

School of Education

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 think that the UWM education program is strong and offers a lot of support to students.

The professors are wonderful! My adviser is always there for me when I need her!

My academic experience here at UWM has been everything I have wanted out of a college education. I would not change my experience academically for anything. I am also on the Women's Swim and Dive Team for UWM and that experience has been an amazing ride within itself.

UWM has a wonderful Urban Education Program. I also can't imagine living in a city other than Milwaukee right

Upon arrival here at UWM I immediately felt like I belonged to a larger community. I have enjoyed my time as an undergraduate at UWM.

UWM has given me the experience I need to become a professional educator

They are the only university that offer a education program with an Urban Education focus and at the time they were the only one's who offered Bilingual and ESL minors.

I love the atmosphere and the communities within UWM.

The experience, teachers, and overall program met all of my expectations, giving me the best education possible.

UWM is a great University to learn/practice teaching in urban settings.

Yes, I would. They have a lot to offer and give out plenty of opportunities for students to succeed.

I have received the best education I could possibly ask for at UWM. When I talk to people going to other schools for the same degree, it doesn't seem like they're learning nearly as much as I have. I love that my program has had such an urban focus. It has allowed me to open my views into a whole new world, and I would never want

It is close to home and provides an excellent, well-rounded education at a reasonable cost. The professors were also both engaging and informative.

Close, comfortable and reasonably priced.

I like the diversity and online classes!

Affordable, quality education close to home.

I would choose UWM again because I really benefited from the extracurricular opportunities that I was able to be a part of while at school here.

I love the campus and the people that go to school here.

I have become very involved in the school! I have been able to network as well as study abroad, which has been

Loved my experience here! The environment was lively and exciting, and I enjoyed the diverse student body and

It is more reasonably priced than the private institutions and offers a wide range of classes

It's the only school in the state with a 4-year program for my degree

I had a great experience here. The program has given me the skills and knowledge to feel confident in my career

Great Educational program, and Geoscience department and program.

I really liked the Urban Education experience that I have gained from this program.

I loved UWM after transferring here in my third year of undergrad. I have spent almost two years here and have had many amazing experiences. It is a great campus in an awesome city. I love my program, and all the people

I think that UWM's School of Education is by far the best in the state. They are equipping me with the tools to handle any teaching situation. I also love the city of Milwaukee and that UWM is community focused.

I learned a lot about myself as a student and as a parent of five. I worked on campus for a time and my children attended the Children's Center which allowed me to pursue my goals.

The teacher education program here is fantastic. Loved the ECE / ESL program. I had many inspiring and

UW Milwaukee is close to my family

Since I had to transfer, I had to retake classes and many of my credits did not count so it took me longer to

UWM allowed me accomplish all that I wanted to do. I was able to complete a number of degree major and minors, while being a participant of the honors college. If I wanted to do it, UWM helped me find away to
Thought the program was really good.
It's the only school that offers a BA in Sign Language Interpreting
UWM has a very welcoming campus and engaging professors. My mother, four older brothers, and several cousins have all attended UWM before and during my own time there.
I love uwm and the campus
Yes. It opened many opportunities for me professionally and academically.
I would choose UWM because its closeto home and enjoy the diversity.
I loved the campus, and campus resources
Location
I really enjoyed my experience at UWM. I wish I would have attended UWM all 4 years instead of 3, so I would definitely choose UWM if I did it all over again.
I love the college environment here at UWM.
I was pleased with the variety of courses offered and the flexibility of the schedule.
It is a great school with a wide variety of career options available to its students. The campus and surrounding area provide an amazing educational and life experience.
Yes, UWM is a great university with wonderful teachers.
I loved the urban based program.
The dance department at UWM has a very strong and diverse faculty that really drew me to the university.
UWM ended up being a fantastic fit for me.
I enjoyed my time here at UWM.
I love the campus and the curriculum! The staff and professors are very dedicated and helpful.
I have come to realize that the program in which I have enrolled in, is the best in the state.
I had a great experience being a student here. I was able to find myself as a person and grow in the diversity that UWM and Milwaukee offer. I had great professors that helped me a lot along the way as well.
Probably
Overall, It was a good school.
Great programs, however, no parking.
I thought that it was a great school, there were just a few hiccups within the program. I still enjoyed the program
I had a great experience at UWM. The only issues I had involved being mislead in classes I needed to take.
convience
I thought the program for MCEA was outstanding. We were held to high standards and given great opportunities to succeed now and later.
The program is intense and has prepared me well but the organization was a little messy at times.
I love the school and the area
I believe that the MCEA education program at UWM was extremely valuable to me as a student and as a future educator in a variety of ways. I feel confident that this program has provided me with everything I need to pursue a career in teaching and to be a successful teacher as a whole.
UWM has a very good Art History program which is what I would like to pursue my Masters in.
Yes. Love the diversity here!
I don't like the big class sizes.
I appreciated the smaller campus and the focus on urban education.
The program is something that I enjoyed however, the different pre-requesitites were a bit unnecessary.
UWM provided a good education, was affordable (in comparison to other bachelor's degree programs), and
I like the location and classes, though it is a bit large for my taste
I enjoyed my experience at UWM. I was able to learn a great deal from many knowledgable professors.

