

2015 Peck School of the Arts Graduates

"If you had it to do all over again, would you choose UWM? Why or why not?"

Definitely

Attending UWM was initially a last minute decision. I began my first year with a plan to transfer after a semester or so, but after just a semester I completely fell in love with this university, and I know I would not be nearly as happy at any other university.

Because it is close to my home address!

Because the programs were manageable yet challenging that was geared towards what I wanted to do.

Because this school makes me feel comfortable and welcomed.

Best resources for graphic design and city over madison.

Close to home and the great art program

For my specific career goals, they have one of the best programs in the area.

Great film program.

Great fine arts program

I always liked the city of Milwaukee, and visited it often. The campus wasn't too big or too small and it has one of the best film programs in the country.

I enjoyed the diverse opportunity that was given to me in and outside my major.

I feel for my program UW-Milwaukee provided me with the best academic and cultural experience.

I feel like I learned a lot attending UWM and would recommend it to others.

I had a great experience at UWM and it's changed me significantly.

I had a great experience with the instructors here.

I initially attended UW-Oshkosh my first year, but after researching more into the film program here and visiting the campus, I knew this was a better fit for me. I couldn't be happier.

I love the campus and services UWM provides its students.

I met a lot of interesting people in my field, and was able to get experience doing what I love.

I really enjoyed working with and getting to know quite a bit of the professors here. Rene Izquierdo has done wonders for my guitar skills and Gillian Roger inspires me to try harder in life. Not only are they great teachers but they are great people too. I'm glad I got to work with them.

If choosing UWM again would make me exactly the same person that I am when I'm submitting this, and I would meet all of the same people and have all of the same experiences and be the same person I am now, then I would choose UWM.

It is the closest university to my house

It is the only place in the world I can study finger-style guitar at a university level. The University fosters a diverse community of students and faculty, which helps to maintain a unique educational and cultural experience.

Milwaukee has so much to offer in terms of the arts, so I would come here again for an art degree. Although some departments in PSOA are lacking in faculty and class offerings (in my opinion), I think the art program offers a lot of extracurricular activities to take part in.

More affordable, and better suited Film Program for my needs and interests.

My dance professors truly cared about me, and my education here.

Photography department professors were excellent and helped me develop as an artist and person.

Price and Location

The art school here is way better than Madison, and I absolutely love the Metals and Art History program

The dance degree here is incredible. I have established wonderful connections, toured the world, and created a community of my own in Milwaukee.

The faculty is wonderful

The instructors here are great!
The music program has been fabulous, and I feel very prepared for the future. However, there NEEDS to be more advisers and help for the students. It is a long program, and it is very difficult for students to navigate everything on their own. There NEEDS to be someone to help them!
The music program here is excellent. However, many mistakes were made by faculty and advisers due to not understanding my program thoroughly.
The professors at UWM have really helped me grow. They've taught me so much and truly prepared me for my future.
The program for Art Education has become the best in the state. I fell in love with the city and I even fell in love with a woman.
The teachers in my program were fantastic and caring. They helped push me to work hard towards my future career and completion of goals.
The Theatre Department has exceptional staff and professors that push you to do your best and learn as much as you can while growing as a person and artist.
There is a special sense of home at UWM.
This program gave me the most room to make the films I wanted to make, and choose the curriculum I
This university offers a special experience of diversity, culture and research. I have found it to be an incredible wonderful place to further my education while allowing me to take courses in all of the topics that interest me. I am proud to have said I attended UW-Milwaukee.
UWM Dance Department experience was absolutely amazing.
UWM gave me the skills and tools I needed in my degree field along with real world experience in my degree field.
UWM is a great school with challenging yet fun curriculum. The city atmosphere and the people make it feel like home.
UWM is a great value, especially in regards to Peck School of the Arts. I was surprised at how helpful, knowledgeable, and experienced the faculty were. You don't need to attend a private university to get a good music education. You can get one at UWM.
UWM was my first choice for completing my bachelors degree because of the PSOA. I have really enjoyed the classes and teachers within the school and because of the hands on learning I experienced, I wouldn't choose any other school for the program.
Yes, I loved that the campus was large but still made you feel at home.
Definitely No
As an African American Student the dance department was not welcoming. I spent my whole carrier at UWM fighting racial discrimency. I was depressed and I wanted to Kill myself numerous of times. The faculty put me in a box before they even knew me. The faculty picked their favorites and ignored everyone else especially those in the African Diaspora Track. I will never recommend UWM to any black student.
It's difficult to get the one on one personal relationship with the professors because they have so many students.
Probably
A lot of the general education classes are a not relevant to my degree nor do they serve a purpose.
For the field that I want to pursue-acting in the fine arts Milwaukee is a great community to start building that base and those connections and I love that all my professors were still working in the community professionally as they were teaching us!
Given my circumstances, yes, but if I had the financial freedom I would have attended another University.
Good location good programs. I wish there was more support for things like illustration with face to face classes as online lacked substance.
Good spot for theatre and networking.

