The Wisconsin Idea

The principle that the university should improve people’s lives beyond the classroom. It spans UW–Madison’s teaching, research, outreach, and public service.
UW–Madison: Just the Facts

140 undergraduate majors | 43 libraries on campus | 29: average class size

123 countries students come from | 936 acres that comprise the UW–Madison campus | 400,000 living alumni | 60 undergraduate certificate programs

33: UW–Madison alumni or faculty who have been awarded the Pulitzer Prize

6,300 freshmen | 50 number of states students come from | 43,200 total students

UW–Madison’s national rank in research expenditures

2,200 faculty | 4th

20:1 student/faculty ratio | 4,793 courses | 7.3 million printed volumes in campus libraries | 18 InfoLabs

19: UW–Madison alumni or faculty who have been awarded the Nobel Prize

1848 year UW–Madison was founded | 29,500 undergraduate students | 932 registered student organizations

8 undergraduate schools and colleges
The Wisconsin Experience
At the University of Wisconsin–Madison, you’ll learn from, study with, and research alongside some of the best faculty in the world. We are among the top public universities in the number of professors who have won prestigious awards and prominent grants, so you’ll be learning from the people who are creating today’s cutting-edge knowledge.

We are a nationally and internationally recognized research university, ranked 13th in the nation among public universities and 24th in the world. We offer exceptional resources and a world-class learning experience with an astounding legacy of discovery.

Our students know that learning is a lifelong journey, and they study with people who also embrace spirited discussion and debate. As a student here, you will become a problem solver and creative thinker who is prepared to confront 21st-century challenges.

Learn more about our academic programs, resources and support, the beautiful city of Madison, and life on campus.

Are you a #FutureBadger? Schedule a visit, explore UW–Madison, and find out.
Majors and Undergraduate Schools and Colleges

Choose from 140 majors and 60 certificate programs in 8 undergraduate schools and colleges.

College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

Located in the heart of campus, the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALS) is one of the oldest and most prestigious colleges devoted to the study of our living world. Established in 1889, CALS carries out UW–Madison’s mission as a land-grant public university through excellence in teaching, research, and public outreach across many fields, ranging from production agriculture to natural resources to social sciences to fundamental 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

Founded in 1900, the Wisconsin School of Business established one of the first five business programs in the nation. The School is uniquely positioned to redefine the partnership between universities and the business community, and it fosters a passionate and diverse community of scholars, leaders, and learners to address business challenges, inspire leadership, and improve lives.

- 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

The School of Education offers degree and certification programs in many common areas and houses a much broader and more diverse array of undergraduate and graduate programs than traditionally-based education schools. With the No. 1 ranked graduate program among public institutions, the School’s excellence flows from a dedicated, top-caliber faculty and staff—many of whom are nationally and internationally prominent in a broad range of fields.

- Art
- Art Education
- Athletic Training
- Chinese
- Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Dance
- Elementary Education
- French
- German
- Individual Major
- Italian
- Japanese
- Kinesiology
- Latin
- Music Education
- Physical Education
- Portuguese
- Rehabilitation Psychology
- Spanish
- Special Education
- Theatre and Drama
College of Engineering

The College of Engineering is taking bold steps into the future of research and education. The College’s faculty, staff, and students are making extraordinary strides to ensure that UW–Madison engineers remain key drivers of economic and social progress. In academia, industry, and public service alike, Wisconsin engineers are better equipped than ever to apply what they know to society’s greatest challenges.

- 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
The College of Letters and Science (L&S) provides an educational experience of tremendous breadth and depth. More than 800 L&S faculty teach in the arts and humanities, physical and natural sciences, and social sciences. With 62 undergraduate majors and 39 undergraduate certificates, the choices are vast.

- African Languages and Literature
- Afro-American Studies
- Anthropology
- Applied Math, Engineering, and Physics
- Art History
- Asian Studies
- Astronomy-Physics
- Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Botany
- Cartography and Geographic Information Systems
- Chemistry
- Chinese
- Classical Humanities
- Classics
- Communication Arts
- Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Comparative Literature
- Computer Sciences
- Conservation Biology
- Economics
- English
- Environmental Sciences
- Environmental Studies
- French
- Gender and Women’s Studies
- Geography
- Geology and Geophysics
- German
- History
- History and History of Science, Medicine, and Technology
- Individual Major
- International Studies
- Italian
- Japanese
- Jewish Studies
- Journalism
- Latin
- Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies
- Legal Studies
- Linguistics
- Mathematics
- Microbiology
- Molecular Biology
- Music
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Polish
- Political Science
- Portuguese
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Russian
- Scandinavian Studies
- Social Welfare
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Statistics
- Zoology
School of Human Ecology

In the School of Human Ecology, or SoHE, faculty and advisors work closely with students to prepare them for careers that improve the quality of people’s lives. The School’s majors provide a solid curriculum of practical skills that lead students to exciting professions and a better understanding of people and our world.