It is close to home and my place of employment.
Because of location to home and cost
I would have taken my American Sign Language classes at a different school, but the Interpreting Program at UWM was fantastic. The ASL classes should have been four to five days a week. The ASL 1-6 classes I took at UWM did not prepare me for being able to interpret the language. Two days a week for a very difficult language is allowing for adequate or optimal education. I learned more in the interpreting program than while studying ASL. I am still frustrated having to learn the hard way and on my own a language that I paid UWM to teach me for six semesters. The ASL faculty and staff were fantastic, but two days a week was not enough time to actually
I originally went to UW- Stout for Science, but was told to move back home to help my family.
I wanted to focus on teaching in an urban environment and I believe UWM has prepared me for just that.
I enjoyed the smaller city University and the area in which things were located.
It was mostly a good school but I feel that a lot of my classes talked about the exact same things and it would have been nice to not have heard the same thing.
Undergrad was fine for me, but the School of Education was a hassle to go through because the staff was
It is one of only two schools in the state that offer the program I sought.
I enjoyed its location, the program itself seemed to be set up poorly as expectations were never fully known.
Okay school, too much money
I have had a wonderful experience so far, meeting some very influential roll models and mentors to help guide me through this process. As for the School of Ed, I would have liked to see more of a focus on multicultural education, and more "academic" classes on skills (e.g classroom management) instead of having to be exposed to it all in my last two semesters as a student teacher and having to "learn on the job".
The program was really beneficial.
The school was convenient and reasonably priced.
Yes I would probably would have chosen to go to UWM again because Spanish was only my secondary degree. My primary degree was education which I believe that UWM has one of the better education programs out of all UW schools. Therefore, if I were to have simply a Spanish major in L&S, I would have picked UW-Madison
Maybe. Not as great as I expected.
I learned a lot about teaching and was able to get field experience in the Milwaukee area.
The program was unorganized
I felt a lot of haggling when I came here in having to basically take the same courses twice when I transferred from UW-Madison, but the Educational Program here is I felt quite professional and prepares me to teaching.
It was close to home
I think some other schools may have had a better education program in terms of where I plan to teach. I like the urban mission of our teaching program but do not plan to teach in an urban setting.
I enjoyed my classes here and learned alot but UWM doesn't have a program that quite fit my needs (well no school really does yet). My and alot of my co-workers are looking for an education degree for early childhood where all of our student teaching is incorporated into our current daycare jobs or at other daycares/head start programs. Cardnial Stritch has a program like that but it is full time and we all need part time.
Incredible French Dept.
It's close to home.
I enjoyed the experience and learned a lot, but I felt some of the courses were repetitive of other courses.
I have not had much experience with other campuses, but I feel UWM did a great job preparing me for teaching through the various placements at different schools in a variety of classrooms and ages.
I really enjoyed UWM's urban education program, I learned a lot about who I am as a person and as an educator.
I liked the classes that I was able to take prior to getting into my major. I also liked how some classes were large and some were small.

I have enjoyed two years at UWM, however I cannot speak for their education program as a whole seeing as I completed my first 4 years elsewhere.

Probably No

The lack of structure and guidance for my program. I have received misguided information from my academic advisor and was solely told what to do from a friend who already went through the program.

I have heard of much better Special Education programs at other UW schools such as Whitewater, and Oshkosh. I feel that there were lots of "filler" classes that focused too much on urban teaching and not enough on Special

The program was too unorganized. It could be vastly improved.

Money

The organization and requirements were always chaotic and unhelpful. I only had a handful of teachers that I actually learned something from the entire five years that I have been here.

UWM's financial handlings was slow and hard to deal with. Dates and forms were not clearly instructed, and was once charged twice for semester's tuition.

A lot of useless classes, program is 5 years when it seems that it could easily be finished in 4.

As a high school student looking at colleges, I was unprepared and uneducated about different types of colleges and what they offer. Looking back I wish I would have known UWM is a researched based school and wish I would have had more knowledge about how the education department was ran. Although I continued out my degree here, I am curious how my college experience would have been somewhere else.

Advising was never useful. Set backs and complications occurred because of advising.

The education program is not good

I was dissapointed in the quality of the program overall.

Although I love the philosophy, I didn't like the classes offered. I think many of the classes could have been combined. I would have benefitted from more content classes.

Too many reasons why not.

I did not have helpful advisors, many things i should have know from my education advisors i had to hear about then ask and get answers.

If I had to do it over again, I would have enrolled at MATC to save money.

Definitely No

The support staff for students suffers greatly at UWM. Between the unorganized advising staff and the teachers/professors that don't put students at the forefront of their work, I have become very bitter about my experiences at this university. I am not happy about the miscommunication between the advisement office and students, and it is not okay to learn from someone who isn't a qualified educator. I have taken numerous classes that were taught by experts in the content, but not in the methods of teaching, and this made learning very difficult. Additionally, as a School of Education student, I was very unhappy with my field placement opportunities. Something needs to be done about the classrooms UWM students are placed into in the MPS district. It is disheartening and tiresome to continually learn what not to do, instead of observing and learning from excellent teachers in practice. I am dissatisfied with the results of my education at UWM and I do not plan

The School of Education is very poorly put together. There is a high turn-over rate, resulting in people who do not know their job well. I do not feel I got what I paid for. I feel that the people who are still employed are generally extremely unhappy. I would choose to spend my money somewhere where people cared about their

Lack of respect for non-traditional students from program faculty

No rating

I found a lot of resources here that I hadn't received elsewhere as well as the cost being a lot less, while still having a quality program

I feel that the college I attended previously had a faculty more in tune with the student body. They seemed to have more concern that the students understood the material, that they were presenting the information in a way that the students would understand, and the school in general seemed to put the students first.

better schools in WI

I love the help I received while i was at uwm.

This school is has excellent educational resources available to students, is easily navigable around campus, and is located close to home.