

2016 Peck School of the Arts Graduates

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

Definitely

A change in majors led me to the PSOA program and the digital studio practice and haven't questioned my choice since.

As long as Chris Burns and Kevin Schlei were still here, I would say that there's no reason to go anywhere else in the midwest for undergrad. Far cheaper as big-deal research institutions in Illinois, and the professors are just as good.

Because I was close to home and able to get a good education.

Because it has the best dance program for me

because of the instructors in my program and all the opportunities the program had to offer.

Because PSOA has great teachers that share worldly experience with you. They got me ready for the world.

Close to home and quality school

great art program!

Great program and connections over my four years attending.

Great program. Professors care about students. small class size

I didn't know it until I came here. But I needed the push from my small hometown to the city. My teachers had much more free time to help the students than I ever expected, and am grateful for that. It is unfortunate that the schools budget was cut.

I feel like the faculty in the art department has expanded my knowledge exponentially and I felt like I really fit into the school after transferring from a two year college.

I had a great experience with the Music Faculty here, they helped me progress from nothing to what I am today.

I had amazing professors in my actual area of study. They pushed me to fullest potential and I have become the person I am today because of it.

I had wonderful teachers who helped me choose the right path for myself.

I have a lot of great experiences here. I have had the opportunity to have some of the most incredible and helpful professors.

I have gained a significant amount of knowledge while attending UWM and I don't think I would have had the opportunities at another university. I got to build 3d printed prosthetic hands for some very deserving children and got to go to Johns Hopkins with my professor to teach families how to build the hands.

I have had so many opportunities for leadership and learning beyond the classroom, including the Student Startup Challenge and Undergraduate Research.

I like the curriculum here at UWM within the Film Department. I enjoyed meeting many of my peers in film and I hope to see them out in the field later in life.

I love all the opportunities the large university has to offer in the large city of Milwaukee.

I love the atmosphere of the University and everything that the city has to offer.

I love the Design program here. I love how condensed the campus is.

I loved the area of Milwaukee, it really got me used to city life, and the art program was great.

I loved the people and the education that I got here. The film program may be a little bit behind its time, but it pushed me to do more independent work and get more out of my own experience.

I really enjoyed and valued the jewelry & metalsmithing program.

I was able to complete two degrees here. Other than not having a football team, the school gave me everything I wanted. It was also cheaper than my other choices!

I was originally going for a different degree at my first university. When I changed majors, they didn't have a very good programs. I learned so much more at UWM
I would choose it all over again because I have met the greatest people and the greatest professors, I could choose no where else to continue my higher education.
It was a great experience for me!
It's an excellent university with a great fine arts degree program.
like the film program here a lot
lovely college and nice professors
the combination of online and in person courses really helped with my course availability. Also the film department of UWM is fantastic
The film program at this school is probably the best way to learn to be a filmmaker and to be sucessful in life in general, where other schools take you through one trade and perfect it, UWM's film program gives you experience in every aspect of filmmaking.
The film program here and the general art scene all around Milwaukee is perfect for me. nothing else would do
The instructors and program I am in exceeded my expectations.
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The Jewelry and Metals program at UW-Milwaukee's Peck School of the Arts provides students with talented teachers and useful equipment and materials needed to learn valuable processes and techniques.
There is a great diversity and knowledgable faculty in their fields.
UWM gave me a wide variety of courses to explore over my time at the school. I took a lot of interesting courses that expanded my knowledge in certain fields, and met a lot of individuals along the way who I'm glad to have met. I hope to use both to my advantage as a progress into the future.
UWM gave me the liberal values and cultural diversity I was lacking in my life and showed me all the people I can connect with through my art and all the possibilities there are across the globe and within a community.
UWM has a really good art program.
UWM has provided incredible opportunities, linked with spaces and people in the city of Milwaukee, where relationships exist that would not in other cities.
UWM offered great resources,
UWM was a life-changing experience for me and the perfect segway to the big city life I want to live. I had the fortune of making the best friends I've met yet and had the most wonderful professors anybody could ever ask for in my program.
Definitely No
I no longer want a job in this field, and UWM does not have a program for what I do want to pursue.
I should've just taught myself the few things I learned here.
The quality of teachers at UWM is absolutely pathetic.
Probably
Availability of a variety of classes is somewhat limited.
Because I get in state tuition and the DVC program is known for it's success.
Budget cuts and consistent defunding are effecting the quality of public education.

