

# START AHEAD



## Reasons to choose UW–Washington County

UW–Washington County, one of the 13 freshman/sophomore campuses of the UW Colleges, is your best start on a bachelor’s degree and unlimited career opportunities.

- **Small classes** (average size is 26 students), with plenty of one-on-one attention, make the transition to college less stressful.
- The best start doesn’t come with a big price tag. **We offer the lowest tuition in the UW System.**

- **Professors are approachable.** In addition to being great teachers and scholars, they are known for going the extra mile to help students succeed during the critical first two years of college.
- When you’re ready to move on, the **UW Guaranteed Transfer Program** ensures admission to the UW four-year campus of your choice including UW–Madison. Our students graduate at higher rates than students who transfer from technical or private colleges.
- Our **“Engaging Students in the First Year”** program will help you learn what it takes to be successful in college and will connect you with resources and classmates during your first days on campus.
- **A strong curriculum** provides a solid foundation for success in future academics and careers.
- **Advisors are readily available** to help plan your class schedule, explain transfer options and examine career choices.
- **Opportunities for involvement** (athletics, clubs, the arts) are within your reach immediately so it is easy to meet people and fit in on campus.



### Enrollment

1117 students (fall 2010)  
 62% full-time; 38% part-time  
 51% male; 49% female  
 69% 21 & under; 31% 22 and older  
 5% students of color

## Tuition

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Start ahead by paying the **lowest tuition** in the UW System when you attend UW–Washington County.

- Live at home a year or two and **save up to \$15,000 on room and board expenses.** Many students actually leave UW–Washington County without any debt.
- Attending two years at UW–Washington County **saves you more than \$4,900** in tuition compared to the other four-year UW campuses, **and up to \$9,600** compared to the Madison and Milwaukee campuses.
- Almost half (45%) of the financial aid offered is in the form of **grants and scholarships** that don’t have to be paid back; 51% of our students receive financial aid.
- **Keep your current job** while you attend classes or see if you are eligible for a work-study job.
- **Only 39% of UW Colleges students** use student loans compared to 55% at UW four-year campuses.
- **Our 2011–12 tuition and fees are the lowest** in the UW System.



### Campus Life

- 15 student organizations
  - 8 sports teams
- washington.uwc.edu  
 - click on Student Life



### How to pay for college

Most aid is based on financial need and is designed to help meet the difference between the cost of college and your (or your family’s) ability to pay.

To find out if you are eligible for financial aid, you need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) available at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Be sure to write in UW Colleges code **#003897**.

You may apply for financial aid anytime after January 1 preceding the academic year that you plan to attend college. If you have submitted all forms by April 1, you will be given funding priority.

There are four types of financial aid: grants, loans, work-study employment and scholarships. Each year, UW–Washington County awards 75 scholarships totaling over \$105,000. For complete information, visit [washington.uwc.edu](http://washington.uwc.edu) or call 262-335-5201.

School	2011–12 Tuition & Fees	At UW–Washington County
UW–Madison	\$9,665	You Save \$4,836
UW–Milwaukee	\$8,675	You Save \$3,846
Average of other four-year UW campuses	\$7,283	You Save \$2,454
UW–Washington County	\$4,829	

## Associate Degree

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If you are like most students and are undecided about a major, an Associate of Arts and Science (AAS) degree can be particularly valuable. It fulfills the University of Wisconsin's system-wide general education requirements for freshmen and sophomores.

You also have the choice of earning the AAS degree with a specific Emphasis (a concentration of

coursework in a given discipline or area of study). This is an opportunity to enhance your AAS degree with a direction geared toward a specific major.

Emphasis programs currently available at UW–Washington County are listed below. Available Emphases could change so check with our Student Services Office for the most up-to-date list.

- Anthropology
- Biological Sciences
- Business
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Environmental Studies
- Geography
- Geosciences
- Health Science
- History
- Literature
- Mathematics
- Music
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Pre-Nursing
- Psychology
- Theatre Arts
- Women's Studies
- Writing



### UW Colleges Online

You can also supplement your UW–Washington County credits or earn the AAS degree through UW Colleges Online. This convenient option of taking courses over the internet is described in detail at [www.online.uwc.edu](http://www.online.uwc.edu)

### Faculty

- 92% of faculty have Ph.D.'s or the highest degree in their field
- 26 students average class size

## Bachelor/Collaborative Degrees

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How do you earn a bachelor's degree? You meet course requirements in two main categories.