- Community and Nonprofit Leadership
- Human Development and Family Studies
- Individual Major
- Interior Architecture
- Personal Finance
- Retailing and Consumer Behavior
- Textiles and Fashion Design
School of Nursing

The School of Nursing, established in 1924, is the leading nursing research institution in Wisconsin and a crucial part of the state’s health care system. Located in the beautiful new Signe Skott Cooper Hall, alongside the School of Medicine and Public Health and the School of Pharmacy, the School of Nursing collaborates with scientists and renowned researchers across the UW–Madison campus, the nation, and the world.

- Nursing

School of Pharmacy

The School of Pharmacy is a world-class leader in pharmacy education, research, and service in the pharmaceutical, social, and clinical sciences. The Pharmacology and Toxicology program is an excellent foundation for graduate work in pharmacology, toxicology, or other related biomedical sciences, for medical school, veterinary medicine, and other health professions schools.

- Pharmacology and Toxicology
Academic Excellence
Programs and Resources

Our academic programs and resources will give you everything you need for a challenging college career supported by faculty, advisors, technology, mentors, facilities, and tutors. We have a wide range of programs to assist students of all backgrounds. The first step is to work with one of the many academic advisors on our campus. They are partners in planning your academic experience at UW–Madison and will help you consider major options, plan your course work, identify ways to get involved, explore career options, and progress toward graduation.

Undergraduate Research
With 111 research centers and programs on campus, such as the McArdle Laboratory for Cancer Research, the Institute on Aging, and the Center for Law, Society and Justice, we rank as one of the most prolific research universities in the world. Students are welcomed into the university’s vast research community from their very first year on campus—no need to wait until junior or senior year. The Undergraduate Research Scholars program helps first- and second-year undergraduates get hands-on experience in research or other creative endeavors, working with faculty and research staff.

A few examples of recent undergraduate opportunities include:
- Tobacco treatments that can help patients quit smoking
- Effects of climate change on human health
- Causes and consequences of poverty and inequality
- Transmissions and pathogenesis of global infectious diseases
- The link between diet and aging

Residential Learning Communities
Our students are given the opportunity to participate in total-immersion learning communities that unite living and learning around a common theme. Students can pursue their entrepreneurial spirit, their passion about sustainability, their desire for a multicultural experience, and more through these special communities. Additionally, they can work one-on-one with faculty and staff through social, cultural, and educational activities.

Sample Residential Learning Communities:
- BioHouse Learning Community
- International Learning Community
- Multicultural Learning Community
- Open House: Gender Learning Community
- The Studio: Creative Arts and Design Community
- Women in Science and Engineering

Wisconsin Idea Undergraduate Fellowship
Wisconsin Idea Fellowships are awarded to projects that enhance student learning while finding solutions to community issues. Undergraduates with at least sophomore standing are eligible to propose a project. Project areas include community development, health and wellness initiatives, economic development, the arts, education, environmental issues, criminal justice, hunger, and poverty alleviation.

Morgridge Center for Public Service
The Morgridge Center offers nearly 90 service-learning courses on campus, facilitates the Wisconsin Idea Undergraduate Fellows Program, and coordinates community opportunities. Each year, Badgers help the Madison community by volunteering in health, education, and environmental service organizations.

Service Learning
Many courses include service-learning components 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.
Honors Programs

Since 1958, when Wisconsin was one of the first schools in the country to introduce an honors program, we’ve been offering our most academically talented students unique opportunities to challenge and surround themselves with others who love to learn. UW–Madison offers seven honors programs in addition to learning communities, service-learning courses, and research opportunities geared toward those who have a desire to accomplish something remarkable.

First-Year Interest Groups (FIGs)

FIGs are learning communities of about 20 students who are enrolled in a series of classes linked by a common theme. These groups help students discover the interdisciplinary nature of their studies, creating a richer educational experience.

Current FIGs include:
• The Biology of Vision
• Engineering’s Grand Challenges
• Gender and Sexuality in South Asia
• History of Yoga
• Leadership in a Global Economy
• Work, Class, and Cultures in Wisconsin and the World

Academic Support

Many of our students use the academic learning support services offered by the university. First-year students typically take advantage of the following:
• The Writing Center that supports and assists in preparing for essay exams and proofreading papers
• Group tutoring in math, physics, chemistry, computer sciences, economics, and statistics
• Foreign language tutoring for French, German, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Japanese, and more

Study Abroad and Research Abroad Programs

With hundreds of programs to choose from, studying abroad connects students to classrooms, internships, research projects, fieldwork, and service learning opportunities around the globe. Studying abroad through approved UW–Madison programs helps students earn academic credit while cultivating an international outlook that gives them an edge in the classroom and the global marketplace. Twenty-five percent of UW–Madison bachelor’s degree recipients in 2013 studied abroad, and over 2,000 UW–Madison students study abroad each year. Opportunities are available for every major, even for students who don’t speak another language. UW–Madison students can study abroad from their freshman to senior year for a summer, winter intersession, spring break, a semester, or the full academic year.

