YOUR COLLEGE PREVIEW
Choosing a major
Career choices
How to get there from here
You’re not just picking a college — you’re picking a home. Read on to find out why we’re in love with this city.
Wisconsin Avenue is the gateway to Milwaukee's great downtown, home to an abundance of jobs and internships, nightlife, and a thriving arts scene. It's also the main thoroughfare on campus, with the university's academic heart on one side and bustling student life on the other.
The Marquette women's soccer team won its third straight Big East American Division title in 2011 and was undefeated at home.
Central Mall is a quiet oasis and the heart of Marquette’s campus. It’s home to one of the university’s most famous landmarks, St. Joan of Arc Chapel. Dating back to the 15th century, the chapel was moved stone by stone from Chasse, France. Today, it is a place of worship and reflection for students.
Marquette crew is a popular club sport on campus — one of more than 30 you can join. The organization, which includes novice and varsity men’s and women’s teams, rows out of a gorgeous boathouse on the Milwaukee River and travels to regattas across the nation.
Lacrosse fans across the nation cheered when Marquette announced that it was adding lacrosse as its newest NCAA Division I sport. The men’s and women’s teams will start varsity competition in spring 2013.
Imagine this: It’s 10 p.m. on a Tuesday, and you join dozens of other students packed into a tiny 15th-century French chapel for worship, reflection and music. That’s the scene every week at the St. Joan of Arc Chapel. Tuesday night Mass has been a beloved tradition for generations of Marquette students.
The difference is a fundamental belief at Marquette University. It’s a challenge to students, faculty, staff and alumni to change their community. To ask questions. To reflect upon what we’ve done and to do it better. To challenge the status quo.

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We believe our community is a reflection of who we are and that we are a part of something bigger than ourselves. It’s no wonder that nearly all Marquette graduates participate in meaningful community service before graduation.

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*We are Marquette. We are the difference.*

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**We perform a million hours of community service.** A highly scientific study determined that number, of course. The truth is, we’re proud of our commitment to the community and the world around us. Service is not required, but it’s very hard to leave Marquette without doing it.

**Our Engineers Read Shakespeare.** And our English majors learn science. The University Core of Common Studies ensures that regardless of your major, you’ll develop a wide body of knowledge — and that’s going to be really helpful after you graduate. The core curriculum teaches you to think for yourself, act responsibly and stretch your mind.

**We’re home to hobbits, orcs and ents.** You’ll not only meet new friends from the middle of the country, you’ll also get a chance to explore Middle Earth. The Department of Special Collections and University Archives houses many of the original manuscripts of J.R.R. Tolkien, author of The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings (and other inedita locals).

**Latin is spoken here.** You’re going to hear words like mago (Latin for moral) and cura personalis (care for the person) because they embody the Marquette mission. Latin might be an old-school Catholic thing, but using it can also be a great way to impress your friends and family.

**Chicken nuggets are essential to the Marquette diet and the unrivaled epicurean delight favored by students.**

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**Two words worth remembering:** Club Raynor. Raynor Memorial Libraries is our hybrid of the art research technology, plenty of room for group study and a caffeine fix, too (We love our coffee shops).

**Our professors teach.** Actual professors teach actual undergraduate courses. A novel idea? Perhaps. But that’s just the way we do things around here.

**We’re more than 130 years old!** But we don’t look a day over 30. Our education is rooted in the Jesuit tradition of excellence and intellectual acuity that’s going to be really helpful after you graduate. The core curriculum teaches you to think for yourself, act responsibly and stretch your mind.

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**Freshman memories:**

**Snow fun**

It was 3 a.m., and I couldn’t sleep. I decided to study some more for my big communication test and looked outside my window. Something strange — to me — was happening. It was snowing! Being from Southern California, snow was a rare occurrence. As in, it never occurred and I had never seen it fall. When I came to the Midwest, I knew it would. But seeing it for the first time was something I will never forget.

While everyone continued to sleep in McCormick Hall, I went outside and took pictures and immediately sent them to my mother. I will forever remember how beautiful it was, and my Marquette experience would not be complete without seeing it.

