



Fall in Love with **USM and MKE**

The city of Milwaukee and University School of Milwaukee share a deep history dating back to 1851, when the German-English Academy, one of our predecessor schools, was founded. Since then, USM students have used the city as an extended classroom—enjoying its many cultural and educational offerings while giving back to the Milwaukee community in numerous ways.

Get to Know Milwaukee

When it comes to Milwaukee, there's a lot to know and love. Visitors and locals alike enjoy the city's rich brewing history, 1,400 acres of beaches, 135 miles of bike trails, and six professional sports teams—but that's just the beginning. With a population of 561,385, the city of Milwaukee is a vibrant, diverse urban center with a small-town, easy-living feel. It's home to 12 major colleges and universities, 15 museums, and represents about 25% of the state's tourism economy. The city maintains a strong connection to its manufacturing heritage, while embracing new and innovative ideas through startups, entrepreneurship support, and maker culture.

MKE's Cultural Offerings

- There are more than 25 theatres within city limits, and more than 30 in the greater Milwaukee area.
- Milwaukee is home to more than 50 festivals, including a variety of ethnic and street festivals, and Summerfest, the world's largest outdoor music festival.
- The Milwaukee Art Museum, located on the shores of Lake Michigan, features the Santiago Calatrava-designed Burke Brise Soleil "wings," which open and close daily. The museum has more than 40 galleries with over 32,000 pieces of art.

Food Scene in MKE

- There are 170 locally owned restaurants in downtown Milwaukee, and 17 James Beard-recognized chefs.
- Home to four famous beer barons—Miller, Schlitz, Pabst, and Blatz—Milwaukee's brewery history dates back to 1840. Several different brewery tours provide a taste of Brew City's unique culture.

Recreation in MKE

- Located on Lake Michigan, Milwaukee is home to 1,400 acres of beaches and the RiverWalk spans over three miles along the Milwaukee River.
- Nature lovers enjoy the 150 state and county parks located in Milwaukee, as well as 135 miles of bike trails and 14 public and private golf courses in the county.
- There are 191 distinct neighborhoods in Milwaukee, and more than 1,000 houses of worship.

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Our Mission

University School of Milwaukee cultivates excellence in learning, leadership, and citizenship for prekindergarten through 12th grade students. Students are engaged, known, and valued within our passionate independent school community guided by our Common Trust.

Our Values

The Common Trust is at the core of University School of Milwaukee's guiding principles, and is the basic philosophy of community behavior at USM. It is expressed in the following pledge:

"We, the members of the University School of Milwaukee community, commit to and practice the Common Trust. We agree to relate to one another and the school with respect, trust, honesty, fairness, and kindness."

Every school year, the specific Common Trust value that is being celebrated that year is introduced at USM's Opening Day ceremony, and incorporated into learning and activities for all students throughout the year.

Who do we serve?

1,135

students for the
2024-25 school year

Students from

59

different zip codes

29%

of all students receive
need-based tuition
assistance

\$2.98 million

in tuition assistance
awarded (\$4.6 million total
including scholarships)
for 2024-25

91%

of Class of 2024 graduates
attended their first- or
second-choice school



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