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www.uwhelp.wisconsin.edu
1–800–442–6459

Madison Area Technical College

www.matcmadison.edu
1–800–322–6282

UW Colleges

www.uwc.edu
1–888–463–6892

Milwaukee Area Technical College

www.matc.edu
414–297–6542

College of Menominee Nation

www.menominee.edu
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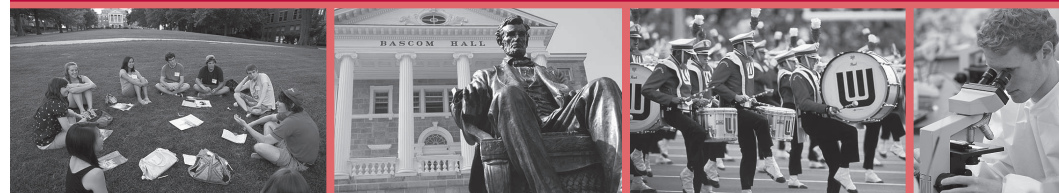
Nicolet College

www.nicoletcollege.edu
1–800–544–3039

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ACCESS AND OPTIONS



PATHWAYS TO A UW–MADISON DEGREE

The University of Wisconsin–Madison is nationally and internationally renowned for its academic excellence, resources, faculty, and commitment to undergraduate education. Admission is competitive. Successful applicants must demonstrate exceptionally high academic ability and performance. Personal strengths and nonacademic talents and commitment are also highly valued.

UW–Madison is able to offer a high level of access because of the many pathways to the university that exist—from general freshman and transfer admission, to guaranteed transfer programs, to transfer contracts. These programs work together to ensure that Wisconsin’s academically talented and motivated students have the opportunity to earn a degree from their flagship institution.

This publication outlines UW–Madison’s many admission options. Find your best path, and if you have questions along the way, be sure to contact the offices listed on the back cover.



UW–Madison Admission Options: *Find Your Best Path*

Freshman Admission

- Competitive and selective admission, academic preparation and success are primary considerations and include rigor of course work, academic GPA, grade trends, class rank, and test scores
- Admission counselors review each application individually; review for academic preparation and success, leadership qualities, nonacademic achievement, diversity in personal background and experience, and potential for contribution to UW community
- Fall 2008 Freshman Admission Statistics
 - ▶ 25,478 applications
 - ▶ 13,438 offers of admission (53% of applicants)
 - ▶ 5,774 enrolling freshmen (43% of admitted)
- Fall 2008 Freshman Academic Qualifications (middle 50%)
 - ▶ Class rank: 86th to 96th percentile
 - ▶ GPA: 3.5 to 3.9
 - ▶ ACT composite: 26 to 30
 - ▶ SAT composite: 1830 to 1980

UW–Madison Connections Program

- Invitation-only program (for Wisconsin resident applicants who are not admitted as freshmen; admitted freshmen may also enroll as an alternative to freshman enrollment at UW–Madison)
- Begin at one of our 22 partner institutions (a UW Colleges two-year campus, MATC–Madison, MATC–Milwaukee, Nicolet College–Rhineland, the College of Menominee Nation, UW–Green Bay, UW–Oshkosh, UW–Parkside, UW–River Falls, UW–Stevens Point, or UW–Stout)
- Submit Program Agreement by May 1 (agreement mailed with UW–Madison admission decision letter)
- Complete 54 credits including 25–27 credits in communication, quantitative reasoning, natural science, social studies, humanities/literature/arts, and ethnic studies (these courses comprise UW–Madison’s General Education Requirements, which are the core classes all students must take to graduate)
- Earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0
- While attending the partner institution, Connections students receive a UW–Madison ID and have access to academic advisors, libraries, recreational facilities, student organizations, athletic events, and cultural and social activities
- Guaranteed enrollment at UW–Madison as a junior (students transition straight to UW–Madison, a transfer application is not required)

Transfer Admission

- Complete minimum high school units (algebra, geometry, advanced math, and two units of foreign language), or equivalent
- Complete at least 24 transferable college credits
- Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (average transfer GPA is 3.4)
- Complete breadth of college-level course work to include composition, math, science, literature, and social science
- Submit UW–Madison application for transfer admission and undergo comprehensive review (transfer admission is competitive and selective)

UW System Guaranteed Transfer Program (with UW Colleges)

- Begin as a new freshman at a UW Colleges two-year campus
- Submit *Declaration of Intent to Participate* within first 30 credits (form available from any UW Colleges Student Services Office)
- Complete minimum high school units (algebra, geometry, advanced math, and two units of foreign language), or equivalent
- Complete 54 credits within three years of enrolling at the UW Colleges
- Earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.6
- Submit UW–Madison application for transfer admission
- Guaranteed enrollment at UW–Madison as a junior

Transfer Contracts (with select Wisconsin two-year colleges)

- Begin as a new freshman at MATC–Madison, MATC–Milwaukee, Nicolet College–Rhineland, or the College of Menominee Nation
- Submit *Declaration of Intent to Participate* within first 30 credits (form available from the two-year college advising offices)
- Complete minimum high school units (algebra, geometry, advanced math, and two units of foreign language), or equivalent
- Complete 54 credits in the Liberal Arts Transfer Program within five years of enrolling at the two-year college; course work must include 27 credits in communication, quantitative reasoning, literature, humanities, social studies, physical science, biological science, and ethnic studies
- Earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (students with a 2.6–2.9 will receive consideration)
- Submit UW–Madison application for transfer admission
- Guaranteed enrollment at UW–Madison as a junior