

University of Wisconsin-M





The University of Wisconsin–Madison opened in 1848 to teach the citizens of Wisconsin practical agriculture, science and engineering. Throughout the years, as the reputation of the university spread, new programs were added and the campus expanded. Today the reach of our university has grown beyond the borders of Wisconsin. Students like you, from all over the United States, and the world, want to study at our university.

We have a different approach to education that started in 1911 when university President Charles Van Hise developed the Wisconsin Idea. 100 years later, we continue to honor that commitment in how we educate and prepare students. The Wisconsin Experience guides us in providing learning opportunities that happen inside and outside of the classroom. Students have life-changing experiences in service-learning opportunities and residential learning communities. They perform community-based research and go on international internships to gain new perspectives in their fields. They seek out intellectual challenges in first-year interest groups and comprehensive honors programs.

Our campus community is vibrant and diverse. This is reflected in the extracurricular opportunities for leadership in the arts, culture, politics, service, social issues, and student government. Recreational activities and Badger athletics also add an amazing energy to our campus.

Explore everything our campus has to offer. Find time to visit. Talk with our students and alumni about their experiences. The Office of Admissions and Recruitment is here to assist as you prepare to become a future Badger!

On Wisconsin!

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welcome

To the University of Wisconsin–Madison

There's always something to do on our historic campus. Check out your favorite fall and spring sports, enjoy year-round arts and culture, get involved with a student organization, or take time to volunteer with a cause that's important to you. As a Big Ten university, our campus is always buzzing with excitement and energy. Our faculty also offer a world-class learning experience. With an astounding legacy of learning and discovery, you can choose from thousands of classes in nearly any subject and take time to explore the major that fits you. Living and learning with students from all 50 states and more than 130 countries is definitely a memorable experience. ***No wonder our students are proud to be Badgers!***

Our Students

42,595 total students

Our Reach

Students come from all 50 states and more than 130 countries spanning the globe.





Our Rankings

10th American public universities

U.S. News and World Report

19th among world-ranked universities

Academic Ranking of World Universities

2nd most beautiful college campuses

Newsweek and The Daily Beast

4th production of Fortune 500 CEOs

U.S. News and World Report

9th best value among public universities

Kiplinger's Personal Finance

UW–Madison is the state's first public university and it was created shortly after the state itself. Our core philosophy in the learning process, known as the Wisconsin Idea, challenges us to bring the learning experiences and research happening on campus beyond the borders of the classroom. Today, our students and faculty still honor that commitment in their work.

More than 29,000 undergraduates call our campus home, and they contribute to a history of academic excellence, pushing boundaries in their fields of study and finding passions that will guide them throughout their lives.



The Wisconsin experience

On Campus

- Ongoing intercultural dialogues
- Activism and leadership through more than 800 student organizations
- Multicultural arts initiatives

In the Classroom

- Comprehensive honors programs
- Scholars groups
- Training for health professionals in underserved areas

We take learning to the next level. Our faculty will teach you how to use what you learn in the real world. Through undergraduate research opportunities in liberal arts, science, business, health, ecology, engineering, and education, you will investigate local, national, and global issues. As a student here, you will become a problem solver and creative thinker who is prepared to confront 21st-century challenges.





First-Year Interest Groups (FIGs)

We form learning communities of about 20 students who are enrolled in a cluster of three classes that are linked by a common theme. FIGs help students discover how disciplines relate to one another, creating a richer educational experience.

Service Learning

Many courses include educational experiences that allow students to take part in activities that meet community needs. Students gain further understanding of course content and an enhanced sense of civic responsibility while helping others.

Residential Learning Communities

Our students participate in total-immersion learning communities that connect living and learning. Students can pursue their entrepreneurial spirit, their passion about sustainability, their desire for a multicultural experience, and more through these special communities. And they can work one-on-one with faculty and staff through social, cultural, and educational activities.

Undergraduate Research

Our students don't need to wait to be juniors or seniors before they are welcomed into the university's vast research community. A special program helps first- and second-year undergraduates get hands-on experience in research or other creative endeavors, working with UW faculty and research staff. Experience at the frontiers of knowledge transforms what our students learn in the classroom into reality and relevance.

Beyond the Classroom

- National and international internships
- For-profit and non-profit summer internships
- Entrepreneurship opportunities
- Study-abroad and research-abroad programs

FIGs

- Tasting Food, Tasting Freedom
- Seeing the Forest for the Trees Through Sustainable Use
- Race, Place, and Story: Arts Against Oppression
- Media Responsibilities and Realities
- Self and Society in Ancient Greece and Rome

