2016 College of Engineering and Applied Science Graduates

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

**Definitely**
- Close to home, less expensive
- Excellent networking options for future employment
- Good university, nice professors and classmates

**Great City / Campus**
- I choose UWM over MSOE just because I received free tuition. If that wasn't a factor, I'm not sure which route I would have taken.
- I had a great experience with the professors, students, and classes.
- I like it

I loved everyone in my department. Dr. Ben Church, Juli Pickering, and Jennie Klumpp were particularly helpful.

I received a lot of support and most of the academic staff demonstrated a sense of commitment to my academic success.

I wanted to stay close to home. UWM was the one that was close enough for me to set my priorities straight.

I was given a lot of opportunities since the College of Engineering is a smaller community. I was able to take on leadership experiences, meet my professors, and overall was able to feel apart of a community and not just another # in the system.

I was originally a Physics major, but I was going to UW-Parkside. UW-Milwaukee was a much better fit for what I wanted to do, and let me explore engineering.

I would choose UWM because I am from a small town, and UWM is such a large and diverse college. There is so much offered at the university and in the city of Milwaukee.

**it fits me**
- it is very great school with professional instructors
- It provides a good education.
- It was my first choice but got denied in 2010 and had to wait two years
- Living in regret does no good. I am extremely happy with where I am, the people I have met, and the choices I have made.
- Location as well as the curriculum I was looking for.
- love the atmosphere
- Love the school and the city
- Really enjoyed the city and was a good experience for me.
- Smaller school feel compared to Madison. Smaller class sizes. Better access to professors. Lots of opportunities to get involved with research. Small campus.
- The college of engineering working to provide better opportunities for women in computer science though Grace Hopper conference and starting of organization
- There was a education level was at a high quality.
- third times a charm!
- This is a good school, and help me get used to study in USA.

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee has been great at giving me opportunities to work for great companies in the surrounding area. In addition, the city is great and larger than the city the school I originally wanted to go was in.

**UWM is a very good school.**

**Very good engineering program.**
You get our moneys worth but parking for commuters sucks ass. The capital humbold lot is ok but its so inconvenient.

I loved being involved with Hyperformance Dance, a student org on campus. I have been a chapter director of the program for the past two years and have danced on the program for 3 years. It gave me a very strong sense of community.

The windows computers in the unions all suck! it Literally takes 5-10 minutes just to log into the computers. I dislike them and never use them. Id rather carry my laptop around every single day.

**Definitely No**

Mediocre computer science program

**Probably**

I enjoyed my experience

Location

1. Advising was so helpful, better than anyone else's experience that I've heard (at other schools).
   2. There are many companies that hire UWM graduates.

Comparable degree, fair price.

Convenient location, relatively inexpensive tuition,

Convenient, good engineering department

Fairly exceptional engineering program.

Need to have more seats for classes.

Seriously it should not be so difficult to enroll in classes...absolutely ridiculous.

Good Engineering program that got me ready for real world.

great diversity of students and great campus setting

Great location. The classrooms were high quality and the teachers were fantastic early in my time at the school.

Had a great undergraduate experience, many research and internship opportunities.

had a nice program with some great teachers, some not so much.

I earned an athletic scholarship for full tuition at UWM and never applied and explored my other options.

Also, because of my heavy family responsibilities, I never spent much free-time on campus and do not have a strong sense of loyalty to the school because of this.

I enjoyed the area and atmosphere the school had.

I feel like I belong to UWM, and when I am around campus I feel good.

I like the size of CEAS. Professors are interested in research, but are also invested in students. The Materials Science and Engineering Department (especially Dr. Ben Church) urges students to go on industry tours, attend local society meetings, and network within the industry to help obtain internships and future job opportunities.

I like the urban environment, I like that it's close to home, I LOVE Milwaukee!

I liked the engineering program as well as the group of students I was in the program with.

I received a quality education

I think overall, Milwaukee has excellent facilities for learning, and the staff and professors are more than capable and bright teachers. That said, I feel like there isn't as well developed of a community. Not that there wasn't one, but finding extracurricular activities I enjoyed was difficult.

I was initially interested in an athletic program that UWM doesn't offer

I wish we had more engineering courses and less general education courses (art, diversity, etc.)

If I had the same circumstances yes, but if I wouldn't have received the CEAS scholarship I would have went to UW-Madison.
It for the most part provided everything I needed.
it is a very good school
It was a solid program with good instructors with more affordable tuition.
It was close by
It was the least expensive school i got into
Learned alot while I was here, and close to home

Milwaukee has great connections to Industry and has opened up a lot of doors and opportunities for jobs.