National and International Internships and Co-ops

The career services department of each undergraduate school or college connects students with internships and co-ops each semester.

Recent internships include partnerships with:
• 3M
• Amazon
• Bio-Rad Laboratories
• Catalai China Programme
• Caterpillar
• Delta Air Lines
• Facebook
• Ford Motor Company
• General Electric
• Kimberly-Clark
• Kohl’s
• Kraft Foods
• Mattel
• Northwestern Mutual
• Procter & Gamble
• Target
• U.S. Bank
The word “isthmus”: learn it, live it, love it.

The UW–Madison campus sits on an isthmus between two lakes—Mendota and Monona—in Wisconsin’s capital city of more than 240,000 people. You’ll find beautiful, historic campus buildings; wide-open spaces for playing sports, exercising, or lounging; running, hiking, and biking trails; restaurants, shopping, theaters, and more. You will have a wealth of choices on campus and in the community. When family members and friends come to visit, there’s plenty to see and do.

Arts and Attractions
The arts are an integral part of life on campus and in Madison. Watch a play at the University Theatre. Catch the Dance Department’s Friday Forum. Check out the Chazen Museum of Art’s recent expansion. During the warmer months, see a live band at the Memorial Union Terrace. Explore the larger Madison community to enjoy even more art galleries, music venues, history museums, a world-renowned film festival, and theater performances. Attend an opera or ballet performance at the Overture Center. Venture away from downtown to Henry Vilas Zoo or Olbrich Botanical Gardens.

State Street
This popular pedestrian mall links the UW–Madison campus with the Wisconsin State Capitol. Here you’ll find more than 35 restaurants, featuring authentic flavors from Greece, Mexico, Italy, Japan, Peru, Nepal, and Vietnam. Spend time studying or chatting with friends at independent coffee and tea shops. Grab your favorite book at a local bookstore. Shop at more than 60 specialty shops and boutiques.

The Capitol Square
Madison’s Capitol Square hosts events weekly and annually. Grab a pastry and some cheese curds at one of the nation’s most popular Saturday farmers’ markets, hosted from the spring through the fall. Love food? You’ll enjoy the annual Taste of Madison, featuring mouth-watering bites from many Madison-area restaurants. And, of course, don’t forget to check out the stunning Wisconsin State Capitol building itself.

Weather
We have four distinct seasons in Madison. You can enjoy cool springs with flowers blooming, hot and sunny summers, colorful and crisp fall days, and sparkling snow during the winter months. Dress accordingly and enjoy the seasons!

The Great Outdoors
There are more than 200 miles of biking and hiking trails in the area, including the UW–Madison Arboretum. Madison offers 260 parks and 6,000 acres of parkland. In the summer, sailboats dot the lakes and picnics abound. Residents skate, ski, snowboard, sled, and snowshoe in winter. “Active” is our middle name.

Live in one of the best cities in the country. We aren’t the only ones who think so. Madison has been named:

• A best city for college graduates
• A best place to live and work
• A best city for entrepreneurs
• Greenest city in America
• Best college football town
• 3rd healthiest city in America
• 4th most bike-friendly city
Build Your Campus Community
Living on Campus

University Residence Halls
Although we don’t require our students to live on campus, over ninety percent of freshmen choose to live in one of our 19 University Residence Halls spread across two distinct neighborhoods—Lakeshore (pictured above) and Southeast. Visit the University Housing website to do some research and explore all of the options. No matter where you live, you’ll have access to academic resources and support, laundry and dining services, and social and cultural opportunities that will make you feel right at home.

Transfer Students and Families
Transfer student housing options include the Transfer House in Tripp Hall for those who want to live among other transfer students. Located along the scenic Lakeshore Path, Transfer House offers single rooms and strong support for students seeking social connections and academic resources. Undergraduate students with families can choose to live close to campus in the Eagle Heights or University Houses apartment communities.

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, and multiple dining venues in convenient locations. The menu also includes vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options.

- Use your Wiscard as a debit card in University Housing dining facilities and receive a thirty percent discount on prepared food and a twenty percent discount on pre-packaged food.
- NetNutrition is an online tool that can help students make smart, healthy choices.
- Parents can send care packages to students ranging from a brownie pizza or birthday cake to a healthy fruit and snack bag.

