

# DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

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## EDUCATION ABROAD

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UW-Platteville Education Abroad is a provider of education abroad programs open to students from any U.S. college or university. Since 1979, more than 12,500 students from over 250 institutions nationwide have chosen to study abroad through UW-Platteville Education Abroad because of our affordable and distinctive programs.

UW-Platteville students are able to participate in more than 175 different programs including: study abroad, exchange, student teaching, internships, service learning and volunteering, and research abroad. These credit-bearing programs embrace more than 200 different areas of study and range in duration from two weeks to one year. Students are able to go abroad for a semester, academic or calendar year and short-term programs are also available over the spring, winter, and summer breaks. Programs are available in more than 45 different countries across the globe, and students return having not only earned credit toward their degree, but, more importantly, making an investment in their future.

Individual program costs vary based on a variety of factors, such as: the cost of living and location of the program site, level of support and the number of excursions or other group activities included, program length, tuition of the host institution, accommodation style, personal lifestyle, exchange rate, airfare, cost of additional travel, and more.

It is true that an education abroad program can cost more than the normal semester at UW-Platteville. Despite this, many students decide to go abroad for the following reasons:

- Affordability provided by the UW-Platteville International Study Grant/Scholarship
- Financial aid applies to program costs and additional grants and scholarships are available
- The realization that there are many affordable program options to choose from
- Broadened perspective on area of study
- Increased marketability after graduation
- Recognizing that the experience of going abroad is worth the cost, and there is no better time to discover the world!

## OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL STUDENT AFFAIRS

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The mission of the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs is to support retention and academic attainment for African-American, Native American, Latinx, and Asian students. Our goal is to help these underrepresented minority students successfully navigate higher education, seek leadership opportunities, and prepare for their professional and educational futures.

OMSA serves pre-college and college undergraduate students with youth outreach programming, summer bridge programming, Hispanic community outreach, college advising, leadership development, and programmatic services including: DRIVEN Scholars, the Academic Enrichment Program, and the Lawton Grant Program.

## PATRICIA A. DOYLE CENTER FOR GENDER AND SEXUALITY

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The Patricia A. Doyle Center for Gender and Sexuality serves as UW-Platteville's central resource for programming, events, and support around the topic(s) of gender and sexuality. The Doyle Center is committed to creating an environment where folks of all identities receive equal opportunities and are empowered to utilize their talents and efforts to their fullest extent. The center provides all students, faculty, staff and the community with resources related to gender and sexuality such as books, magazines, journals and videos. The Doyle Center seeks to honor the contributions and experiences of all people regardless of their identity. Programming, fostering connections, providing resources and advocating for equitable situations for all folks are the Doyle Center's main activities. The Doyle Center also houses the Alliance office for the LGBTQ+ organization on campus. For more

information, visit us at <https://www.uwplatt.edu/department/patricia-doyle-center-gender-and-sexuality> (<https://www.uwplatt.edu/department/patricia-doyle-center-gender-and-sexuality/>), or e-mail [doylecenter@uwplatt.edu](mailto:doylecenter@uwplatt.edu).

## SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

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Services for Students with Disabilities works to ensure that no qualified student, solely by reason of disability, be denied access to, participation in or the benefits of, any academic program or activity offered by the university.

The office provides:

- Information about university services to potential and present UW-Platteville students with disabilities
- Assistance in obtaining reasonable academic accommodations and/or auxiliary aids
- Assistance in obtaining access to academic services, programs, activities and facilities
- Referral to appropriate sources for non-academic accommodations
- Advocacy for campus and community needs
- Technical assistance to university departments, assisting in identifying accommodations and providing services and responses on a case-by-case basis

To arrange academic accommodations, students with disabilities must request reasonable accommodations; provide the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities with sufficient, current disability-related documentation from an appropriate licensed professional; and describe the impact of their disability in an academic setting. The SSWD office reviews disability documentation and verifies that the documentation satisfies disability verification guidelines. The student meets with the SSWD staff for an intake to determine reasonable academic accommodations. At the conclusion of the intake process, students receive a VISA (Verified Individualized Services and Accommodations) and information about how to implement each of the recommended academic accommodations. It is then the responsibility of the student to meet with each course instructor to discuss the accommodation recommendations. Students are expected to engage in appropriate and responsible levels of self-advocacy in obtaining and arranging for accommodations or auxiliary aids. There is no cost to students for assistance provided by SSWD. Visit us at <https://www.uwplatt.edu/department/services-students-disabilities> (<https://www.uwplatt.edu/department/services-students-disabilities/>).

## STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES-TRIO

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What is Student Support Services-TRIO?

Student Support Services is a federally funded program. We are funded by the U.S. Department of Education and provide academic and personal support services to help our participants become successful college graduates.

Who is Eligible?

Students must meet at least one of the following eligibility criteria to qualify for our FREE services:

- Be a first-generation college student (neither parent currently has a four-year college degree)
- Be an income-eligible student (based on taxable income level)
- Be a student with a documented disability

Some of the FREE Services Available:

- Individualized tutoring
- Academic coaching
- Assistance in course selection
- Financial literacy information
- Study skills support
- Help locating scholarships
- Graduate school advisement

- Cultural opportunities
- FAFSA completion help
- Study lounge
- STEM help room
- Computer lab
- Leadership training
- Career planning

## WRIGHT CENTER FOR NON-TRADITIONAL AND VETERAN STUDENTS

Coordinator: Greg Tremelling  
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### VETERAN'S EDUCATION BENEFITS

School Certifying Official: Jeanne Robinson  
 Location: Third Floor Royce Hall  
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The school certifying official is located in the Robert and James Wright Center for Non-Traditional and Veteran Students. The Wright Center serves as an advocate and resource for veterans and non-traditional students on campus and has information on campus, local, state and federal resources.

Veterans interested in education benefits must complete the necessary application forms for the benefit they are seeking. Although the school certifying official (SCO) provides information about the various benefit programs, veterans should contact their County Veteran Service Office to determine what benefits they may be eligible for. The SCO may provide guidance, however, all decisions about which program(s) veterans wish to use must be made by the veteran. For further information, please visit <https://www.uwplatt.edu/departement/wright-center> (<https://www.uwplatt.edu/departement/wright-center/>), or contact the Wright Center at 608.342.7351.

For assistance regarding benefit eligibility or to learn about other benefits, veterans should contact the Grant County Veterans Service Office at 608.723.2756.

### PLATTEVILLE STUDENT VETERANS ORGANIZATION

The Platteville Student Veterans Organization offers the opportunity for student veterans to come together in order to build camaraderie and support systems. Students who have served in any branch of the U.S military for any length of time, as well as military supporters are eligible to join. The goals of the organization are to unite student veterans and service members, to establish a unified veteran's voice on campus, to promote academic success and social development, and to provide for the shared understanding of one another. For further information, please visit <https://uwplatt.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/plattevillestudentveterans> (<https://uwplatt.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/plattevillestudentveterans/>).

## MILITARY SERVICE: LEAVING AND RETURNING TO THE UNIVERSITY

### MOBILIZATION GUIDELINES

If currently enrolled students receive military orders (involuntary call to active duty) that will interrupt their education, they must provide a copy of their orders to the registrar and the veterans certifying official. Notification of the registrar will allow the student to exercise the following options:

1. Withdrawal from all courses with a full refund of tuition
2. Selective withdrawal from one or more courses with a refund of tuition
3. Incomplete grades awarded at the discretion of the instructor to provide an extension for completing coursework
4. Final grades may be issued if the instructor determines that the student has completed a sufficient amount of coursework

### RETURNING TO THE UNIVERSITY

Any students returning from military service or who have interrupted their studies to enlist and attend military training may return without applying for readmission if the period of absence does not exceed two years. In order to reactivate the student's eligibility to register, the student should contact the Registrar's Office no later than six months following discharge from service or training. An updated DD-214 or NOBE (DD 2384-1) should be submitted to the registrar and the veterans certifying official as soon as possible but no later than six months after the effective date of the orders.

Before enrolling with another university or college, students must contact the Registrar's Office to ensure that classes are transferable. Any such enrollment must be reported at the time of re-entry to UW-Platteville and official transcripts must be provided. If a student leaves the university to enlist following an academic dismissal, an appeal to the Admissions and Academic Appeals committee may be required. Enlistment will not void an academic dismissal. For further information, please contact the Registrar's Office at 608.342.1321 or by e-mail at [registrar@uwplatt.edu](mailto:registrar@uwplatt.edu).