Over the years I have had a handful of excellent professors who legitimately cared about student's education and futures. Far too often professors seemed too occupied with their own research to apply their time to the classroom. The University puts a large focus on research and growing itself; this focus too often leaves students and staff behind. The decisions to continue to cram more students into a classes even if the classrooms do not have enough chairs to accommodate every student puts both the them and professors at a disadvantage. Practices like collecting 'lab fees? when the equipment in the labs are frequently are outdated and/or broken while the research facilities/schools have brand new equipment and laboratories that only a few staff/students use. These are just some of the examples that I have run into in my time at UWM that make me feel that the quality of education provided by this institution has areas that need improvement.

School of Engineering is great, however, the area around and including UWM is not the safest.

Seems like a good enough program.
Some professors focus to much on their research instead of teaching.
The computer science program at UWM is said to be very good.
The cost of tuition and location.
The cost of tuition was manageable and it was close to home.
The location and affordability were really the driving factors to choosing this university.
The university resides in close proximity to my home, the cost is lower but I do not care for the city or environment on the campus
UWM has a great engineering program
UWM is a more inexpensive option, closer to home, the bus stop location near me is very convenient
UWM offered a great curriculum with great instructors, but I was not very happy with the location of the campus.

Probably No
As much as I love UW-Milwaukee, if I had to do it again I'd probably attend UW-Madison
Avoidance of massive student debt is the #1 reason I chose UWM over my preferred colleges. I would have chosen otherwise if not for the relatively manageable student debt.

I would have liked to live on campus for at least a year, but I ended up simply commuting from home due to financial reasons. I feel disconnected from the UWM community as my daily commute is long.

Could have gone to Madison but chose impulsively based on reciters and scholarship.

Fees external to tuition (i.e. parking fees) are getting way out of line, and the quality of the education and research funding is getting cut as a result of the budget reduction measures proposed by Governor Walker and the state’s Republicans.

Foreign instructors are hard to understand. My required classes changed midway through my college career, rendering classes i took useless.
Had some fun here, but would attend MSOE instead. Dangerous campus/neighborhood areas. Had many
unintelligible professors/TAs that did not care about students' concerns. Guidance counseling setup/general
curriculum was poorly setup and changed multiple times while I attended. Did not get grandfathered in to
previous Mech. Eng. curriculum despite beginning courses prior to the changes. Many mechanical engineering
labs were poor due to under funding and lack of new/working equipment. I felt like more of a money-book
for the school than a student.

I just think i would have had a more fun experience if i didn't go to school so close to home. Also, i think i
could have gotten better professors if i went elsewhere.

I personally think the engineering program is missing inspiring instructors. My first three years i was
essentially taught by TA's and that is unacceptable when you are paying in excess of $5000.00 per semester to
attend. The curriculum has more than a few classes that are completely useless in our careers that we are
forced to take and of course pay for. Being a Civil Engineering major I am now looking for jobs and finding out
that almost all firms want Civil 3D computer experience and none of that is offered at UWM. They want us
taking Electrical engineering classes, two useless freshman level engineering classes and a Tech C elective class
that has nothing to do with engineering. That is 4 or five classes that could be replaced with learning things
that will benefit us in the REAL WORLD. I know this sounds like a lengthy complaint but when college IS
supposed to prepare you for a job. UWM did do this but it was lacking some things I feel are so obvious. I
guess a good way to put it would be, they are a bit behind the times.

I would have tried harder in High School to get into UW-Madison or MSOE.

I would want to see how my life would be different if I attended a different school though I did enjoy my time
here at UWM.

not good enough school for me

Program could have been set up better. Better guidance on what classes to take and when would of helped a
lot. Also the fact uwm has fees for every little thing, like a student ID card, or even this graduation application.
I paid 40,000 dollars for a degree and your going to nickel and dime me every step of the way? Just not right.
Otherwise not a bad school.

The university does not make it possible to graduate in a reasonable time

To researched focus I want to prepare myself to earn money not continue schooling for 10 years and spend
$100K.

UWM curriculum need to be updated with industry standard. For example, instead of programming a PIC or
microprossesor and wiring a board, we should be learning how to program an FPGA or PCB.

Without the prospect of coming here to play division 1 baseball, there is little chance I would have come to
UWM on my own.

Would prefer not to be in the city. The campus was fine.