Academic excellence

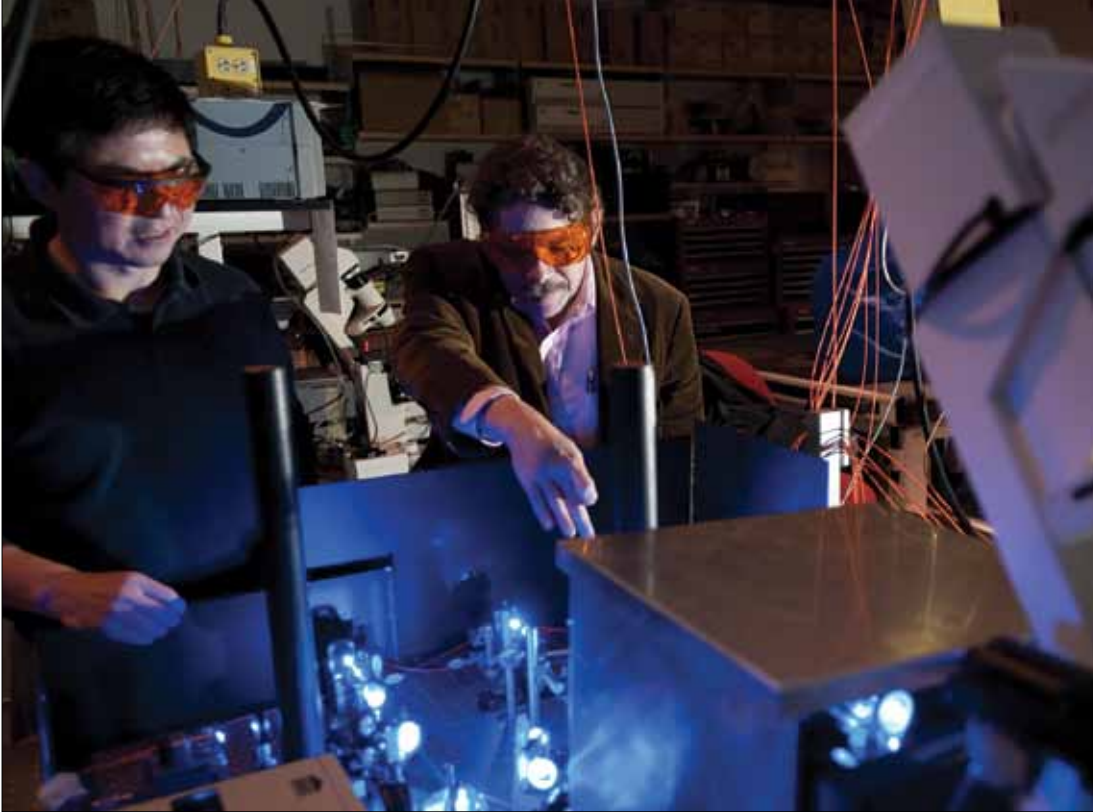
Academic Support Services

Students at all grade levels use the academic learning support services offered by the university. First-year students typically take advantage of:

- Writing center support to assist with preparing for essay exams and proofreading papers.
- Group tutoring in math, physics, chemistry, computer science, economics, and statistics.
- Foreign language tutoring for French, German, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Japanese, and more.
- Drop-in counseling to get advice on time management or study skills, or for short-term help in a class or subject area.

Our students are smart. They know education matters and enjoy learning new things. This is a place where exceptional academic performance flourishes. Our students know that learning is a life-long journey, and they study with people who also embrace spirited discussion and debate. Research is a critical component to the work our undergraduates produce. No matter what your field of study, you'll be challenged to think critically.





Faculty

Over 2,000 faculty support the research, teaching and public service missions of the university.

Class Size

Our average class has 29 students, and only 10 percent of our classes have 100 or more students.

Breadth of Courses

We offer an impressive collection of 5,100 courses. You will also be exposed to classes in the physical and social sciences, arts, and humanities to broaden your intellectual perspectives. This establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world.

Majors and Undergraduate Schools and Colleges

There are over 160 majors. Once you declare a major, and are admitted to one of our eight undergraduate colleges and schools, you will have a shared learning experience with other students studying in your field.

Sample Courses

Confectionery Science and Technology

Energy Economics

Ethnobotany

Environmental Stewardship

Gender and Work in Rural America

Hydraulics for Civil Engineers and Designers

Jazz Aesthetics

Mass Media and Youth

Medieval Literature

Philosophy of Mind

Practice of Persuasion



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Colleges, Schools, and Majors

Undergraduate Schools and Colleges

- Agricultural and Life Sciences
- Business
- Education
- Engineering
- Human Ecology
- Letters & Science
- Nursing
- Pharmacy

College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

Agricultural and Applied Economics
Agricultural Business Management
Agronomy
Animal Sciences
Biochemistry
Biological Systems Engineering
Biology
Community and Environmental Sociology
Dairy Science
Dietetics
Entomology
Environmental Sciences
Food Science
Forest Science
Genetics
Horticulture
Individual Major
Landscape Architecture
Life Sciences Communication
Microbiology
Nutritional Sciences
Plant Pathology
Poultry Science
Soil Science
Wildlife Ecology

School of Business

Accounting
Actuarial Science
Finance, Investment and Banking
Information Systems
International Business
Management and Human Resources
Marketing
Operations and Technology Management
Real Estate and Urban Land Economics
Risk Management and Insurance

School of Education

Art
Art Education
Biology

Chemistry
Chinese
Communicative Disorders
Dance
Earth Science
Economics
Elementary Education
English
French
Geography
German
Hebrew
History
Individual Major
Italian
Japanese
Kinesiology
Latin
Mathematics
Music Education
Natural Science
Physics
Polish
Political Science
Portuguese
Rehabilitation Psychology
Russian
Social Studies
Sociology
Spanish
Special Education
Theatre and Drama

College of Engineering

Biomedical Engineering
Chemical Engineering
Civil Engineering
Computer Engineering
Electrical Engineering
Engineering Mechanics
Engineering Physics
Geological Engineering
Industrial Engineering
Materials Science and Engineering

Mechanical Engineering
Naval Science
Nuclear Engineering

School of Human Ecology

Community and Nonprofit Leadership
Consumer Affairs
Family, Consumer and Community Education
Human Development and Family Studies
Individual Major
Interior Design
Personal Finance
Retailing
Textile and Apparel Design

College of Letters & Science

African Languages and Literature
Afro-American Studies
Anthropology
Applied Math, Engineering and Physics
Art History
Asian Studies
Astronomy-Physics
Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences
Biochemistry
Biological Aspects of Conservation
Biology
Botany
Cartography and Geographic Information
Systems
Chemistry
Chemistry Course
Chinese
Classical Humanities
Classics
Communication Arts
Communicative Disorders
Comparative Literature
Computer Sciences
Economics
English
Environmental Sciences
Environmental Studies
French
Gender and Women's Studies
Geography

Geology and Geophysics
German
Hebrew
History
History and History of Science, Medicine,
and Technology
History of Science, Medicine, and Technology
Individual Major
International Studies
Italian
Japanese
Jewish Studies
Journalism
Languages and Culture of Asia
Latin
Latin American, Caribbean and
Iberian Studies
Legal Studies
Linguistics
Mathematics
Medical Microbiology and Immunology
Microbiology
Molecular Biology
Music
Philosophy
Physics
Polish
Political Science
Portuguese
Psychology
Religious Studies
Russian
Scandinavian Studies
Social Welfare
Social Work
Sociology
Spanish
Statistics
Theatre and Drama
Zoology

School of Nursing

Nursing

School of Pharmacy

Pharmacology and Toxicology

In addition, the **Graduate School** offers master's and doctoral degrees in many disciplines. The three professional schools are the Law School, the School of Medicine and Public Health, and the School of Veterinary Medicine.

