2015 School of Information Studies Graduates

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

Definitely

Being able to do the degree online made it possible.

Both the instructors as well as the academic advisers did a very good job

good school

Good school and program as well as good teachers and staff

I feel the school provided me with the tools needed to compete in the workplace. I can also appreciate the reputation of a state university. The only factor to dissuade me from doing it over again would be if I could have gotten the same degree geographically closer to me.

I loved getting to experience the surrounding city.

I should have attended UWM in 1988, when I attempted a degree pursuit the first time.

It gave me great opportunities within the Milwaukee community for developing my skills with computers and becoming a skilled application developer.

It is a good program and my credits from MATC transferred into it.

It is convenient for me

The flexibility of online courses has helped tremendously.

UWM has the best teachers and a lot of student services that really help a students education.

UWM is an excellent school that really interested me.

UWM is one of the premier Information Science institutions in the US.

UWM took most of my credits from WCTC and I was able to gain experience by working for UITS.

Definitely No

Too cold.

Probably

Good Programs and very flexible courses.

Good school, good classes, good location

I definitely enjoyed my experience more than the first school I attended (Marquette University) - I just believe Milwaukee, WI is not the location I would prefer to live.

I enjoyed the opportunities that I was presented both in the school as well as outside of it.

I have found I am not a big city person

I like the city, and I enjoyed my education.

I started out as a electrical engineer major, but with some Instructor/TA having a strong accent it effected my learning because English is not my first language so I have difficulty in interpreting. I don't have anything against them, but that was one of the factor why I changed my major. During the course of deciding to stop majoring in electrical engineering, it was pretty difficult in deciding what I would like to major in next because I feel like UWM doesn't advertise their available majors. I didn't even know IST existed until a few days of researching for possible majors that would suit me. IST was a nice choice to major in because all of my credits I had taken during my electrical engineering major were transferable to count towards the IST major. Speaking of IST, something that the IST program can improve on are the courses that involve programming; these courses don't teach the fundamentals in that programming language which I think is an important knowledge to acquire when programming rather than just receiving tutorials from instructors to accomplish an assignment. Another thing to add is that UWM doesn't emphasize on coordinating minors and certificates to students, which could greatly broaden their knowledge and making a statement in their resume. Once again I had to research on my own to find about the computer science minor and web development certificate. The final component to mention is UWM's availability of courses. Some courses are only available on every other term, other courses are conflicting with one another. One of the courses that I dislike seeing is that it's only available as a online course; this makes it almost impossible to obtain that knowledge because you would have to shell out extra money to take an online course with addition to the already paid tuition. This is one of the reason why it took me an extra year to complete my degree along with a minor and certificate.
I think UWM and all the UW colleges have a lot of resources and they don't use them appropriately for students. Students should have more of an impact every year on what things are taught and how they are
In town, and its relatively cheap for a university, however if I had to do it all again I would probably take two years at MATC and save some money.
It gives me the opportunity to work while in school. Close to home.
It has lots of options for degrees and courses.
It was a great experience, but I would like to be further away from home.
Nothing too bad or too good happened.
The drive was a bit much, but the program was really good.
The location and the staff
Too close to home
Urban Community.
You are very flexible. I did all online course. that limited my electives a little bit but overall it was very easy to get into and I would do it again.
Probably No

Coming from a small town, the UWM atmosphere was very different from what I was accustomed to. There was too much commotion all the time, and the parking situation on campus is a cluster. UWM discontinued the Veterans Park and McKinley Marina park and ride shuttle, which made parking an even bigger mess at UWM and required students to open up their wallets if they had to park on or near campus.

I resorted to online classes to complete the majority of my degree after two years of dealing with the UWM campus. When taking classes on campus, I frequently felt like I had no name, and I was just recognized by my student ID number. This was especially apparent in large lecture hall classes.

Don?t get me wrong, I had some good instructors and learned a lot of valuable information through the degree program that I was enrolled in, but things could have been much better.

I honestly feel like I would have been much better off if I would have earned an Associate degree in the field I was studying and then get into the workforce right away to get experience. I then would have likely pursued a Bachelor degree online if I deemed it appropriate.

I would like to get out of Milwaukee for a few years. The advisors have also let me down numerous times in multiple department. (i.e. having me take classes that would not contribute to my selected major)

The degree is not related to the field I currently work in.