*Jennifer Solorio*  
Fountain Valley, Calif.  
Broadcast and electronic communication major, Class of 2012
YoU'RE A FREShMAN

You’re the new kid in town, unsure of where to go, what to do, how to act.
We’ve got you covered:

First year reading program
Our incoming freshmen read a common text and discuss it with fellow students and faculty during Orientation. Inspired by a desire to bring faculty, administrators, and students together outside of the classroom, the reading and discussion aim to help you begin the life-long process of finding meaning.
marquette.edu/osd/reading

Introduction to Inquiry
What makes a class more exciting than an intense discussion? It’s what college is about — arguing your point of view, questioning others’ assumptions, reconsidering your own position and discovering what you really think. This is what happens in Introduction to Inquiry, the first-year seminar for students in the Klingler College of Arts and Sciences. It offers you a way to learn the ropes of the most important place on campus, the classroom.
marquette.edu/as

Your orientation
Plan to attend this exciting week, which begins the day you move into your residence hall. Learn more about jobs, get your Marquette ID, find your classes and get to know your classmates at all of the amazing social events throughout the week.
marquette.edu/orientation

First-year photo project
Each year, eight incoming students are chosen to document their first-year experience at Marquette in still photography. Throughout the year, participants capture images of their transition to college. In the spring semester, they showcase samples of their photography in a gallery exhibit open to the Marquette community.
marquette.edu/osd/fypp

FRESHMAN MEMORIES

As the youngest of three children, I was beyond ready for college after hearing the escapades of my brother and sister. However, they didn’t quite prepare me for the transition into what seemed like another world.

My first week of classes began with a stellar four class line-up that came to an end at 5 p.m. I was not used to going to class that late and I strongly considered dropping a class. I called my mom and she told me that I was going through a normal transitional phase and suggested that I talk to my professors during office hours. While this helped for a short time, I still felt a bit lost in this new culture.

The next evening, a friend of mine asked if I wanted to join her at the 10 p.m. Mass at St. Joan of Arc Chapel. She said it might calm me down and help me out through the week. Upon arrival at 9:35, I realized exactly why she had asked me to come with her: There were more than 100 people gathered in this tiny chapel.

The Mass was incredible because I truly felt like I was a part of the Marquette community. Being among those students was a blessing and couldn’t have come at a better time during my week. I felt comforted and it allowed me to calm down and take on the first week of freshman year. As a Marquette junior, I have missed about five Tuesday night Masses since that day in 2009. It is something that I hold close to my heart, and my Marquette experience would definitely not be the same without it.

Jim Love
Chicago
Corporate communication major, Class of 2013

Dana Berens, education major, Class of 2013
YOUR FRESHMAN YEAR

May 1st — Yeah – you’re coming to Marquette!
Preview — Pre-orientation. Get acclimated to campus
Move-in Day — Bring three carloads of stuff. Send two home.
Orientation — Get to know campus with around 2,000 new friends.
Square Dance — It’s a Marquette tradition. Join the incoming class and some returning students to do-si-do in the quad.
1st Day of Classes — Everything you’ve worked for for until this point begins now.
First Tuesday night Mass — Phone booths are passé. See just how many students fit into the St. Joan of Arc Chapel!
Last Weekend at the Beach — Enjoy Indian Summer with some sand volleyball in October.
Leaves Change — Don’t we look dashing in red?
Marquette Madness — Kick off the basketball season in style.
Midterms — The answer to question seven is “C.”
Fall Break — Whew! Time flies. It’s nice to have a little “me time.”
Halloween — HALLOWEEN brings neighborhood trick-or-treaters to the residence halls.
First Basketball Game — Practice the cheer “WE ARE, (brief pause) MARQUETTE.” That was easy. The alma mater takes a little more practice, especially the pause.
Thanksgiving — Can’t make it home? We’ve got you covered. Faculty, staff and students host Thanksgiving dinner on campus for those from farther away.
First Snow — And the first snowball fight!
Night of Chocolate — MMMMM. Chocolate...
Late Night Breakfast — Pulling an all-nighter before exams? Have breakfast in the union at the crack of midnight.
Exams — Maybe question seven is really “B.”

WHAT’S ON YOUR IPOD?

