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INTERNATIONAL VIEWBOOK 2011–12

WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
The Wisconsin Idea

With more than 4,000 international students studying on our campus hailing from China, Singapore, Malaysia, India, Turkey, Sweden, Brazil, and everywhere in-between, the University of Wisconsin–Madison ranks among the top 20 U.S. universities with the largest number of international students. This geographic and cultural diversity enriches our campus and forwards the Wisconsin Idea, UW–Madison’s commitment to helping students apply in- and out-of-classroom learning in ways that have significant and positive impact on the world. UW–Madison faculty and staff strive to connect international students with unparalleled academic, research, work, and social opportunities at a globally renowned and focused university.

UW–Madison graduates become extraordinary citizens and national and global leaders, totaling more than 375,000 living around the world. Wisconsin ties with Harvard in the production of Fortune 500 CEOs. We’ve educated several Rhodes Scholars and our students regularly receive prestigious awards, scholarships, and fellowships.

Our students go places!
Academic Excellence

Academic excellence is the heart of UW–Madison’s mission. That’s why we are recognized worldwide for our commitment to academics, the first-year student experience, exceptional undergraduate education, and out-of-the-classroom learning.

Programs and Distinctions
We have eight undergraduate schools offering 157 majors and around 4,500 courses per year. Seventy of our academic programs are ranked in the nation’s top ten. UW–Madison is the country’s thirteenth-ranked public university (U.S. News & World Report).

Inspiring Students and Alumni
Our students come from all 50 states and more than 130 countries. And we are in the top ten research institutions nationwide in the number of Fulbright Fellowships awarded to students.

Renowned Faculty
We boast a student-to-faculty ratio of 17 to 1 and just 29 students in the average undergraduate class. Our 2,000 professors are nationally and internationally renowned teachers and scholars who produce cutting-edge research. Wisconsin also ranks in the top ten among public universities in the number of professors who have won prestigious awards and prominent grants.

Honors Programs
Each school and college offers an honors program, which provides our most academically talented students unique opportunities to challenge and surround themselves with others who love to learn.

Undergraduate Research Scholars
In this program, students work side by side with world-renowned professors and researchers, assisting with ongoing research or designing and directing their own projects. You are encouraged to get involved with this unique program as a freshman.

Study Abroad
UW–Madison students study abroad in record numbers: Wisconsin ranks tenth among the top U.S. research institutions in the number of students who do. We offer 150 programs around the world, and academic credits and financial aid are generally carried forward during overseas study.

Meet Our Students

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INTERNATIONAL
STUDENT PROFILE

Kenneth Hiew Chun Keat

Year: Sophomore
Hometown: Petaling Jaya, Malaysia
Double Major: Mathematics and Statistics

Kenneth has maintained his ties to Malaysia while also embracing the Wisconsin Idea through his work with International Student Services (ISS) and being a member of the Chadbourne Residential College (CRC) community. In addition to his campus involvement, Kenneth enjoys playing and performing music with friends and grabbing some authentic Malaysian or Chinese food at Nam’s Noodle, a restaurant close to the College of Engineering.

Why did you choose UW–Madison?
I wanted to attend a university that was not in a huge city, but still had the feel of one. UW–Madison is diverse; there are people here from many different countries and backgrounds going to school together and sharing the same lifestyle. I also wanted to be in the Midwest rather than on the coast; I was sick of hot weather.

What was it like coming from Malaysia to Madison?
I thought the whole U.S. would be more metropolitan. Much of the U.S. feels like a mixture of city and countryside, which I like. Also, Malaysia doesn’t have college towns. It’s really cool to see students everywhere. You’re surrounded by so many people of your age at all times. It’s a nice experience.

Do you have Malaysian friends on campus?
There are around 150 Malaysian students on campus. I have one Malaysian friend in each of my classes. I’m also part of the Malaysian Student Association. We hold events and celebrate major Malaysian festivals.

As an international student, what resources were available when you arrived at UW?
The peer advisors at orientation answered all of my questions, such as what organizations to consider joining and courses to take. ISS was also really helpful. ISS set me up with my host family, members of the Madison Friends of International Students. They took me shopping, helped me set up a bank account, and even bought me a bicycle.

What were some benefits of living in Chadbourne during your first year?
Chadbourne offers so many programs that you can never get bored. I enjoyed living in a community with engaged and curious peers. I got to take a CRC seminar titled Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity (SEED). We discussed every ‘ism’: sexism, racism, spiritualism, and many others. I enjoyed how vulnerable and honest we were in our discussions. We didn’t use textbooks. We talked about societal taboos and other things that aren’t normally discussed. And the main lounge has a grand piano that I can play.