Academic resources

Technology Resources

- Computer labs located conveniently across campus
- Wireless internet in residence halls and campus buildings
- Printing facilities for everyday use and special large-format projects
- Production resources for video and audio projects

Research By the Numbers

2nd in research expenditures with over 1 billion dollars devoted to scientific research

5th in doctorates granted

This is a place where student life and learning are interwoven. Prepare to be surrounded by students who are passionate about their fields of study. Many of your most memorable experiences will come from studying with a group of friends, collaborating on a project, exploring a new idea, experimenting with cutting-edge technology, or debating the latest world news.

Libraries

Students find our libraries welcoming places to research, study, and meet. Vital to the teaching, learning, research, and outreach mission of our university, they also rank as one of the leading research collections in North America. Our impressive physical collection includes 7.3 million printed volumes and over 7 million other items such as maps, photos, musical scores, and government documents. Memorial Library is the principal research library for social sciences and humanities. College Library is the undergraduate research facility that includes over 40 special-purpose libraries. Expand the scope of your search with our vast digital collection. Connect with research material at public libraries and other institutions across the state, and read original sources by searching periodicals and journals electronically.





Research

Over 110 research centers and programs on campus help us rank as one of the most prolific research universities in the world. Driven by a desire to both explore new worlds and to apply new ideas to real-world problems, work is conducted by faculty, staff, graduate students and undergraduate students. Undergraduate students are fortunate to have the opportunity to work along side some of the world's leading researchers to push the frontiers of knowledge.

COMMUNITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

A one-year academic program for undergraduates that combines opportunities for community service, experiential learning, and service.

RONALD E. McNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The goal of this program is to increase the number of students in doctoral degree programs who are low-income and first generation undergraduates or students who come from groups underrepresented in graduate education.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARS (URS)

Available to first-year undergraduates, URS is dedicated to helping first- and second-year undergraduates get hands-on experience in research or other creative endeavors by working with faculty and research staff.

WISCONSIN IDEA UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

Undergraduates with at least sophomore standing propose a project that focuses on addressing a need identified by the community. Project areas include community development, health-related issues, economic development, the arts, education, environmental issues, criminal justice, hunger and poverty alleviation.

The praise for Madison can take many forms, including being named:

Top 10 green city

Best game-day atmosphere

A best place to live and work

#1 city for cycling and walking

A best city for college graduates

A best city for entrepreneurs

Top city for young professionals



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A Special City

Madison, Wisconsin has been named one of America's top ten cities to live in—and it's no surprise. With our university located in Wisconsin's capital city of more than 233,000 people, our students have a wealth of choices on campus *and* in the community. You can observe government at work firsthand, shop to your heart's content, marvel at cultural offerings, enjoy stunning natural areas, and more. And when family members and friends come to visit, there's plenty to see and do.



Weather

Yes, we have four seasons in Madison. You can enjoy cool springs with flowers blooming, hot and sunny summers, colorful and crisp fall days, and sparkling snow during winter. July is the warmest month, with an average temperature of 82 degrees. January is the coldest, when the average temperature is 25 degrees. Dress accordingly and enjoy the seasons!

The Great Outdoors

In our city, bikes number more than cars, which explains the more than 200 miles of biking and hiking trails. Madison offers 260 parks and 6,000 acres of parkland. In the summer, sailboats dot the lakes and picnics abound. Madison residents don't let cold weather stop them. Residents skate, ski, snowboard, sled, and more in winter.

Arts, Athletics, and More

Madison embraces the arts with performances, art galleries, music venues, a renowned film festival, and a center for theater and music of all kinds. Spectator sports range from Big Ten competitions to minor league baseball. The city's downtown square hosts one of the nation's most popular farmer's markets from spring through fall in addition to other seasonal festivals.



State Street

This student favorite is a renowned mile-long pedestrian mall that links campus with the State Capitol. Here you'll find more than 35 restaurants, featuring authentic flavors from Ethiopia, Italy, Japan, Nepal, and Vietnam. Students also spend a lot of time studying at six coffee shops. Grab your favorite book at one of five bookstores. On the weekend, spend time in three museums; the Orpheum Theater; the Overture Center; or shop more than 60 specialty shops and boutiques.

A Global Support network

Badger Outcomes

- More than 1,050 alumni serve as CEOs
- 2,942 Badgers have served in the Peace Corps
- Badgers have earned 17 Nobel Prizes and 27 Pulitzer Prizes
- Six alumni have received Rhodes Scholarships

Our students are embraced as Wisconsin Badgers from the moment they are admitted to UW–Madison and decide to enroll. They immediately become part of a special campus community of diverse scholars, and after graduation will join a global community of nearly 400,000 living alumni. Our graduates live in Wisconsin, of course, but Badger contingents can also be found in cities from New York to Los Angeles, Chicago to the Twin Cities, and in countries around the world. **Chances are, wherever you go a Badger will be close by.**



Notable Badgers

This is just a sampling of Badgers who have pursued an education at UW–Madison and have gone on to influence the world.