Music makes the world sing, but we all dance to different beats. Here’s what’s on our iPods. What’s on yours?
MEGHAN GWINN
West Bloomfield, Mich.
Biomedical sciences major
Class of 2014
1. Tie Me Down — New Boyz
2. White Houses — Vanessa Carlton
3. Skip the Charades — Cold War Kids
4. The Middle — Jimmy Eat World
5. Keep Your Head Up — Andy Grammer

BETSY WELLS
Omaha, Neb.
Marketing and human resources double major
Class of 2013
1. Revelry — Kings of Leon
2. And She Was — Talking Heads
3. Two Weeks — Grizzly Bear
4. The Last Time — Gnarls Barkley
5. The Lengths — The Black Keys

Winter Break — Merry Christmas! Enjoy a month back at home.
Winter Flurry — Describing the flurry of activity and welcome back events in January, not the snow. Snow? January? Wisconsin?

Snowball — Our campus formal. Put on your dancing shoes.
Greek Rush — Who knew Greeks were in a hurry?
Ice Skating — Check out Red Arrow Park (outdoor) or the Pettit Ice Center (indoor).
Housing Selection (Sophomores) — Still like your roommate?
March Madness — Cheer on your Golden Eagles in the tournament.
Midterms — OK. Maybe question seven is “D.”
Spring Break — Alternative spring break service trips are all the rage.
Brewers Opening Day — Wear some more blue and gold (convenient) and cheer on the Brew Crew. Tailgating in the parking lot before the game is a must.
Easter Break — Enjoy some time with your family.
Finals — Got it. “A.”
Where We’re From

We’re from Paris, Texas, and Paris, France, Oconomowoc and Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, New York and New Mexico, Alaska and Alabama.

Are We There Yet?

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Defining a career path is an important and often daunting task. At Marquette, students get help charting a course from our excellent staff at the Career Services Center.

Much of your life has been laid out in front of you so far. You started elementary school and were off to middle school, high school and eventually college. But what about life after college? We’ll provide guidance before you enter the working world. Our advisers can help you identify a position that fits your talents and degree. Remember, there are several steps to take to get where you want to be.

To make a good career decision, first become aware of your interests, skills areas and work values. The Career Services Center staff will help you through surveys and personal counseling sessions. This self-assessment is a crucial part of the career planning process, and it can begin as early as your freshman year.

Once you’ve identified your interests, skills, values and personality traits, you’ll want to take the next step. That means doing research to learn more about different careers that might appeal to you. Let the Career Services Center staff be your guides. Take advantage of the many resources available at the center, including publications that profile job vacancies and industry information, and a variety of directories that help job seekers uncover potential employers or appropriate graduate schools. And when you’re ready, the Career Services Center staff will offer key insights on résumé and cover letter writing and give you opportunities to participate in mock interviews and two career fairs on campus. (Employers often come to campus to interview our students).

Of course, the Career Services Center will also help you obtain internships and shadow opportunities with professionals, both of which are ample here thanks to Marquette’s strong reputation and location in downtown Milwaukee.

At Marquette, we believe you ought to pursue a major and career path that you’re passionate about. If you excel in that pursuit in college, you’re more likely to find a fulfilling career — a calling — and will have more success as a professional. And that’s worth more than any degree.
Come see for yourself what makes Marquette special. We offer many ways for you to experience campus.

**Daily visits:** The best way to see campus.

Perfect for incoming students, prospective undergraduates and transfer students. A daily visit will provide you with everything you need to know about Marquette. We’ll start with a presentation by an admissions counselor and follow up with campus and residence hall tours. We welcome thousands of visitors from across the country each year. During our most popular visit days we’ll offer group visit appointments (Group is a bit of a misnomer; we’ll still have a relatively small number of people on campus and intimate tours with one of our expert tour guides). You’ll still be able to get your individual questions answered during a group visit, and you may appreciate hearing what other folks are asking about, too.

Daily visits are available, well, daily. OK, we’re never open for daily visits on Sunday.

We recommend at least two weeks’ advanced notice for weekday visits. Saturday visits fill quickly and generally book 4 to 6 weeks in advance. Parents and family are welcome.

**Shadow visits:** It’s a great way to become a Marquette student — without all the homework. The shadow program pairs you with a current Marquette student, allowing you to actually experience the university’s classes, food, residence halls and social life. Shadow visits are available to high school seniors on a limited basis, and three weeks’ advanced notice is required. Check out the available dates at marquette.edu/explore. Mom and Dad are welcome for the admissions portion of your visit but there are no accommodations provided to parents.

**Class visits:** If you don’t have the time for a formal shadow visit, we invite you to be our guest at a Marquette class. This is your chance to spend an hour or two seeing what the classroom experience is like. Discuss Dostoyevsky, experience engineering, amaze the professor by answering the tough questions … all this and more.