Concerning accessibility of resources for cross-disciplinary arts students or any in interdisciplinary arts, I would highly recommend a more viable system for allocating funds to allow students to work in studios outside of the immediate semester of enrollment. This is ESPECIALLY important for nontraditional/part-time students. I feel this lack of accessibility to studio resources stunted my ability to experiment within chosen disciplines because of my part-time status.
Good personal support from professors
Good program for my field.
great fibers program
I ended up liking it.
I found my instructors to be very knowledgeable and helpful through out the process of creating meaningful art and discourse on modern and contemporary ideas, though some were bias at times. I do not have any other university arts program to compare to in order to give a definitive answer of "definitely". I chose UWM based on financial capability, convenience of location, and brief review of alumni opinions on the Peck School of the Arts.
I greatly enjoy the film program here at UWM. However, I may consider going to a different school with a program that is more geared towards helping students find work in the industry as opposed to its focus on experimental film.
I had a scholarship that was could've only been used at UW-Madison or UW-Milwaukee.
I learned a lot and have had the best time of my life. I've set the course for the rest of my life here.
I really enjoyed the atmosphere of the campus.
I really like the professors I've had here, but the art facilities on campus are outdated and somewhat falling apart. If I was just starting school this year, I would definitely not come here due to the impending budget cuts.
I really like the school and campus. I made the wrong choice to go to college right after high school.
I really loved UWM. All of the art professors truly care about their students.
I thoroughly appreciated the faculty involved in the film department and their genuine interest and support of their students. I am amazed at the classes available in the department as well, I wish I had time to take more.
I would probably explore my options for schools more. The Design program at UWM was excellent, however I would consider another design school with more funding.
It has a good music education program but the jazz program is lacking.
It is very inexpensive compared to most film schools.
It was a decent program, and showed me that I loved film but I believe I could have gotten into a more film dedicated school
It was convenient in regards to location and the people also attending, but the program needs to be worked on a little.
Milwaukee is my hometown and during my Freshman year I was able to stick close to home and lower the financial blow.
Most of the school seems to be very independent based and experimental, not very commercial at least in the art departments.
My do over would have started at Cal state or SIU
Parking is difficult to find.
The campus made me a better musician that I ever expected to be, and now I am about to walk out the door feeling competitive enough to eventually wind up as a full time professional player.

The music program was good but I cannot recommend it to any of my peers until the Jazz Studies Program is re-established
The professors are knowledgeable.
The school is near to my family, and has a wonderful art program. However, if I applied to another program I probably would have been accepted.
The university and the city of Milwaukee opened my eyes and mind to all sorts of new people and issues in the world, and I'm glad I got to experience these things through the university.
The way the government is affecting the university's budget
There are some great teachers in the Peck School of the Arts
there is a disconnect between the classes taught in the music department and how the topics covered relate to our specific instruments
There is a great film program here, but sometimes wonder if a degree was necessary for field of work.
This is an impossible question, as if I could do it all over again, with hindsight being 20/20, I would have done it all differently.
This is the best program in the state.
UWM has a very renowned film program.
UWM is pretty great school as far as accessibility and opportunity and most importantly it's still growing. These are great qualities in a university.
Very good school.
Probably No
Although I understand Peck is an Art school, there is an imbalance in the curriculum. Too much is focused on conceptual work rather than the technological and professional applications of the medium. Also, there is little guidance in portfolio and resume building until the very last semester. I do enjoy the opportunity to explore different mediums, but am displeased with the lack of real world applications.
I dont know.
I have an outstanding academic record, I could have easily gone to Madison. I was stubborn.
I wanted my academics to focus on fine arts immediately when I started school and I feel that a lot of time and money was wasted on other fields (english, math, science).
I would not get my bachelors if I could do it all over again.
It's a fine school, I just don't think it was my kind of school.
Many of the professors I had were either unqualified to teach or just too interested in their personal agenda and success in theatre outside the university to even care about the students. Many made it a requirement to go see their shows. Others, rather than supporting student success, saw students as competition and sought to bring us down or steal our credit. I don't know if what happened to me is similar for those outside of my program, but I could count on one hand the professors whom I actually enjoyed and learned from in my four years. Furthermore, accommodations on campus were poor. The food offered in the dorms was mediocre at best and the RAs and other housing staff do absolutely nothing to help solve the problems of their residents. Too many people are being crammed into the rooms available.
My expectations of the theatre program were not met and I would probably try a different acting school.
There was too much emphasis on the edTPA and not enough explanation on lesson planning, implementation, and classroom management strategies.

This college has low expectations of its students and staff, even for being a public school. There seems to be a struggle to hire qualified professors with actual teaching experience. There is little to no evaluation by superiors who are knowledgeable in the subjects to the staff, resulting in lazy course work. Students are not expected to have any level of competency in their work prior to enrolling, so achievement never exceeds beyond moderate levels without individual dedication. Students are at times deliberately manipulative to avoid coursework, but allowed to pass. Teachers are often terrible at setting up D2L classes. This results in confusing and complicated coursework and improper submission due dates. There were several times when my Chinese teacher used inappropriate drawings on D2L for coursework to try and be funny. Some classes are politically motivated. Some teachers make you buy their own books they have written. Some online courses have been set up so you pay for the fee to use D2L, but then the teacher just has you pay another fee to take a pre-made course from a completely different website. Several courses I took were new and the teacher seemed unprepared for the attitude of students and style of teaching necessary. Majors have been created for jobs that don't exist, but students are encouraged to take them based on the teacher's need to have job security. Classes are expensive and have many hidden fees tacked on to courses, but they don't accurately reflect course costs or education level. Students asked to provide MLA format citations are incapable of doing so, but allowed to pass. Although it is often repeated that students should not copy other student's work, professors often copy texts with seemingly no permission. Students are often forced to work in groups and are paired with others based on their ability. Those who are more capable must support those who are less if they are to achieve a good grade. The writing level of the average stud

To expensive for what it offers, and would have preferred a more focused program in my studies for the cost.