What has been your favorite course so far?
Ballroom dancing, with Rena Kornblum.
The International Wisconsin Student

If you require a visa to study in the United States, you are considered an international student. Although international students may apply using the same Application for Undergraduate Admission as all other prospective UW–Madison students, international applications are reviewed by our international admission counselors. While many students who apply to UW–Madison have never been to the United States, a large number of applicants have studied at an American high school; your applications are likewise reviewed by our international admission counselors.
Freshman or Transfer Student. Which Am I?
Students apply to UW–Madison for either freshman or transfer admission, and it’s important to understand the difference.

Freshmen
The majority of students enter as freshmen—first-year university students who have completed secondary school but have not yet begun university-level studies.

Transfer Students
A transfer student is one who has already begun university-level studies at a different institution. To transfer to UW–Madison, students must possess at least 24 transferable credits. This is generally the equivalent of one year of full-time post-secondary study.
The International Wisconsin Experience

What will you make of your Wisconsin Experience?

Before you arrive on campus, you’ll be in contact with UW–Madison staff who will help you transition smoothly to our campus. Here are just a few of the resources available to UW–Madison international students:
Global Partnerships
UW–Madison has many partnerships throughout the world. One recent example is Chancellor Biddy Martin’s travels to China in 2010. The trip included stops in Beijing, Tianjin, Hangzhou, and Shanghai. Chancellor Martin described this as a “wonderful experience,” citing in particular the “extraordinary pace of change and development in China” and “a palpable sense of futurity and hope.” The visit will help promote educational exchanges between Chinese and American faculty and students, as well as collaborative projects. One such collaboration with Beijing University of Sport will bring 11 student-athletes, including several Olympic champions, to UW–Madison, to study at the newly formed Wisconsin Institute for Global Leadership.

BRIDGE
The UW–Madison Building Relationships in Diverse Global Environments (BRIDGE) Program connects new international students with U.S. students in order to assist their transition to our campus and community. In return, international students share their background, culture, and experience with their American friends and partners.

International Student Services
International Student Services (ISS) offers a variety of services and support to the university’s international community. ISS assists international students with visa and immigration issues, while also providing peer mentors, workshops, social events, and advising on cultural adjustments and social matters. ISS also informs the campus and community about the unique contributions made by international students and brings the international student perspective to a wide variety of campus programs and services. New international students attend a mandatory orientation program hosted by ISS at the beginning of their first term.

International Student Organizations
UW–Madison boasts over 750 registered student organizations, many of which are geared toward international students (and it is easy to start your own if you somehow don’t find one that interests you!). Besides having Cambodian, Chilean, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Lebanese, Malaysian, Muslim, Pakistani, East Indian, Polish, Romanian, Taiwanese, Thai, Turkish (and more!) student associations, UW–Madison has organizations that foster student socialization such as the following:

Asha for Education
Anime Club
Dialogue International
Hoofer Ski and Snowboard Club
Indonesian Christian Fellowship
International Business Student Organization
Journal of Undergraduate International Studies
Language Exchange Program
Madtown Ballroom
Model United Nations
Multicultural Student Coalition
Tuanze International
Vietnam Health Project
The First-Year Experience

Your first year at UW–Madison is an exciting and important time.

UW–Madison is committed to helping you succeed in your first year so that you are on a solid path to graduation. There are many different ways to enhance your first-year experience, both in and out of the classroom.
Attend Orientation and Experience Your First Year
During your first year at UW–Madison, you’ll adjust to college life, get involved on campus and in the community, and take advantage of all the unique opportunities available to our students. It all begins with an orientation before your first term. This is when you’ll enroll in your first-semester courses, meet other new students, and build a basic foundation for life on campus. Your first weeks will include a series of programs and events designed to help you make friends, learn your way around, and understand Wisconsin’s expectations and traditions. From then on, you will be exposed to opportunities to explore our various courses and majors, participate in student organizations, conduct undergraduate research, experience service learning, and much more.

Live in University Housing
Freshmen are encouraged to live in the University Residence Halls. The overwhelming majority of first-year students, as well as many sophomore and transfer students, live in them. Our residence halls offer a wealth of programming and opportunities that students cannot get elsewhere.

UW–Madison can help connect students who opt not to live in University Housing or for whom such housing is not available with housing near campus in privately owned residence halls, apartments, and houses. Please see the Campus Area Housing Listing Service at www.campusareahousing.wisc.edu for more information.

Live in a Residential Learning Community
UW–Madison’s residence halls host several total-immersion learning communities. Residential Learning Communities (RLCs) unite faculty, staff, and students around an explicit focus, such as cross-cultural interaction (the International Learning Community), environmental sustainability (the GreenHouse), and entrepreneurship (the Entrepreneurial RLC). Students living in RLCs benefit from unique seminars, course sections, and activities in smaller communities. Survey results show that students in these communities experience smoother transitions to college, more engagement with faculty, wider-ranging peer interactions with more depth, greater use of campus resources, and educational benefits. You can indicate an RLC as a preference after you have a contract with University Housing. Learn more at www.housing.wisc.edu/lc.