Our class offerings vary each semester and include typical freshman classes. A guide to our offerings is posted each semester at marquette.edu/explore. Class visits are not available during summer sessions and generally are not available if class is not in session (we think this is fairly obvious but we’ll put it in writing just to be safe). No advanced notice is required but plan to be in attendance for the entire class period. We also recommend having a backup class just in case your first choice is taking an exam. You’ll have to leave your folks and other family behind during a class visit.

Open houses: For a big-picture view of Marquette, come to an open house. Spring and fall open houses allow you to experience campus life and learn more about special programs, admissions and financial aid.

Visit the “Open houses and events” link on marquette.edu/explore for more information. Space is limited.

**On the road:** In a typical year Marquette representatives visit 45 states. We invite you to learn more about Marquette through one-on-one interviews, information sessions, college fairs and receptions throughout the United States. Visit the “open houses and events” section of our website at marquette.edu/explore for more information. Space is limited.

When you’re ready to check us out, call the Undergraduate Admissions Office at 800.222.6544 or 414.288.7302. We’ll do our best to give you a taste of life at Marquette.
MILWAUKEE

An Outsider’s Perspective

As I packed my bags for college, I knew I would have to trade in my bikini and swap my flip flops for hundreds of sweaters and gloves. I was leaving everything I knew and wasn’t sure if I could make it. Would I feel comfortable with the people? Would the weather send me packing? Would this city be too fast-paced for my island lifestyle?

I heard about the people in the Midwest and was always told they were the friendliest, but I had some reservations. Within the first week of school I had already acquired the nickname “Hawaii” and brought the shaka to the Midwest. I was comfortable being myself, and everyone was truly very accepting.

After saying I was from Hawaii, I instantly get, “Cool. Do you surf?”

I established a close group of friends who all shared the same love of exploring the city. We enjoyed trying new restaurants, found trendy shops and made sure we took advantage of the city.

A brand new book, Gemütlichkeit. That just about sums it up. Loosely translated, it means hospitality or the art of being comfortable in your own skin, and that captures the spirit of Milwaukee. And it’s only fitting that it’s a German word — the Germans were by far the biggest influence on Milwaukee’s culture. Of course, as a historically industrial city, each new wave of immigrant workers found ways to integrate their culture into the growing city. Today, Milwaukeeans celebrate this melting pot heritage with a variety of ethnic festivals and food, historic neighborhood churches and amazing architecture.

Milwaukee is often called a big small town. Vibrant and cosmopolitan yet accessible and friendly, it offers everything to amp up your social life, including cultural activities, dining, sports, music, performance and visual arts.

With a thriving arts and music scene, plenty of fun people and festivals all summer long, there is so much to do and see in the city.

Milwaukee’s culture. Of course, as a historically industrial city, each new wave of immigrant workers found ways to integrate their culture into the city. You'll find it all just one mile northeast of the Marquette campus.

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Coming from a small rock in the Pacific, I was pregnant with the thought of living in a city in the Midwest. But the winter was manageable. I found out that if you wear the proper clothing, you’ll be fine. And to much of my family’s amazement, I returned to Marquette, ready to enjoy the next winter.

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Bradley Street: If you’re looking for an eclectic mix of boutiques, restaurants and bakeries, check out Bradley Street, a short bus ride east of Marquette. Come hungry. You’ll find an Italian grocery store; Middle Eastern, Mexican and Thai food; and coffee and gelato packed together with loads of other shops, all within a few blocks. Bargain lovers, take note: Bradley Street is also a hub for vintage and resale shops.

Summerfest, the largest music festival of its kind, brings in hundreds of local, regional and national acts for two weeks of summer fun.

The Rave and Shank Hall cater to more eclectic and alternative music, and the Pabst Theatre and Marcus Center for the Performing Arts offer traditional, unique and experimental music and plays.

Your To-do List

• Get Milwaukee’s best burger at Sobelman’s; sip a Miller Lite at Six-Flag’s Great America in nearby Gurnee, Ill.
• See the world-renowned Milwaukee Art Museum and Pier Wisconsin, the complex where you’ll find a handbuilt tall-mast ship anchored in the harbor.
• You’ll find the perfect place to study or just hang out with friends. Take a stroll down Milwaukee’s RiverWalk, and experience the restaurants and nightlife that spill onto the decks.

