

University of Wisconsin – La Crosse



Background

The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse was founded in 1909 as the La Crosse Normal School. Today, it is one of the 13 four-year campuses in the University of Wisconsin System. Originally known for its nationally recognized physical education program, UW-La Crosse now offers 85 undergraduate programs in 30 disciplines, and 21 graduate programs and emphases in eight disciplines.

Fast facts about UW-La Crosse

Location:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•La Crosse, Wisconsin•population: 52,000
Enrolment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•8,295 undergraduate students•282 international students•43 states and 42 countries represented
Academics:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•85 undergraduate majors in 44 disciplines•17% of students studying abroad•443 full- and part-time
Faculty:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•76% of full-time faculty hold a doctorate or other terminal degree
Student/faculty ratio:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•24:1
Average class size:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•29 students
Student/computer ratio:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•13:1
School mascot and colours:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•We are the Eagles!•Maroon and gray are UW-L's colours



Location

Wisconsin is one of the fifty United States of America located near the centre of the North American continent. It borders two of the five Great Lakes, and four other U.S. states (Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota). Wisconsin's capital is Madison, and its largest city is Milwaukee.

The word Wisconsin has its origins in the name given to the Wisconsin River by one of the Algonquian speaking American Indian groups living in the region at the time of European contact. French explorer Jacques Marquette was the first European to reach the Wisconsin River and record its name, arriving in 1673 and calling the river Meskousing in his journal. This spelling was later corrupted to Ouisconsin by other French explorers, and over time this version became the French name for both the Wisconsin River and the surrounding lands. English speakers anglicized the spelling to its modern form when they began to arrive in greater numbers during the early 19th Century. The current spelling was made official by the legislature of Wisconsin Territory in 1845.



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Cold Weather and Snow

This is my very first to stay in US land for living and studying for half a year. I do really get a good opportunity to taste the actual culture and style of the **mid-west America**. Choosing a State likes Wisconsin is not very common, because it's too freezing and chilling in the winter, as our chancellor make fun of us by saying, 'only those come from **Moscow** can stand for the weather'. La Crosse is a city inside Wisconsin, very quiet, nice and self-sufficient place along the Mississippi River. But yet, you can enjoy **skiing**, **snow-boarding**, **snow-war** and any other fun related to the snow here.



This Learning Style

People keep telling me US is a place where student can **get high marks easily**. During my exchange, I am quite agree that professors here are willing to give more good grades to hard working students, however, the **workloads** of the courses here are double or triple of those in CityU. Students are **very hard-working** here and they are **very punctual** in attending lecture and classes. The classroom is usually full 5 minute before the class starts. The concept of **self-learning is strong** here; **consultation** with professional after class is the most common method to study and to enforce our knowledge.



Culture Exchange

The school focus a lot on the culture exchange among students. Besides **regular coffee meeting** held for exchange students every weeks, the school organizes many parties with different themes. There are two very eye-catching events annually, **Chinese New Year Dinner** and **International Banquet**. We can taste foods and recipes from all over the world, and enjoy different **performances with traditional nationalities**. I did represent students from China with another Chinese student to **demonstrate Kung Fu** and the feedback was incredibly good.