- Lynsey Addario, 1995, photojournalist for *National Geographic* and *Time Magazine*
- Steven Bornstein, 1974, current president and CEO of the NFL network
- Joan Cusack, 1984, film and stage actress, known for the movies *Working Girl* and *Toys*
- Ada Deer, 1957, Bureau of Indian Affairs; UN Human Rights committee delegate
- James Doyle, 1967, former governor of Wisconsin
- Abigail Goldman, 1992, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist at the *Los Angeles Times*
- David W. Grainger, 1950, senior chairman, W.W. Grainger Inc.
- Suzy Favor Hamilton, 1991, Olympic track star
- Carlton Highsmith, 1973, Vice Chairman of SPG Paperworks
- John W. Lawlah, MS'1929, Dean of the Howard University Medical School
- Steve Levitan, 1984, executive producer and writer, *Modern Family*
- Arthur C. Nielsen Sr., 1918, founder, A.C. Nielsen Co.
- Amanda Rockman, 2001, JD'2005, Interim Chief Judge of the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court
- Anthony Shadid, 1990, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist at *The New York Times*
- Tommy Thompson, 1963, former governor of Wisconsin
- Allan "Bud" Selig, 1956, commissioner, Major League Baseball
- Judith Sweet, 1969, first woman president of the NCAA
- Al Toon, 1984, three-time Pro Bowl wide receiver with the New York Jets
- Charlie Trotter, 1982, Chicago chef and philanthropist

Top Places For Badger Alumni

Across the U.S.

Atlanta
Chicago
Dallas
Green Bay
La Crosse
Los Angeles
Madison
Milwaukee
Minneapolis
New York
San Francisco
Washington, D.C.

Around the World

Australia
Canada
China
Germany
India
Indonesia
Mexico
South Korea
Spain
Taiwan
Thailand
United Kingdom

Forward Under 40

Each year the Wisconsin Alumni Association features a list of 40 alumni under the age of 40 who are making an impact on the world by living the Wisconsin Idea. Some of the most recent alumni honored include:

Anthony Eggert, 1996

Deputy secretary for energy policy at the California EPA, looks for solutions to climate change, energy security, and clean, renewable sources of energy.

Dalia Mogahed, 1997

A senior analyst and executive director of the Gallup Center for Muslim Studies, works for the White House Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships to see how organizations can work with government to solve society's toughest challenges.

Mark Riccobono, 1999

Executive director at the National Federation of the Blind Jernigan Institute, is leading the Blind Driver Challenge, which challenges universities, technology developers, and other innovators to build interface technologies that will allow blind people to drive a car independently.

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On Campus

Students in Residence Halls

Students in the halls come from all counties in Wisconsin, every state, and more than 50 countries.

University Apartments

Student families and transfer students can choose to live close to campus in these apartment communities:

Eagle Heights

Eagle's Wing

Harvey Street Apartments

University Houses

Although we don't require our students to live on campus, **most freshmen choose to live in University Residence Halls.** You will meet others who are beginning their college journey, experience diverse perspectives and cultural backgrounds, build new friendships, and make global connections. The halls are open to upperclassmen as well, so new students can learn from sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Each hall is divided into smaller houses, allowing residents to form unique communities within the building. Our students find that our halls provide **an appealing mix of academic and social life.** A new residence hall will open in fall 2012 to accommodate more students who choose to live on campus.



Academic Services in Your Hall

Class Connections

Our online database will help you find residents living in your hall who are taking the same courses, and also help you to form study groups.

Academic Program Coordinators (APCs)

APCs are student staff who help build a sense of academic community within the halls to encourage success in the classroom. This is a great way for freshmen to get to know other students in their building.

Free Tutoring

Tutoring is available in the halls for subject areas that are most commonly requested, such as: math, chemistry, economics, writing, and Spanish.

Technology Learning Centers (TLCs)

Take advantage of 24/7 access to technology-rich study spaces in eight locations that are great places to work on group projects or to use specialty resources for individual work.

Residence Hall Academic Advising Offices

Cross-College Advising Service (CCAS) conducts advising sessions in the halls to help students explore academic and career interests.

Hall Desks

Your hall desk is the hub of the neighborhood. You can receive mail and packages, and check out items such as laptops, games, movies, and tools.

Food, Glorious Food!

Residence halls have a full-service dining program that is recognized as one of the best in the country. Our students can enjoy made-to-order meals, online ordering, healthy food options, multiple dining venues in convenient locations, and room delivery. The menu also includes vegan options, kosher selections, and gluten-free choices.

Living on Campus

Lakeshore Neighborhood

Adams
Bradley
Cole
Elizabeth Waters
Phillips
Kronshage
Slichter
Sullivan
Tripp

Southeast Neighborhood

Barnard
Chadbourne
Merit House
Ogg
Sellery
Smith
Susan B. Davis House
Witte



Student experience

The Buckys

Over 15 Bucky awards are presented annually to recognize exceptional student leadership, and some of these coveted honors include:

Dean's Award of Excellence

Given to an organization that actively works to incorporate innovation, leadership service, and social justice into their mission and programming.

Outstanding Senior

Awarded to a senior who has shown his/her ability to be a leader on campus.

Wisconsin Experience

Recognizes an organization that exemplifies the idea that what we do matters and together we can solve any problem.

Inclusivity Award

Presented to the group that fosters learning opportunities, contributes to the scholastic and leadership growth of its members, and promotes social justice activities.

Discovery Award

Awarded to the group that creates and coordinates a campuswide event that provides clear benefits to the campus community, and has learning outcomes for its members.

The Wisconsin Experience is based on the idea that, together, we create and apply learning to make the world a better place, and is defined by student leaders who inspire one another, advocate for change, and apply their campus experience beyond the classroom. Opportunities for leadership and engagement abound through service learning, community outreach activities, and student organizations.





Student Organizations

Over 800 registered student organizations are active on our campus. These are just a few:

ARTS AND MEDIA

- Anime Club
- Ballroom Dance Association
- Madison Area Jugglers
- Madison Folkdance Club
- Textile and Apparel Student Association

PROFESSIONAL

- American Society of Civil Engineers
- Arts Enterprise
- Association for Women in Communications
- Biomedical Engineering Society
- Dietetics and Nutrition Club
- Entrepreneurship Association
- Finance and Investment Society
- Health Professions Society
- Public Relations Student Society of America
- Wilderness Medical Society

RECREATIONAL

- Chess Club
- Hoofers Sailing Club
- Fishing Team
- Fencing Club
- Madcity Skydivers
- Speed Skating

ADVOCACY

- Alternative Breaks
- Assembly of International Students
- Campus Women's Center
- Children's Justice Project
- Colleges Against Cancer
- Engineers Without Borders
- Multicultural Student Coalition
- Muslim Jewish Volunteer Initiative
- Out for Business
- Student Athletes Equally Supporting Others

Student Organization Spotlight

Redefined A Cappella

Redefined has continued to raise the standard for co-ed a cappella performance. Accomplishments include performing a large theater concert every semester, being featured on *Dateline NBC*, and releasing five albums.