The Third Ward: One of Milwaukee’s trendiest neighborhoods, this renovated warehouse district is known for some of the city’s most exciting art galleries, theatres and restaurants. Plus, it’s home to the Milwaukee Public Market, a collection of specialty delis, butchers, bakeries and produce vendors with only the freshest foods.

Mitchell Park Conservatory (a.k.a. the Domes): Looking to escape the Wisconsin winter? At the Mitchell Park Conservatory, you can experience an arid oasis, a tropical jungle and a themed botanical garden all in one afternoon.

Bradley Center: The Bradley Center is the downtown home of music concerts, the NBA’s Milwaukee Bucks, the IHL’s Milwaukee Admirals and, of course, your Marquette Golden Eagles men’s basketball team.

Take a stroll down Milwaukee’s RiverWalk, and experience the restaurants and nightlife that spill onto the decks. Or check out the Public Market to take in the freshest local flavor.
Students live on our campus because they are drawn to our strong sense of community. Ninety-four percent of our freshmen live on campus — a distinction few metropolitan universities can claim. Marquette's residence hall communities set the scene for lifelong friendships and favorite college memories. There is never a dull moment with access to campus and Milwaukee at your doorstep. Our living environment draws on the strength of our diverse community and engages you as a student every day. You’ll do better in your classes because someone on your floor is taking the same class. You’ll enjoy the spontaneous pick-up games and snowball fights. You’ll look forward to returning to your room to discuss Descartes, time travel, music and plans for the weekend. We suspect that’s because our residence hall communities embody the university’s mission of excellence, faith, leadership and service — all qualities that will teach you to Be The Difference.

RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION
The Residence Hall Association is made up of members from each res hall at Marquette.
Members serve as liaisons between individual hall councils and RHA, attend leadership conferences, and organize campus-wide programming. RHA members are on top of the issues, too, sitting on university advisory boards that work to improve the quality of campus life. It’s a great way to be connected.

SPECIALTY LIVING FLOORS
Four Marquette residence halls offer unique living options that put students with common interests together on the same floor. Dedicated study space is also available.

Engineering: Three floors in Carpenter Tower; computer lab is linked to College of Engineering server.
Honors Program: Three floors in Straz Tower.
Nursing: One floor in Cobeen Hall.

Community: Two wings in McCormick Hall; 70 freshmen from minority and majority cultures live together, take a seminar class together, work on leadership skills, and participate in student organizations and activities that promote diversity.

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RESIDENCE HALL COMPARISON

• Wireless access
• Free cable TV in every room
• 24-hour front-desk service
ORGANIZATION FEST
During the first week of class, the Office of Student Development sponsors O-Fest. Come prepared to learn more about the student organizations at Marquette. Ask questions, sign up, browse the displays and get involved in your campus.
SPORTS

Whether you’re a big-time intercollegiate athlete or a die-hard spectator, Marquette offers a huge variety of athletic opportunities.

INTRAMURALS
Marquette University’s intramural sports opportunities are almost limitless and a great way to get involved in campus life, meet new friends, get great exercise and, most important, have fun.

The goal — win the tournament and take home the coveted intramural championship T-shirt. Competition is open to all students and, when possible, is offered at advanced, intermediate and beginner levels. Men’s, women’s and coed leagues are available in many sports, including:

- Badminton
- Basketball
- Dodgeball
- Indoor soccer
- Indoor volleyball
- Inner tube water polo
- Floor hockey
- Football
- Futsal
- Kickball
- Racquetball
- Sand volleyball
- Softball
- Tennis
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Weightlifting

CLUB SPORTS
Club teams compete against clubs and schools with comparable teams. Tryouts are open to all university students. No scholarships are offered.

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Boxing Club
- Classical Fencing Society
- Curling
- Cycling
- Football
- Hockey
- Kobudo
- Kuk Sool Won
- Lacrosse
- Rowing
- Rugby
- Running Club
- Sailing
- Ski and snowboard
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming and diving
- Tae Kwon Do
- Tennis
- Triathlon Team
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Volleyball
- Waterski and wakeboard
- Wrestling

Marquette Fanatics checklist
- Gold MU shirts
- Giant head (not your ego)
- Blue body paint
- Throat lozenges. Trust us, you’ll need these.

