Badger Promise Program

Badger Promise is a financial aid program that is intended to support first-generation Wisconsin resident students who have successfully transferred from any of the two-year UW Colleges or the liberal arts programs at Madison College, Milwaukee Area Technical College, Nicolet College, College of Menominee Nation, or Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College.

All first-generation Wisconsin residents transferring to UW–Madison from one of the colleges listed above will receive grant/scholarship aid up to two semesters of in-state tuition (currently $10,534).

First-generation Wisconsin residents transferring to UW–Madison from one of the colleges listed above who have demonstrated Pell Grant eligibility upon their initial enrollment at UW–Madison will receive grant/scholarship aid up to four semesters of in-state tuition (currently $21,068).

The program expands our commitment to ensuring that UW–Madison remains a uniquely accessible world-class institution of higher education for all students, including first-generation students.

Artistic Opportunities at UW–Madison

The University of Wisconsin–Madison offers many opportunities for undergraduates who are interested in pursuing and participating in artistic activities, no matter their major, through taking credit and non-credit classes, attending events, participating in student organizations, and volunteering.

Artistic Opportunities at UW–Madison

2017 Threads: Ensemble annual fashion show organized by the Design Studies Department
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All students, regardless of area of study, can expand their knowledge and skill set outside of the classroom by taking short-term classes, utilizing drop-in studios, or becoming a member of one of the 100+ arts student organizations on campus. Many of these organizations offer exhibition or performance opportunities. Examples include a cappella groups, anime, costume design, glass-blowing, music ensembles, tango dancing, and Wisconsin Union Directorate committees.

The website arts.wisc.edu is a gateway to all of the arts disciplines. Undergraduate areas of study include art, art education, art history, communication arts, creative writing, dance, interior architecture, music, music education, planning and landscape architecture, textiles and fashion design, and theatre and drama. This website is also a one-stop shop for hundreds of arts and humanities events throughout the year from several units on campus. To learn more, email info@arts.wisc.edu or follow @uwmadisonarts on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.

The Open Seat Food Pantry

The Open Seat is a food pantry on the UW–Madison campus run by students, for students. Any student with a valid Wiscard is welcome to come and take part in the pantry weekly. There are no financial or background checks of any kind.

The Open Seat strives to alleviate the stresses of food insecurity by providing friendly and accessible sources of food for the students of UW–Madison. It opened its doors in February 2016 and is located in the Student Activities Center (SAC) on East Campus Mall.
2017 Go Big Read

Entering its ninth year, Go Big Read is UW–Madison’s common-reading program that engages members of the campus community and beyond in a shared, academically focused reading experience.

The 2017 Go Big Read book is *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by J.D. Vance. *Hillbilly Elegy* is a personal reflection on growing up in the Rust Belt of Ohio and escaping generations of poverty.

In the book, Vance tells the story of what it feels like to be born into a region and class that has experienced serious economic disruption. He shares his family’s story, starting with his grandparents’ move from Appalachia to Ohio following World War II in hopes of escaping poverty.

“Go Big Read has a history of choosing books with challenging and timely topics. The point is to generate a lively conversation about a set of important issues, about which people can agree or disagree,” Chancellor Rebecca Blank says. “In fact, we hope this will generate a conversation of that sort, which leads people to think more about the social and economic and political issues raised in the book.”

Last year’s Go Big Read selection, *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by UW–Madison alumnus Matthew Desmond, won a Pulitzer Prize in April. Desmond received his doctorate from UW–Madison in 2010 and is an affiliate of the Institute for Research on Poverty at the UW.

**UW–Madison: Just the Facts**

- 936-acre main campus
- 8 undergraduate schools and colleges
- 140 undergraduate majors
- 60 undergraduate certificates
- 4,731 courses offered annually
- 41 libraries throughout campus
- 2,154 faculty
- 43,336 total students
- 29,536 undergraduates

- Students come from:
  - 72 Wisconsin counties
  - 50 states
  - 126 countries
  - 20:1 student/faculty ratio
  - 30 students on average per class
  - 900+ registered student orgs
  - 2,200 students study abroad annually
  - 435,000+ living alumni

**Fall Priority Decision Deadline**

This past spring, we introduced a transfer fall Priority Decision Deadline. Transfer students who apply for the Fall 2018 term by February 1 will receive an admission decision by the end of March. Transfer students can also choose to apply by our fall Regular Decision Deadline of March 1. Students who apply by that deadline will hear a decision by the end of April. UW–Madison applicants can use either the UW System Application or the Common Application. We do not prefer one application over the other. Students are asked to choose one application and use only that application all the way through to submission.

**Transfer Admission Trends: Spring, Summer, and Fall 2017**

- Over 5,000 applications
- Admit rate around 50%
- Admitted Students Middle 50% Range
  - GPA: 3.4–3.8
- Incoming class: 1,412
  - All UW System 4-year campuses
  - All UW System 2-year campuses
  - Over 350 colleges and universities

**Current University Rankings**

**U.S. News and World Report**

- 12th among public institutions

**Center for World University Rankings**

- 26th among institutions worldwide

**PeaceCorps.gov**

- 1st among large schools in the number of Peace Corps volunteers currently serving

**National Science Foundation**

- 6th among U.S. universities in research expenditures

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