



2026 Winterim Application Directions

Overview:

Winterim is a three-week session held between the Fall and Spring terms designed to help students keep on track for graduation. Financial Aid for Winterim is awarded separately from the Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 terms, and there are many differences between eligibility for aid during Winterim and the academic year. Federal grant and loan eligibility is **VERY** limited for Winterim and many students **will not** be eligible.

General Eligibility Requirements:

In order to be eligible for and awarded federal financial aid for Winterim, you must meet all of the following requirements:

- Have a completed and fully processed 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Be enrolled in courses for the Winterim term and have submitted this 2026 Winterim Application.
- Be enrolled at least half-time for the Spring 2026 term. Students who are not enrolled at least half-time for Spring are not eligible for any Winterim financial aid. Half-time status is defined as:
 - Undergraduate Students: 6 credits
 - Graduate Students: 4.5 credits
- Be maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress.

Students who graduate(d) in the Fall 2025 and Winterim 2026 terms are **not** eligible for Winterim financial aid.

Federal Pell Grant Eligibility Requirements:

In order to be eligible for and awarded a Federal Pell Grant, you must:

- Meet the general eligibility requirements defined above.
- Be an undergraduate student who received/will receive a Federal Pell Grant in Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 terms.
- Be enrolled in **fewer** than 12 credits in the Spring 2026 term (if you are enrolled in 12 or more credits for spring, you **will not** be eligible for additional Pell Grant for Winterim).

Federal Subsidized and Unsubsidized Direct Loan Eligibility Requirements:

In order to be eligible for and awarded a Federal Subsidized or Unsubsidized Direct Loan, you must:

- Meet the general eligibility requirements defined above.
- Be enrolled at least half-time for Spring 2026 (6 credits or more for undergraduates; 4.5 credits or more for graduate students).
- Not already been awarded the maximum loan amount for your grade level for the academic year. Maximum loan amounts are:

Grade Level	Dependent Student	Independent Student
Freshmen (0-23 credits)	\$5,500 (no more than \$3,500 Subsidized)	\$9,500 (no more than \$3,500 Subsidized)
Sophomores (24-59 credits)	\$6,500 (no more than \$4,500 Subsidized)	\$10,500 (no more than \$4,500 Subsidized)
Juniors & Seniors (60+ credits)	\$7,500 (no more than \$5,500 Subsidized)	\$12,500 (no more than \$5,500 Subsidized)
Graduate Students	N/A	\$20,500

- If your grade level will change after Fall term, please submit your application after Fall grades have been posted.

Additional Notes:

- If you do not meet the requirements as described above, you may want to consider the [Parent PLUS Loan](#), [Private Loans](#), or [Graduate PLUS Loan](#). For directions on how to apply, please visit <http://www.uww.edu/financialaid/types-of-aid/loans>.
- Financial aid for Winterim will disburse along with Spring aid after Winterim has ended. The initial Spring disbursement is January 21, 2026. Note that Winterim aid will pay Spring charges first; Winterim aid will only apply to Winterim charges if you have more Spring aid than Spring charges.
- Your Spring semester refund might be delayed due to unpaid Winterim charges.



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To be considered for Winterim financial aid, complete this form and return it to the Financial Aid Office. As described above, in order to be eligible for financial aid you must have completed a 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), be admitted to the university in good standing, be registered for the Spring 2026 term, and meet the other eligibility requirements describe above. Students graduating in Fall or Winterim are ineligible for Winterim aid.

Name: _____ ID#: _____ (_____) _____
Last First MI Phone number

- Grade level as of Fall 2025: ☐ FR ☐ SO ☐ JR ☐ SR ☐ GRAD ☐ Special
Will grade level change at the end of Fall? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Students must be enrolled for Winterim **before** financial aid will be awarded.
Total number of credits you are enrolled for Winterim: _____
- Are you enrolled in a study abroad program for Winterim? ☐ Yes ☐ No Location: _____
- Students must be enrolled **at least half-time** for the Spring term in order to receive aid for Winterim.
Half-time status is defined in the following manner:
Undergraduate Students: 6 credits **Graduate Students:** 4.5 credits
Total number of credits you plan to take during Spring 2026: _____
- Are you receiving aid from any outside sources during Winterim (i.e., RA Benefits, WI GI Bill Waiver, Scholarships)? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, what is the source? _____ Amount \$ _____

By signing this application, you agree that you understand the following (check off each bullet):

- ☐ I must be enrolled for Winterim and Spring terms in order to be awarded and receive my aid.
- ☐ If I drop my course(s) or do not attend/academically participate in all of the courses I was registered for at time of awarding, UWW may need to return some of the aid previously awarded which may result in my owing funds back to my UWW student account.
- ☐ Financial aid for Winterim will disburse along with Spring aid after Winterim has ended. The initial Spring disbursement is January 21, 2026. Note that Winterim aid will pay Spring charges first; Winterim aid will only apply to Winterim charges if you have more Spring aid than Spring charges.
- ☐ Winterim charges are due January 12, 2026. If I am eligible for Winterim financial aid, the charges to be paid with Winterim financial aid will not be assessed finance charges until after aid is disbursed on January 21, 2026. If I am not eligible for Winterim financial aid, Winterim charges are due January 12, 2026, regardless of the amount of my spring financial aid.
- ☐ I am responsible for any balance due to the university regardless of financial aid.
- ☐ My Spring semester refund might be delayed due to unpaid Winterim charges.
- ☐ I must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) in order to receive financial aid. If I have been academically dismissed or am not meeting the SAP standards, I am ineligible for Winterim aid.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Students with questions about Winterim aid are encouraged to schedule an appointment with their Financial Aid Administrator. Contact our office at (262) 472-1130.