Dumpster Diving Revolution

With a focus on reducing waste produced by students, this group educates students on how to reuse and recycle. They also work with charitable and city organizations to organize recycling events and other activities across the campus and city to help students donate items.

Intramural and Club Sports

Club Sports

With over 35 club sports, students who want to stay active and compete will find their chance on our campus. Although many clubs are organized for intercollegiate competition, some meet just for fun or for fitness instruction. All clubs will practice regularly in order to promote and develop the skills and interests of their members, so be prepared for the additional time commitment.



Club Sports

- Archery
- Badminton
- Baseball
- Cycling
- Eagle Claw Kung Fu
- Fencing
- Frisbee
- Ice Hockey
- Japanese Karate
- Lacrosse
- Racquetball
- Rugby
- Table Tennis
- Tae Kwon Do
- Tennis
- Triathlon
- Volleyball
- Water Ski Team
- Wrestling

Intramural Sports

- 2 on 2 Sand Volleyball
- 3 on 3 Basketball
- Dodgeball
- Flag Football
- Floor Hockey
- Table Tennis
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Volleyball

Intramurals

This is the perfect way to meet new people in a casually competitive environment. Whether you're a first-time participant or veteran athlete, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved in a wide variety of sports.

Intramural teams have a maximum of 20 participants and you will compete with other UW–Madison students and faculty from all over campus.



Special Visitors and Events

Having exposure to current ideas and the people who create them is part of the student experience on our campus. Authors, performers, politicians, and world influencers come to our campus each year. Some give presentations to large audiences and some arrive to guest teach a lecture. Most recently, President Barack Obama was the first sitting U.S. president to visit campus in over 60 years.



GO BIG READ

Go Big Read, the campus shared reading program, gets thousands of people reading, talking and sharing reactions and opinions. *Enrique's Journey*, the 2011 selection, tells the story of Enrique's odyssey to find his mother, after she left him with family in Honduras to find a better life for her family in the U.S. Madison-born author Sonia Nazario hosted a talk with the community and signed copies of her book.

People to See

A sample list of past speakers

- Dalai Lama
- President Barack Obama
- Bill Gates
- Jane Goodall
- Janet Napolitano
- Michael Pollan

Places to Go

A few popular campus venues

- Chazen Museum of Art
- Geology Museum
- Gallery of Design
- Washburn Observatory
- Wisconsin Union Theater

Things to Do

- Go to the Homecoming parade
- Eat Babcock ice cream
- Sit in Abe's lap
- Walk to the top of Van Hise
- Sled on Bascom Hill
- Take part in the polar plunge
- Listen to the spring Varsity band concert

Badger athletics

Varsity Sports

Men's Sports

Basketball
Cross Country
Football
Golf
Hockey
Rowing
Soccer
Swimming & Diving
Tennis
Track & Field
Wrestling

Women's Sports

Basketball
Cross Country
Golf
Hockey
Rowing
Lightweight Rowing
Soccer
Softball
Swimming & Diving
Tennis
Track & Field
Volleyball

Whether you're competing or cheering from the stands, you will quickly find that every year is a good year to be a Badger! Watch your favorite teams compete at Camp Randall Stadium, the Field House, Kohl Center, and the Porter Boathouse. Game days also add a new energy to campus, and downtown, as students and the community come out to support our teams. Last year, over 1.3 million Badger fans watched their favorite teams play.

- ▶ Women's hockey won its fourth national championship in six years.
- ▶ Football captured a Big Ten championship en route to the Rose Bowl, the team's ninth-straight bowl game.
- ▶ Women's soccer made it to the NCAA tournament for the second-straight season, advancing to the second round.
- ▶ Men's Basketball advanced to the Sweet 16 in the 2011 NCAA Tournament.

While our student athletes shine on the field, court, and ice, away from the playing fields they also place an emphasis on academic success. Over 170 athletes are proud recipients of Academic All-Big Ten honors.





Our facilities exceed the needs of our active students. Students can work out and play recreational sports in several locations on campus:

Southeast Recreational Facility (SERF)

