Connections Program
FACT SHEET

About the Program
Open to Wisconsin residents, this program allows students to complete their initial coursework at one of 20 partner schools before transitioning to UW-Madison to complete their degree. Connections Program students have access to campus resources and student services at UW-Madison while at their home institution.

Benefits
- Participation in over 800 student organizations
- Access to special events and guest speakers
- Use of more than 40 on-campus libraries
- Appointments with academic advisors
- Campus technology tools and software training
- Campus email and computer lab access
- Discounts at the DoIT technology store
- Use of Recreational facilities (with nominal fee)
- Badger athletic ticket eligibility
- UW-Madison Student ID (WisCard)

Eligibility
To be eligible, students need to be residents in the State of Wisconsin, and also complete the coursework recommended for freshman admission:
- 4 years of English
- 3 years of Math, Social Studies, and Science
- 2 years of a single Foreign Language and additional Fine Art or academic coursework
- Results from the SAT or ACT (with writing)

How to Participate
Apply Direct: Students who want to begin at a partner campus and transition to UW-Madison can complete the Connections Intent to Apply-Direct form along with applications for admissions to both UW-Madison and the partnering campus.

Opt-In: Students who are admitted under the freshman admissions process can choose to opt-in to the program.

By Invitation: Select applicants for freshman admission will be invited to participate in Connections in lieu of direct freshman admission.

Requirements
Students who accept admission to the program agree to meet the following academic and procedural requirements to successfully join the program:

1. Submit the UW–Madison Connections Program Agreement by May 1. Find the form online at admissions.wisc.edu/get/forms.

2. Attend the Connections Orientation Program during the summer at UW-Madison.

3. Complete 54 transferable credits within three years (or less) at the chosen partner campus. These credits may include AP, IB, college credit earned while still in high school, or summer courses taken at an approved institution.

4. Satisfy the General Education Requirements at UW-Madison, with the exception of Communication Part B. These requirements include: Communication Part A (3 credits); Quantitative Reasoning Parts A and B (6 credits); Natural Science (4–6 credits); Humanities/Literature/Arts (6 credits); Social Studies (3 credits); and Ethnic Studies (3 credits)

5. Earn a minimum GPA of 2.0 each term. Note that specific major or program admission requirements may be higher than a 2.0 GPA.

6. Complete the Connections Program Transition Checklist which is available online at admissions.wisc.edu/get/forms.

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