Join the Marquette Fanatics student group — super fans who bleed blue and gold. Fanatics tickets include admission to all Marquette home sporting events, including men’s and women’s basketball.

Stake your claim on game day. It’s hard to miss Fanatics in the stands. They’re not just the loudest fans in the building. They’re the most colorful, too. Though we don’t advocate skipping class, we have seen one or two crazed fans sprinting east on Wisconsin Avenue heading from our chemistry labs to the Bradley Center in the final moments before tipoff.

VARSITY
Marquette competes in the Big East Conference, one of the top athletic conferences in the nation. The university offers partial to full athletic scholarships in all varsity sports.

- MEN
  - Basketball
  - Cross country
  - Golf
  - Lacrosse
  - Soccer
  - Tennis
  - Track (indoor and outdoor)

- WOMEN
  - Basketball
  - Cross country
  - Lacrosse
  - Soccer

- SPIRIT
  - Cheerleading
  - Dance Team
  - Mascot

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ADMISSION, SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL AID

You’ve been through three years of high school. It’s time to begin thinking about the next step. Or, rather, steps. The process of becoming a Marquette student is fairly painless, especially if you follow these handy tips.

1. Apply for admission

First, circle this date on your calendar: December 1. It’s Marquette’s application deadline. Anything received after this date is considered late.

Ideally, you’ll want to start thinking about your application early. At Marquette, we use a “rolling admission process,” which means we wait until we receive all of our applications before we make admission decisions. Effectively, you “compete” against all applicants for a space in our freshman class. Still, we recommend submitting your online application in late August or early September. You’ll want to finish your application before classes begin in the fall. Let’s face it — you don’t want to be writing college essays and English papers to finish your application before classes begin in the fall. Let’s face it — you don’t want to be writing college essays and English papers at the same time. Regardless of when you apply, you will not receive an admission decision until mid-January.

There are five main components of the Marquette application:
- The online application (you must apply online)
- Your high school transcripts
- Your SAT or ACT (with writing) scores
- Your essay
- Your counselor recommendation

You may include separate letters of recommendation from teachers, coaches/employers if you wish, but they’re not required as part of your application. In fact, we recommend saving any such letters for scholarship applications.

When making an admission decision, we place the greatest emphasis on the courses you have taken and the grades you have earned. Everything else (test scores, activities, recommendations) is important but secondary. Of course, for some programs, your supplemental material will carry more weight. We want to know that you have challenged yourself and that you have done well in your course work.

Admission decisions are mailed beginning in mid-January. Look for your letter in the mail by the middle of February. While you’re waiting, start thinking about your scholarship applications.

Apply online: marquette.edu/explore

2. Apply for scholarships (and scholars programs)

Marquette offers a wide variety of merit scholarships that support the university’s mission while recognizing student achievement — excellence in and out of the classroom, commitment to community service, and demonstrated leadership. A scholarship is a form of gift assistance that does not have to be repaid. Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis to students of high academic ability who enroll full time in an eligible college, and they are awarded by Marquette and private organizations. For complete scholarship details, visit marquette.edu/scholarships.

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Although not scholarships in the monied sense of the word, our scholars programs also require separate applications. Interested in the Honors Program? Want guaranteed acceptance into dental or law school while saving a year of college? Marquette’s scholars programs may be for you. Each program has specific goals and requirements. Visit the scholarships section of the admissions website for details.

You will be automatically considered for most of our scholarships. Those scholarship and scholars programs requiring a separate application have a February 15 deadline. Most scholarship applications require essays, letters of recommendation (which is why you may want to save yours for scholarship applications and not the application for admission) and other credentials. Scholarship applications are typically available in early fall and can be downloaded from the admissions website: marquette.edu/explore.

As long as you’re beginning to think about college expenses, start thinking about financial aid.

3. Apply for financial aid

Financial aid fact: Approximately 90 percent of our students receive financial aid, including scholarships, grants, student employment and low-interest loans.

The financial aid process can be confusing and stressful at times, but we’re here to help you figure it all out.

We encourage all families to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The FAFSA will take income tax information from you and your folks and determine your expected family contribution. Essentially, the form calculates how much your family will be able to afford to pay for college, regardless of the institution you choose to attend. After filing the FAFSA online (fafsa.ed.gov), your results are forwarded to the colleges you choose.