Great arts program!
Great location, great community.
I came here for the film program and you guys have a damn good one!
I certainly feel a high degree of positive change has occurred in me during my time here at UWM. I don't know if I can completely attribute that to UWM, but whatever amount I can attribute to it I value greatly.
I enjoyed my experience at UWM
I feel prepared for my career path, rigorous but informative program, somewhat unorganized and not a lot of money for the department funds.
I had a positive experience.
I have gained many opportunities through this University that I do not believe I would have gained at other institutions. However, this school was not my first choice for the degrees I was focusing on.
I like the experience I had overall. The schooling part was not the greatest, but I had a great time getting meeting people and being involved with Production Club.
I started at MIAD and it would have been great to be able to finish there, but their pricing is insane. I think UWM is a good school for my program, but if I'd have known I wasn't finishing at MIAD I would have most likely gone out of state for a more fresh experience.
I think the program here (IAT) is a unique and challenging program taught by folks who are working currently in the field.
I think the UWM film department has allowed me to develop my skills and friendships in ways I hadn't considered and it provided me with experiences I don't think I could have gotten anywhere else.
I transferred my second year to UWM. Keeping in mind I would still want to stay in Wisconsin, Milwaukee would still be my choice.
I was in a community I knew and lived in. I made great connections with teachers and students, but I still want to move to a new city upon graduation.
I would have liked to go a bit south for my education but I stayed in Milwaukee to save finances.
I would have liked to transfer somewhere, after a couple years, just to switch up the scenery.
I would have maybe decided my major later in my time in college.
I would have picked a college known for Design if I knew that's what I wanted to go for when I began.
I wouldn't go here first. I would probably go to a tech school first then come to uwm. It is too hard to figure out what you want to do while at a 4 year school.
It is affordable and near home. I may have considered studying overseas.
It offered the major I was interested in while also seeming like a prestige place to gain an education.
It was a fun program with a close family like Acting program.
It was cheap, affordable, close to home, and I made some really great friends/connections.
It was convenient
It was pretty good.
Location
Money hungry bastards
Not a huge fan of the city, but good school.
opportunities provided by internship programs and faculty connections.
or nah
The film school is within the top 15 in the country and the low tuition makes this a top choice for me, but maybe another school out of state would give me real world experience in trade off for the price. UWM would definitely be a choice though.
The program here was not what I had expected.
They have fantastic art programs
UWM was better than I expected it to be so I probably would again.

While a few things could have been made better, the faculty for my program were all excellent.
while I am certainly happy here, paying out of state tuition for 2 years was a terrible decision. The loans that I accrued during my time here will cripple me for a very long time
Wonderful art program and campus.
Yeah, good school and people
Probably No
because
Coursework in Design and Visual Communication was too time-consuming, and took more than double the time to complete than the allotted credit hours.
Expected animation degree by time of graduation, do not feel curriculum is adequate for someone planning on going into animation
I feel like I would have gotten a better education at a school like CalArts or Ringling College of Art and Design.
I had terrible experiences with advisers misinforming me. It stretched my undergraduate degree from 4 years to 6, and I went to school full time all 6 years. The best experience I've had has been my final year, Louis was exceptionally helpful.
I personally am not a city girl, although the art program you have is great.
I really wanted to go to a bigger University like the University of Minnesota Twin Cities
I thought most of the professors lacked communication skills and overall enthusiasm. However, there were a handful of professors who I thought were great.
I transferred last minute
I would have likely went out of state to experience more of the world.
Instructors in DVC program were largely apathetic, or neglectful in their responsibility to inspire and prepare students in a personalized way.
No school spirit. And I even play on the D1 Baseball team here. No one knows we exist.
The program doesn't really offer courses in my area of interest (hardly any animation classes and most of the classes are unfulfilled).