Our Philosophy

The University of Wisconsin–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.

Guaranteed Transfer Program

This program is open to students who are currently attending one of the UW Colleges in the University of Wisconsin system, including the online program. To be eligible, future transfer students must declare their intent to participate before earning their first 30 credits. Other requirements include completing a minimum of 54 transferable credits, maintaining a cumulative 2.8 GPA, and earning at least a 2.0 GPA in the term before transferring.

► admissions.wisc.edu/transfer

Associate Degree Transfer Contracts

Students interested in transferring after starting at one of four participating schools, can do so after completing the appropriate transfer program track of an associate degree program offered at that school. To be eligible, students need to declare their intent to participate before earning their first 30 credits, complete a minimum of 54 transferable credits, maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA and complete the transfer track within five years.

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Connections Program

Open to Wisconsin residents, this program gives future UW-Madison students access to campus resources and student services while they complete their initial coursework at one of 22 partner schools. Students can choose to take part by: applying directly as a high school senior at the beginning of the freshman application process, or by invitation from the Office of Admissions and Recruitment. All students who are interested must submit their declaration to participate by May 1st. To transition to our university, a student must earn 54 transferable credits within three years at their first institution, and maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA.

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Course Requirements

Transfer applicants must have, or be in the process of completing, 24 semester hours of transferable coursework. The importance of the high school record depends on how many college credits are earned.

**Course/Subject Area................... Credits/Years**

- **Transferable College Credits..............24 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**
Apply to UW–Madison

1. **Application:** Use the online application, which allows you to save your progress and return to complete sections as needed.

2. **Written Statements:** As part of our holistic review, we refer to the written statements you submit to understand more about you. What you choose to share gives us an idea of who you are and what you might be like as part of our community. Remember to be genuine in your writing.

3. **Transcripts:** Request official transcripts from your high school and all post-secondary institutions you have attended.

4. **Test Scores:** Scores from either the ACT or the SAT are not required but will be considered if submitted. If you are an applicant from a non-English-speaking country, you will need to submit a TOEFL or IELTS score, unless you have completed or are currently taking an English composition course at a U.S. college or university.

5. **Letters of Recommendation:** Although not required, recommendations will be considered if submitted. If you choose to submit a letter, it should be from someone who can attest to your collegiate academic ability.

International Applicants

International applicants from non-English-speaking countries must submit a TOEFL or IELTS score, unless they have completed or are currently taking an English composition course at a U.S. college or university. In most cases, admitted students have an Internet-based TOEFL score in the range of 95–105 or an IELTS score of 6.5–7.5. Our TOEFL test code is 1846. Request that official IELTS scores be sent by paper to the Office of Admissions and Recruitment.

Join Our Mailing List

Join our mailing list to get the most current admissions materials. We also want to share with you campus event announcements and reminders about the application process. Make sure your most current home address and email are on file.

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Transfer Credit Policies

All transfer students will receive a full transfer credit evaluation after confirming their enrollment. Find out ahead of time how your credits might transfer by researching your classes in our TIS and TED course equivalency databases. We also offer credit to students who complete basic military training.

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Connect with Us

Make us part of your social network to ask questions, meet other students, and get the latest news and reminders posted by the Office of Admissions and Recruitment.

Submit questions on our fan page or interact with current students.

facebook.com/UWMadisonAdmissions

twitter.com/UWAdmissions

Watch for new videos about admissions and life on campus.

youtube.com/uwadmissions

2012 CLASS PROFILE

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