We’ll subtract your EFC from the total cost of attending Marquette. The difference between total cost and your EFC is your demonstrated financial need. If you do not demonstrate need, we can still put together a package of loans and employment to defray expenses. (Everyone should apply for financial aid, even Bill Gates.)

An important note: Colleges vary widely in how much tuition costs, but the amount you’re expected to pay does not. Therefore, your potential for financial aid increases with higher-cost schools.

Tuition and fees (Fall 2011-12)

- Tuition: $31,400
- Fees: $422
- Typical room and board: $10,370

Financial aid timeline

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To file the FAFSA, you and your parents must register for a Personal Identification Number. Visit fafsa.ed.gov to register for a PIN or visit Marquette Central (marquette.edu/mucentral/financialaid) for step-by-step instructions. You can begin to file the FAFSA January 1, but you can get your PIN at any time. We strongly encourage filing the FAFSA by February 1 using estimated income tax numbers.

Finally, don’t worry. We’ll walk you through each step of the admissions and financial aid processes. Follow our recommended deadlines, and you’ll have a clear picture of your admission decision, scholarship and financial aid status — just about everything you need to make a good decision about college — by April 1. That gives you four weeks until the most important college deadline.

May 1, The national deposit deadline for all colleges and universities. You’ll need to let us (and any college to which you have applied) know your intentions by submitting a non-refundable tuition and housing deposit. The deposit secures your space in the incoming freshman class.

Link to:

- fafsa.ed.gov (fast and easy online FAFSA)
- fastweb.com (tons of scholarship opportunities)
- marquette.edu/mucentral/financialaid
- fafsacaster.ed.gov (estimate financial contribution)

Apply online: marquette.edu/explore
ACADEMICS

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What does it all mean?

There are several ways to define the word major. A musical key, our national pastime (Major League Baseball), a military officer and, of course, that academic thingamajig.

At Marquette, a major is a comprehensive course of study consisting of a minimum of 30 semester hours in a chosen discipline. Put simply, it’s a specialization in academic achievement. When you leave Marquette as a graduate, this is the one area in which you will be most proficient. An expert, if you will.

But how do you pick just one area of specialization? That’s the hard part. Marquette offers more than 100 majors. Just check out the following pages. Some students have known what they wanted to do since kindergarten. For others, it takes a little time.

What do I do with a major?

Depending on your focus, you might face several paths after graduation. Some of our students head to graduate or professional schools. Others take the skills they have learned into the working world. A great service available to students who want to learn more about where their career path could lead is our Career Services Center. This is a place where students can meet with advisers to talk about their next steps.

But, wait, there’s more.

You also may choose to pursue a minor. Minors typically consist of six courses focused on an area of interest outside of your major. Minors can add breadth to your area of expertise. In some majors, you can also pursue a concentration — a cluster of focused courses within the major.

I’m undecided.

We have a new word for you: multi-interested. It’s not that you haven’t a clue. It’s that you can see yourself in several different fields. That’s great. In fact, multi-interested is our most popular major. The most important thing to note is that you’re not alone. More than 20 percent of our students enter as undecided. Once you’re here, you’ll find advisers and services prepared to help you figure out what you want to do.

The University Core of Common Studies

Perhaps our best tool for the multi-interested student is the University Core of Common Studies. This is a core curriculum composed of nine academic areas. All students (whether you have a major or not) are required to take at least one class from each of the nine areas. This is a great way to sample everything, and you might discover an area of academic interest and aptitude you’ve never considered before.

Advising

Every student is required to meet with an academic adviser before registering for classes each semester. Your adviser will help you navigate through a degree program to graduate on time. If you are multi-interested, your adviser will work with you to select a class schedule and make sure you are aware of all of your options.

Still multi-interested?

Marquette offers countless combinations of majors and minors. With all of the options, you’ll be able to pursue the best academic program for you.

Direct entry means that you apply to and are admitted into one of our seven colleges. There is no general admission. Think of it this way: Marquette, the university, is the umbrella organization for each of the colleges on campus. This allows you to draw on the expertise of all of our colleges, and it’s one of the strengths of the core curriculum. You also can remain relatively undecided and switch between most programs.

For all intents and purposes, the college is the functional level for students. Your adviser is a faculty or staff member from your college. Your graduation requirements are dictated by your college. Your college houses the department that offers your major. It’s simple but often causes a little confusion with prospective students.

Most Marquette majors can also be pursued as minors or second majors. Learn more at marquette.edu/majors.