

Fast Facts

Mission

As a freshmen-sophomore university, UW-Rock County provides students with a solid educational foundation on which to build. Students can prepare for more than 250 majors or begin their studies without a major and complete the general education requirements, which are transferable to any of the University of Wisconsin bachelor's degree-granting institutions. Furthermore, UW-Rock County has collaborative programs with UW-Milwaukee, UW-Whitewater and UW-Platteville for students to earn bachelor's degrees while attending classes on the UW-Rock County campus.

The UW Colleges

The UW Colleges is an institution of the University of Wisconsin System consisting of 13 two-year liberal arts transfer campuses located throughout Wisconsin collectively enrolling more than 8,000 students.

- Established more than 40 years ago as "Centers" to provide accessible education in primarily rural areas
- Renamed UW Colleges in 1997 to emphasize the fundamental role played as part of the University of Wisconsin System
- Accredited by Higher Learning Commission (formerly North Central Association of Colleges and Schools)
- Local county governments own and maintain campus buildings and grounds
- State of Wisconsin provides administration, faculty and operating budget

UW-Rock County

Set on almost 50 rolling acres adjacent to the Rock River on Janesville's southwest side, the campus is located at 2909 Kellogg Avenue and consists of:

- **Hyatt Smith Hall** (1965) Currently under renovation which is scheduled for completion in 2009, this hall houses administrative offices, classrooms, student government, bookstore, café
- **Andrews Hall** (1965) classrooms, federally funded TRIO Student Support Services, Learning Support Center, faculty offices, library, distance education classrooms
- **Williams Hall** (1965, remodeled in 1999) chemistry, biology, physics, geography, anthropology, math and computer laboratories, lecture hall, student study space, technical support
- **Wells Cultural Center** (1982) theater, gymnasium, art studio, music practice rooms, UW-Rock County Foundation office, and maintenance shop
- **Engineering Center** (2007) state-of-the-art engineering laboratory, classroom and offices. The UW-Rock County Foundation surpassed \$700,000 in fundraising to support the construction of this new building
- **Allen Hall** (2008) A new library, distance education classrooms, a lecture hall, student common areas, computer laboratories, offices and more are features of this newest addition to the campus.

Student Profile (Fall 2008)

- Students commute from less than 1 mile to more than 50 miles
- 1,046 students enrolled – an all-time record
- 69% full-time (12 or more credits)
- 37% non-traditional age (22 years-of-age or older)
- 31% part-time (11 credits or fewer)
- 12% students of color – up 2% over last year
- 55% female
- About 70% of all students who enroll in a UW College transfer, and those who transfer have an 81% graduation rate
- UW-Rock County enrollment has the largest freshman class this year in the history of the college (326)

The best start for the life you want.

Why Enroll at UW-Rock County?

- **Learn from top-notch faculty** who are committed to teaching freshmen and sophomore students
- **Benefit from small class sizes** with individual attention when needed
- **Enjoy** close-to-home convenience
- **Take advantage** of the many opportunities available on a smaller campus to get involved
- **Pay less** than at a four-year institutions and save money by living at home and keeping job
- **Enroll in the Guaranteed Transfer Program** and gain admittance to any UW campus upon successful completion of the program

Tuition (for two semesters, full-time enrollment, Wisconsin residency at UW-Rock County)

- \$4,268 (no increase) in 2008-09
- \$4,268 (no increase) in 2007-08
- \$4,268 (increase of 7.3%) in 2006-07
- \$3,910 (increase of 7.5%) in 2005-06
- \$3,700 (increase of 16%) in 2004-05
- \$3,200 (increase of 16%) in 2003-04
- \$2,700 in 2002-03

UW-Madison: \$7,568.56 for 2008-09 academic year

UW-Milwaukee: \$7,308.72 for 2008-09 academic year

Other UW comprehensive campuses: about \$6,000 for the academic year

Average private college in Wisconsin: \$22,029

Faculty and Staff

- 22 permanent faculty
- 35 instructional academic staff
- 96% of faculty hold a terminal degree (Ph.D., MFA, MBA, Ed.D.)

Benefit to the Local Community

- UW-Rock County budget: \$5 million
- Higher tax base; educating place-bound workforce to produce higher income levels
- Diversifies the industry base in Rock County for future employment
- A more highly educated community reduces dependence on traditional county services and dollars for health care, social services, correctional facilities

Education Statistics

Percent population with a 4-year degree (age 25 and older)

<u>State</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Workforce %</u>
MN	7	31.2
IL	17	27.1
US Average	na	26
Iowa	23	25.5
WI	31	23.8

People who earn a bachelor's degree earn over \$1 million more in their lifetime than people who did not continue their education after high school. (College Board Report, 2001)

Between 2002 and 2012, more than 14 million job openings are projected to be filled by workers who have a bachelor's or graduate degree and who are entering an occupation for the first time. (Occupational Outlook Quarterly, 2005)

Better educated adults report themselves in better health, regardless of income. (College Board Report, 2006)

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