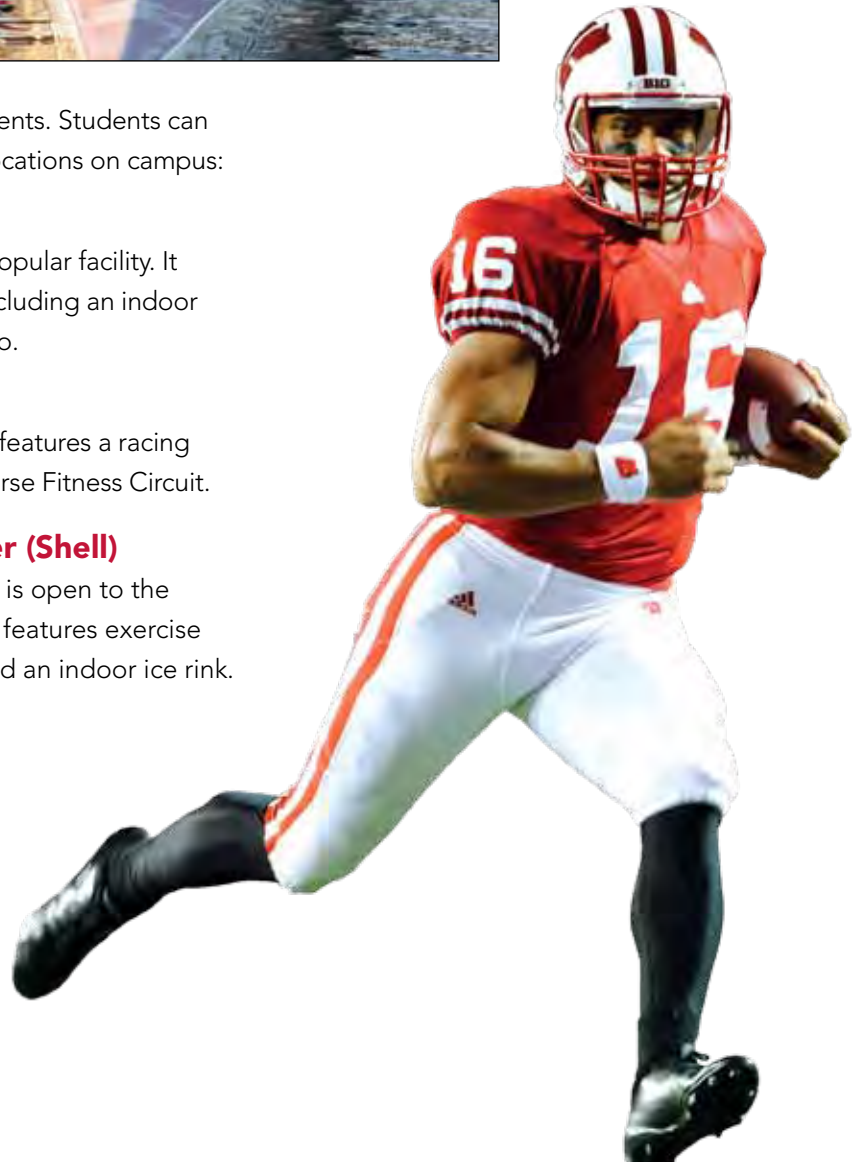
Located in the heart of campus and is the most popular facility. It also features indoor recreational opportunities including an indoor running track, large cardio room and fitness studio.

Natatorium (NAT)

On the west side of campus on Lake Mendota, it features a racing pool, diving well and the outdoor Perrier Paracourse Fitness Circuit.

Camp Randall Memorial Sports Center (Shell)

Right next to Camp Randall Stadium, this facility is open to the campus community and Madison residents, and features exercise equipment, a 200-meter indoor running track and an indoor ice rink.



freshman

Academic Requirements

Fall 2011 Freshman Class

5,828 Total New
Freshmen

4,247 Wisconsin and
Minnesota

1,328 Out of State

253 International

Class Profile

Average GPA: 3.5–3.9

Rank: 85–96th
percentile

ACT: 27–31

SAT: 1860–2080

Our Philosophy

UW–Madison has a holistic, competitive, and selective admission process. Our counselors will consider your high school course work, written statements, standardized test scores, extracurricular activities, and a letter of recommendation, if you choose to submit one. We have an understanding of the course offerings and grading scale at your school, so we will look closely at your high school transcript to assess the rigor of your curriculum and your performance in those courses. We are also looking for consistent involvement in activities in or out of school, leadership, community involvements, or any special gifts or talents that you would bring to our university.

High School Academic Preparation

Your high school record should demonstrate both rigor and breadth in the type of course work you pursue. A competitive academic record should show challenging advanced-level work, such as AP, honors, or IB courses, in as many areas as possible, while maintaining a strong GPA. The following chart shows the number of years that most admitted students studied in each subject area:

SUBJECT AREA	YEARS
English	4
Math [†]	4
Social Studies	3–4
Science	3–4
Single Foreign Language [‡]	3–4
Additional Academic/Fine Arts	2
Total Units	19–22

[†] Math requirement includes at least one year each of algebra, geometry, and advanced math, or an integrated sequence of courses. Statistics, business math, and/or computer courses will not fulfill this requirement.

[‡] Non-native English speakers satisfy the foreign language requirement if they were educated in their native language through grade eight.



Admissions Process

- 1. Application:** Use the online application, which allows you to save your progress and return to complete sections as needed. You can get the freshman application online: admissions.wisc.edu/freshman
- 2. Written Statements:** We want to learn more about you, so we ask you to complete three written exercises. First, describe which of your extracurricular activities was most important. Then write about any perspectives, life experiences, interests, or talents that you will bring to our campus to enrich our community. Finally, state your academic goals and explain any challenges or circumstances you may have encountered.
- 3. Transcripts:** Request official transcripts from your high school and any collegiate or summer programs you attended. Transcripts must be sent directly from each school or institution.
- 4. Test Scores:** Scores from either the ACT (school code 4656) or the SAT (school code 1846) are required. All scores must be sent directly from the testing agency. If you were educated in a non-English language, or if your native language is not English, you will have to submit results from the TOEFL or IELTS.
- 5. Letters of Recommendation:** Though not required, we strongly recommend at least one letter from someone who can attest to your academic ability, such as a high school teacher or college counselor. Please send them a link to the online recommendation form, which is located on the forms section of our website.

Application Deadlines

	Deadline	Notification
U.S. Citizens & Permanent Residents		
First Fall Notification	November 1	By the end of January
Second Fall Notification	February 1	By the end of March
Spring Term	October 1	By the end of December
International Students		
Fall Term	December 15	By the end of March
Spring Term	October 1	By the end of November

ADMISSION PROCESS TIPS

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Check For Mistakes on Your Application

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Keep Track of Your Materials

