Direct Loan Entrance Counseling Instructions
(Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loans)

Students who haven’t taken a Federal Subsidized or Unsubsidized Loan (Direct or through a lender) in the past from UW-Parkside are required to complete Direct Loan Entrance Counseling. The entrance counseling takes approximately 30 minutes to complete.

Step 1- Go to the Direct Loan website, which is www.studentloans.gov

Step 2- Sign in using your PIN (Personal Identification Number) which is also used to sign the FAFSA. If you are unsure what your PIN is, it can be reissued/sent to you by going to www.pin.ed.gov

- Sign in by clicking the green “Sign In” button
- Enter your SSN, first two letters of your last name, date of birth and PIN

Step 3- Click the “Complete Entrance Counseling” link. This takes you to additional instructions. Once again, click “Complete Entrance Counseling.”

Step 4- You will be asked a series of questions regarding your enrollment status (undergraduate or graduate/professional student). With the questions will come a series of information that you must read in order to accurately answer the questions. As you answer questions, pop-up information will appear telling you the correct answer and giving you more information.

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Step 5- When you have completed the entrance counseling, you will need to click on the Borrowers Rights and Responsibilities. This will open in a new window. After reviewing, close that window and click “Submit.”