Enroll in a First-Year Interest Group
A First-Year Interest Group (FIG) consists of a group of 20 first-year students who often live in the same residence hall or neighborhood and enroll in a cluster of three classes together organized around a central theme. FIGs are offered in the fall semester, help students acclimate to UW–Madison’s challenging academics, and foster a true living and learning community within a small group of students. Recent themes include: Freedom and Slavery in the American Literary Imagination; Engineering, Communication, and Design; and The World of the Vikings. You can sign up for a FIG at orientation and learn more at www.figstim.es.
Admission Expectations

Our admission expectations and requirements vary slightly depending on if you are applying as a freshman or transfer student. For both freshman and transfer applicants, we expect the following:

University Preparatory Curriculum
You must earn a secondary education diploma or completion certificate that leads to university admission in the country where you study and live. Grades are important, but we also consider other factors such as your national system of education, the type of institution you attended, and the quality of your achievement.

For transfer applicants, we also consider your academic record for all university-level (post-secondary) work you will have completed prior to transferring.

ACT or SAT Test Scores
Scores from either the ACT or SAT are required and should be sent directly by the testing agency.

Personal Statements
Personal statements are a crucial part of your application; they provide the opportunity to distinguish yourself from other applicants.

Nonacademic Qualifications
We seek students who demonstrate a strong commitment to extracurricular activities, work experiences, and community service.

Recommendations
Insight from a teacher or principal adds important perspective to your achievement. We suggest you submit at least one letter of support from someone who can attest to your academic ability.

English Proficiency
If your native language is not English, and if your primary language of instruction has not been English, you must submit results from an official English proficiency test. For the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), we require a minimum score of 80 on the Internet-based test. For the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), a 6.0 or higher is required.

Who We’re Looking For
The University of Wisconsin–Madison is a world-class university, and admission is both competitive and selective. We are looking for students who meet the university’s high academic standards while also demonstrating leadership qualities, nonacademic achievement, diversity in personal background and experience, and potential for contribution to the Wisconsin community. For full details on our admission expectations and requirements, visit www.admissions.wisc.edu/international.php.
Application Dates
The international freshman and transfer application priority date for the fall term is **December 15**. All applications completed by December 15 are guaranteed review; applications submitted and/or completed after the priority date may not receive equal consideration. The international deadline for the spring term is **October 1**.

*Please note that the domestic freshman notification periods listed on our Web site do not apply to international applicants, even those studying in a U.S. high school.

Entry Into Your Area of Study
All students are initially admitted to the University of Wisconsin and not into specific programs and majors. Admission to the university does not guarantee admission into a specific program or college. In all cases, admission to intended majors requires a separate procedure, application, and/or review process. It is therefore very important that you learn more about the admission expectations, requirements, and procedures for the major of interest to you. To do so, visit [www.pubs.wisc.edu/ug/entrance](http://www.pubs.wisc.edu/ug/entrance).

Transfer Credit
Our international admission counselors review all post-secondary academic records for transfer credit. Once a student has been admitted and confirmed enrollment, our counselors evaluate international and U.S. course work and appropriately transfer all transferable credit to UW–Madison.

Credit is awarded for college-level course work completed at institutions accredited by a regional or national accrediting organization recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). Foreign institutions must be recognized by the Ministry of Education in that country. Courses must be similar in nature, level, and content to a course in our undergraduate curriculum and applicable to one of our academic programs.

To learn more about transfer credit, please visit [www.admissions.wisc.edu/international/transfer.php](http://www.admissions.wisc.edu/international/transfer.php).

Estimated Cost of Attendance
UW–Madison’s combination of academic excellence and great value places us at the top of many “best buy” lists. For international students, the estimated cost of attendance for the 2010–11 school year is $42,916. The breakdown below shows the estimated tuition and living expenses for the 2010–11 year.

**Tuition and Fees**
- Academic Year (9 months) $24,237
- Summer Session (optional) $5,767

**Living Expenses** (12 months)
- Housing $8,339
- Food $3,963
- Incidents $3,873
- Books/Supplies $1,100
- Health Insurance $1,404

**Total Estimated Cost of Attendance** $42,916

U.S. law requires international students to document their ability to pay all tuition and living expenses. Applicants requesting an F–1 visa must submit an original bank letter verifying at least $43,000 (U.S.) on deposit.
Undergraduate Majors

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
Entomology
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
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
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 and 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
Chinese
Classical Humanities
Classics
Communication Arts
Comparative Literature
Computer Sciences
Economics
English
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 Cultures of Asia
Latin
Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies
Legal Studies
Linguistics
Mathematics
Medical Microbiology and Immunology
Medical Science
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

UW–Madison also offers more than 45 certificates, which are similar to minors. For more information, visit www.wisc.edu/academics/majors.php.

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