- General education requirements offered at UW–Washington County.  
 Many UW–Washington County students mark the completion of the first half of a bachelor's degree by earning the Associate of Arts and Science degree (see opposite page).
- Major program of study.  
 Many degree programs require some prerequisite courses before admission into a particular major. UW–Washington County offers many of these prerequisites.

To receive a bachelor's degree, most students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. After getting your best start at UW–Washington County you can complete your bachelor's degree by:

- Transferring to a UW four-year campus or any other college or university.
- Staying here at UW–Washington County and taking advantage of the Collaborative Degree Program. We've teamed with three UW institutions to offer the following bachelor's degrees right on our campus:

### Collaborative Degree Programs Offered

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>UW–Milwaukee</b></li> <li>- Communications</li> <li>- Information Science &amp; Technology</li> <li>- Nursing</li> <li>- Organizational Administration</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>UW–Oshkosh</b></li> <li>- Liberal Studies in Leadership Development</li> <li>- Applied Studies in Leadership and Organizational Studies</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>UW–Platteville</b></li> <li>- Electrical Engineering</li> <li>- Mechanical Engineering</li> </ul> |
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### Campus Highlights

- Collins Science Hall
- Gymnasium & Fitness Center
- Student Learning Center



## Transfer

[www.uwc.edu/transfer/](http://www.uwc.edu/transfer/)

### Guaranteed Transfer Program

The Guaranteed Transfer Program makes it possible for students to begin their education as new freshmen at UW–Washington County and be guaranteed admission as a junior to any of the UW four-year campuses including UW–Madison.

After fulfilling certain credit and grade point average requirements, you

will transfer with all the rights and privileges as those who began their education at the four-year campus.

To learn more, check out [www.uwc.edu/transfer/guarantee](http://www.uwc.edu/transfer/guarantee).

### Credit Transfer

How will your credits transfer? The answer is just a click away. The Transfer Information System (TIS) website at [tis.uwsa.edu](http://tis.uwsa.edu) makes the transfer process understandable by showing:

- How the courses you take at UW–Washington County will transfer to any campus in the UW System.
- Which courses to take to fulfill specific requirements at your intended transfer campus.
- Which schools offer your intended major.

UW Colleges is fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association. Therefore, credits earned at UW–Washington County will also be accepted by private colleges and universities in Wisconsin and throughout the country.



### Majors

Start ahead on over 200 majors at UW–Washington County  
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## How to Apply

[www.apply.wisconsin.edu](http://www.apply.wisconsin.edu)

Nervous about the application process? Don't be. It's a lot simpler than you might think. Just follow these steps.

### READY (How to apply)

1. Complete and sign the UW System Application for Undergraduate Admission with a \$44 processing fee. **Apply online at [www.apply.wisconsin.edu](http://www.apply.wisconsin.edu)**
2. Submit an official copy of your high school transcript. To be admitted you will need a high school diploma or GED, and have taken a minimum of 17 high school credits including:
  - 4 English credits
  - 4 elective credits
  - 3 social science credits
  - 3 math credits
  - 3 natural science credits
3. Send your ACT or SAT (American College Test or Scholastic Aptitude Test) scores to us. (The ACT or SAT is not required of students over 21 or special students.)

### SET (You've been admitted)

1. Apply for financial aid. You can find the FAFSA form (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at your guidance office, at our campus or at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).
2. After you're admitted, take placement tests in English and math to determine which classes you'll need to take.
3. Submit a scholarship application.

### GO!

1. Meet with a UW–Washington County advisor, who can help you plan your classes, discuss your transfer goals and talk about your expectations.
2. Register for classes. As a UW–Washington County student you'll be able to register for classes online.
3. Participate in the new freshmen orientation.



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The University of Wisconsin Colleges Annual Security Reports include statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus, in certain off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by the campus and on public property within or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus. The report also includes institutional policies concerning campus security, such as policies concerning alcohol and drug use, crime prevention, the reporting of crimes, sexual assault and other matters. You can obtain a copy of each campus report by contacting the Office of Student Services at each campus or by accessing the following website: [www.uwc.edu/students/security/](http://www.uwc.edu/students/security/)

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**Colleges**

*The freshman/sophomore UW campuses*

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