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Have a Valid Email on File

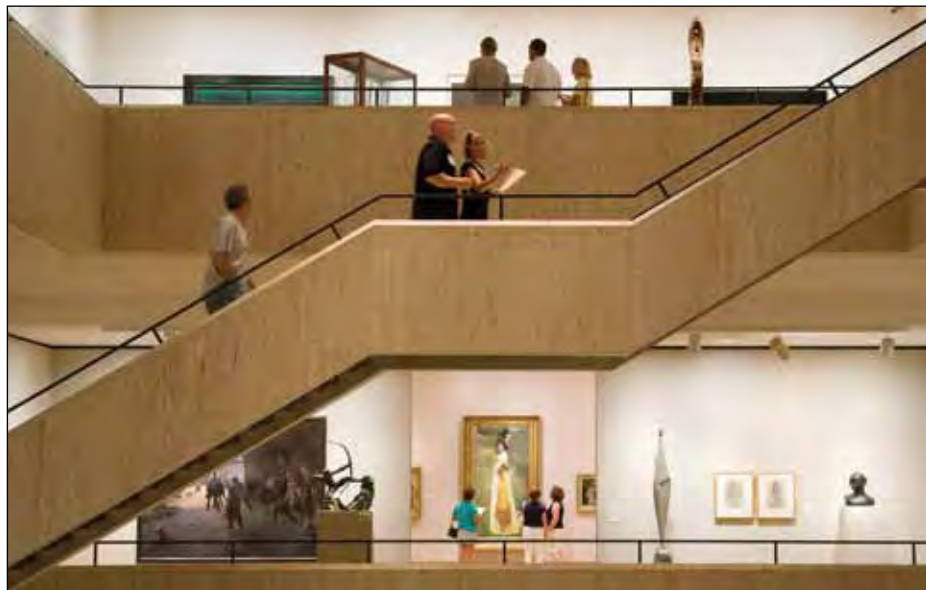
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transfer student

Academic Requirements

Our Philosophy

UW–Madison has a holistic, competitive, and selective admission process. We review your academic record from high school through college, your written statements, and any additional information you choose to submit, such as test scores or recommendations. Successful applicants will have a consistently high, or upward, grade trend, a strong cumulative GPA, and rigorous course work in English composition, college-level math, science, social science, humanities, literature, and foreign language.



Facts About Our 2011 Transfer Class

1,737 new transfer students began in 2011.

Average age: **19–22**

Average GPA: **3.4**

48% began studying as sophomores.

41% began studying as juniors.

1 in 5 UW–Madison graduates began as transfer students.

Course Requirements

Course/Subject Area

Credits/Years Required

COLLEGE CREDITS

24 transferrable semester credits

Transfer students are not accepted at the freshman level. You must show proof of one full year of college work after high school. This excludes AP and other test credit.

ALGEBRA

1 year in high school

PLANE GEOMETRY

1 year in high school

Must be taken in the regular college track. Lower-track, such as modified, basic, or informal, will not be accepted.

ADVANCED MATH

**1 year in high school or
1 college course**

At the level of Algebra 2 or beyond.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

**2 years in high school or
2 semesters in college**

Sequential study of one language.

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financing your education

Tuition is only one part of the total cost of attending college. Check out the table on this page for an estimate of total costs—tuition and fees, books, supplies, housing, travel, and other education-related expenses—to attend UW–Madison. Keep in mind, though, that there are ways to get help paying for college. Financial aid is considered a package of scholarships, grants, on-campus work-study jobs, and student loans. These funds come from the federal government, the state of Wisconsin, and the university. Financial packages are determined on an individual basis. UW–Madison also offers a number of scholarships for both incoming freshman and continuing undergraduates.

Who Should Apply?

All U.S. citizens and permanent residents admitted to the university should file for federal student aid, which helps determine which sources of aid a student might receive. If that information is not on file, a student might give up available funds. Students on an F–1, F–2, J–1, or J–2 visa are not eligible for federal financial aid from the university.

Scholarships@UW–Madison

The university hosts a website that lets students easily search for scholarships being offered campuswide in addition to those offered by our undergraduate schools and colleges. Some are available to incoming students and others are reserved for current students.

The list is available to the public and you can search it from September to May to see the types of scholarships being offered.

Tuition, Fees, and Expenses for 2011–12

	Wisconsin Resident	Minnesota Resident	Out-of-State/ International
Tuition and Fees	\$ 9,672	\$12,730	\$25,421
Books and Supplies	1,140	1,140	1,140
Room and Board	7,780	7,780	7,780
Miscellaneous Expenses	3,180	3,180	3,180
Travel	770	1,230	1,680
Estimated Total Cost:	\$22,542	\$26,060	\$39,201

Estimates are based on residency for an unmarried undergraduate living in a university residence hall.

After you submit your application for admission, you should log in to the system and begin applying for scholarships that match your interest and qualifications. Most deadlines are either February 1 or March 1. Do not wait to apply since these are highly competitive. Pay attention to submission deadlines, and additional materials that may be requested.

Remember to check the financial aid website for additional scholarships that are not specifically listed on Scholarships@UW–Madison.

Options for International Students

If you will study in the United States on an F–1, F–2, J–1, or J–2 visa, you are not eligible to submit a FAFSA and cannot receive federal financial aid from the university. The Office of International Student Services provides a resource page to research available scholarships, fellowships, and grants. Please remember that the programs listed are not run by the university.

International students should expect to show proof of support in the amount of \$44,414 to cover additional costs.

Wisconsin State Residency

At our state-funded public university, in-state students and out-of-state students pay different rates for tuition. If you come to Wisconsin primarily for educational purposes, you might not qualify as a Wisconsin resident, even after living in the state for a year or more.



FAFSA

fafsa.ed.gov

Students should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after January 1. Although we do not have an official application deadline for financial aid, we try to make an award offer before May 1, assuming all requested materials have been submitted at least 30 days earlier.

Office of Financial Aid

finaid.wisc.edu

Scholarships@UW

scholarships.wisc.edu

International Student Services

iss.wisc.edu

visit

Our Campus

Information Sessions and Tours

Our admission counselors and tour guides welcome thousands of students to campus year-round. We hope you become one of them. Our campus admissions information sessions will tell you about the process of applying, how to pay for college, what students accomplish during their time on campus, and what our graduates are doing in the world. Admissions counselors lead these sessions Monday through Friday, followed shortly thereafter by a campus walking tour led by an undergraduate student.

Weekend Walking Tours

If you plan to visit over a weekend, there are also student-guided campus walking tours on most Saturdays and Sundays, except for home football Saturdays.

Experiencing a place firsthand can be powerful. There's nothing quite like visiting our campus to get a true sense of our energetic students, countless activities, and beautiful setting. As student spaces and buildings are added, there is always something new to see. Come for an information session and tour, but also take the time to hear a guest speaker, visit one of the undergraduate schools and colleges, check out a sporting event, catch a performance, or explore downtown Madison.





