it for the world.
My experience was great for the most part except for the math department.
The program itself was great but the atmosphere of the school was sometimes unaccepting
UW-Milwaukee is in close distance of my family which is most important at this time. I would choose UW Milwaukee again for this reason. Also, I do not prefer private schools.
I loved the education I got here and my professors were excellent. I do feel that some of the other students I was surrounded by were not as motivated or as hard working as I would have liked.

I probably would. The school is cheap, I met great people. I didn't do any research on other schools though, so I
I found a program that fit all aspects of what I enjoy doing and was able to expand my my skill set.
The people I've met here overrule how expensive it is.
I would chose it because it has a great theatre program. The teachers are active in the theatre community and must stay current. It is one of the few schools that offers specialized intensive programs in theatre that anyone
The weather.
I loved my experience here, but that's not to say I wouldn't have loved somewhere else equally.
The film program expanded my horizons on my creativity as a filmmaker.
If went back to UWM I would still enjoy it. The faculty is great and so are the classes offered, especially to my undergraduate major. I also am a local to the area so it's always nice to be home.
I wish teachers and advisors allowed us to build long term professional relationships. I was also discouraged to continue this degree at least twice in my 4 1/2 years here.
My professors made my time here at UW-Milwaukee much better than expected.
The painting and drawing program was politicized and problematic. They don't give adjunct professors enough recognition and support. The best studio professor I had during my time here was Dean Valadez, an adjunct. Shelleen Greene, Nicole Ridgway, and Fo Wilson were amazing instructors as well.
I think UWM offers many opportunities to succeed. I don't discount the teachers I have met that I become so invaluable to my success. But the university needs better communication within departments.
Turned out to be just what I was looking for. Perfect mix of real world and academic environments.
Unique program offerings
Cost to do what I wanted to do.
I eventually became interested in doing art therapy and UWM doesn't really have anything for that focus.
Probably No
The program was terrible.
While I had some fantastic professors the overall organization is far too unorganized and unprofessional
They do not offer some very important learning opportunities which are necessary for them to achieve the goals of department and students.
College is too expensive nowadays.
Because they did not offer Art Therapy Undergraduate Program.
Inconsistant quality of instruction, heavy reliance on online courses, poor advisement
I don't like the city of Milwaukee
I would've liked to go somewhere with more funding and more opportunity. I most likely would have chosen a
I want to travel to other places and perhaps live somewhere else for a while
Definitely No
No offense to the school but I planned on receiving my degree elsewhere
No rating
UWM presents a rare challenge and has prepared me in ways that will be valuable for the rest of my life.