

Pre-Seminary Recommendations

Martin Luther College exists for one reason – to train pastors, elementary and secondary teachers, and staff ministers for the pulpits, classrooms, and congregations of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. About a fourth of the student body consists of men in the pre-seminary program. Their course of study culminates in a bachelor of arts degree. To become WELS pastors, these men then study another four years at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin.

MLC offers also a program of Seminary Certification for non-traditional students, who, because of especially age or other circumstances, are permitted to prepare for seminary in a shortened program. There are two versions of Seminary Certification, one for men with a previous bachelor's degree and one for those without a bachelor's degree.

The statistics below reflect only those students enrolled in the traditional, bachelor's degree program. Seminary Certification students are not included in the data.

Pre-seminary Student Achievement Data

(Seminary Certification students not included)

Class of	Beginning Freshmen	Graduates	Graduates Recommended to WLS	Percentage Recommended
2023	38	34	34	100.0%
2022	72	47	47	100.0%
2021	43	36	36	100.0%
2020	48	41	41	100.0%
2019	55	47	47	100.0%
2018	41	36	35	97.2%
2017	43	33	33	100.0%
2016	48	40	40	100.0%
2015	47	30	30	100.0%
2014	32	21	21	100.0%
2013	41	32	32	100.0%
2012	56	32	32	100.0%
2011	52	40	40	100.0%
2010	51	25	25	100.0%
2009	45	43	43	100.0%
2008	62	35	35	100.0%
2007	60	45	44	97.8%
2006	72	46	45	97.8%
2005	77	55	55	100.0%