Schedule a Visit

Online:
visitbucky.wisc.edu

Phone:
608-262-3318

Class Visits

Each semester, we give prospective students a list of lecture-style classes they can attend. Some of the most popular classes include animal biology, engineering design, human language, interpersonal communication, introduction to theater, making of modern science, and modern American literature.

Meet with a Counselor

Counselors are available throughout the day to assist students with questions. Meet with a representative at the Union South welcome desk or in the Office of Admissions and Recruitment lobby.

Transfer Student Visit Days

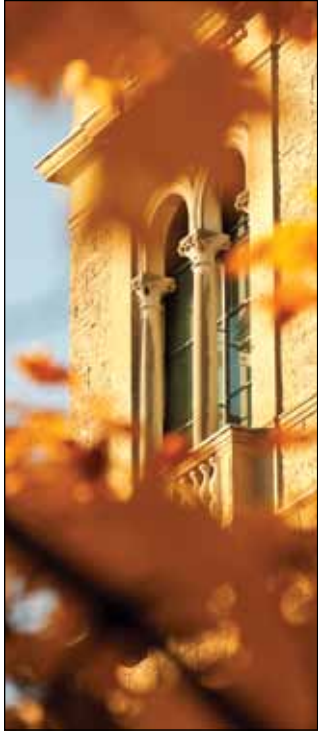
Prospective transfer students are encouraged to participate in our Transfer Student Visit Day program. These visit days are typically scheduled on select Fridays during the academic year.

Make a Reservation

The easiest way to make a reservation is online. Some of our visit programs fill quickly, so please review the available times at least two weeks in advance. Some dates are not available due to holidays or special campus events.



how to contact us



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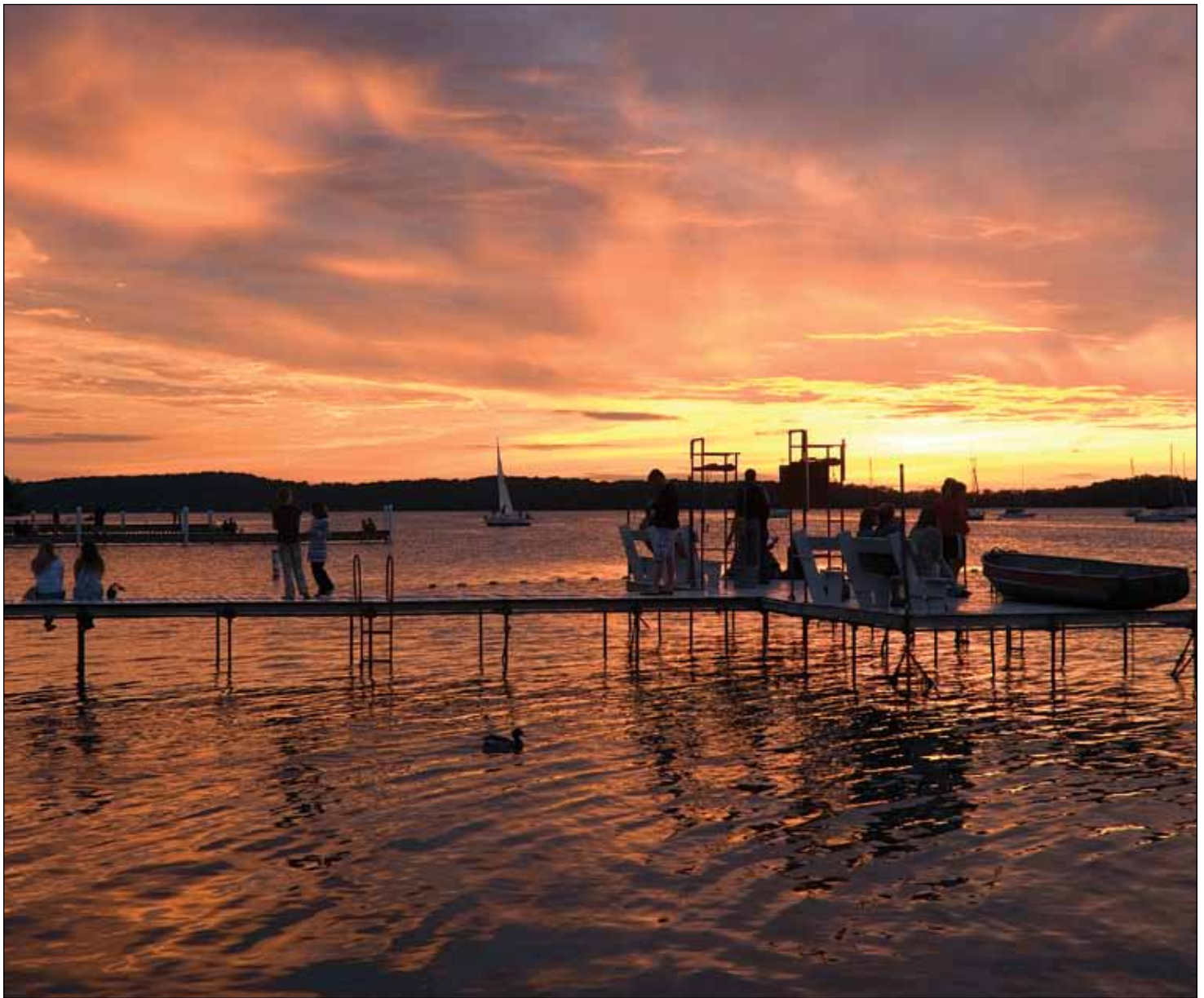
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Email

- Freshmen: onwisconsin@admissions.wisc.edu
- Transfer Students: transfer@admissions.wisc.edu
- International Students: international@admissions.wisc.edu

Campus Visits

To schedule a campus visit, go to visitbucky.wisc.edu, email visitbucky@admissions.wisc.edu, or call 608-262-3318.



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