University Housing housing.wisc.edu

A Few of Our Residential Resources:

- Residence Hall Class Sections
  University Housing offers sections of classes popular with first year students (like Mathematics, Chemistry, English, Communication Arts, Economics) that you can register for based on where you live—making it more likely to know people in your class section and easier to study together and do group assignments. Most of these course sections are taught in classrooms in the residence halls.

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

- Technology Learning Centers (TLCs)
  Take advantage of 24/7 access to technology-rich study spaces in nine locations that are great places to work on group projects or use specialty resources for individual work.
Be Active, Stay Involved, Live Well

**Student Organizations**

Make connections with other students by joining one of 932 registered student organizations. You’ll find organizations devoted to professional development, appreciation, community service, world affairs, Greek life, fitness, and much more. If the student organization you’re looking for doesn’t exist, you can start a new one.

**Sport Clubs**

With over 30 sport clubs, 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.

**Go Big Read**

Entering its seventh 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. This open-ended, lively discussion is a platform for the exploration of important issues from a range of perspectives. The 2015 Go Big Read book is *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. *Just Mercy* is at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer’s coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice.

**Intramural Sports**

Intramurals are the perfect way to meet new people in a casually competitive environment. Whether you’re a first-time participant or a veteran athlete, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved and stay active. Intramural teams have a maximum of 20 participants and compete among other UW–Madison students and faculty from all over campus.

**Fitness and Sports Facilities**

Our facilities exceed the needs of our active students. You can work out and play recreational sports in several locations on campus. The Southeast Recreational Facility (SERF) is located on the southeast side of campus and is our most popular facility. It features indoor recreational opportunities including a running track, large cardio room, and fitness studio. The Natatorium (Nat) is on the west side of campus along Lake Mendota and features a racing pool, diving well, and the outdoor Perrier Paracourse Fitness Circuit. Access the Howard Temin Lakeshore Path to explore the Lakeshore Nature Preserve, and see an amazing view of campus from Picnic Point. Right next to Camp Randall Stadium, the Camp Randall Sports Center (Shell) is open to the campus community and Madison residents. It features exercise equipment, a 200-meter indoor running track, and an indoor ice rink.
Badger Athletics

U-rah-rah, Wis-con-sin!

Whether you are competing or cheering from the stands, you will quickly find that every year is a good year to be a Badger! Game days add extra 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.

- **191 Wisconsin student-athletes** were named Academic All-Big Ten honorees in 2014–15.
- **Men’s Basketball** advanced to the NCAA Final Four and competed in the Championship game.
- **Frank Kaminsky**, Men’s Basketball power forward, was named the National College Player of the Year for 2014–15.
- **Melvin Gordon**, Football running back, went over 2,400 yards rushing for the season and was one of three finalists for the Heisman Trophy.
- **Women’s Hockey** advanced to the NCAA Frozen Four for the eighth time.
- **Volleyball** won its first Big Ten championship since 2001 and reached the NCAA Elite Eight.
- **Kimberly Dinh**, on the Women’s Golf team, was one of 13 student-athletes who maintained an unblemished 4.0 cumulative GPA. Dinh is a four-time Academic All-Big Ten honoree.
- **Ivy Martin**, a member of the Women’s Swimming team, set a Big Ten record by claiming seven titles at the conference meet and was named Big Ten Swimmer of the Championships for the second straight season.
Connect with Our Global Alumni Network

Our students are embraced as Wisconsin Badgers from the moment they are admitted to UW–Madison. They immediately become part of a special campus community of diverse scholars and, after graduation, will join a global community of over 400,000 living alumni. Chances are, wherever you go, a Badger will be close by.

As a student, you can tap into the power of our global alumni network to find opportunities for internships, co-ops, and research that match your career aspirations and interests.

We’re proud of our alumni, who can be found in cities from New York to Los Angeles, Minneapolis to Houston, and in many countries around the world. UW–Madison has had more than 1,000 alumni become CEOs and is the No. 2 producer of currently serving Peace Corps volunteers. No matter what our alumni choose to do once they leave UW–Madison, their experiences on our campus have prepared them for success.
Visit Our Campus

If you want to be a Badger, just come along with me.

Information Sessions and Tours

Our admissions counselors and tour guides welcome thousands of students to campus year-round. Our admissions information sessions will explain more about academic opportunities, student life, the application process, and what our graduates are doing in the world. Admissions counselors lead these sessions Monday through Friday and select Saturdays in the fall, followed by a campus walking tour led by an undergraduate student tour guide.

Class Visits

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

Transfer Information Sessions

Prospective transfer students are encouraged to sign up for biweekly information sessions led by a transfer admissions counselor. These sessions are a great way to find out about the admissions process and campus resources. We welcome students who are interested in applying for the upcoming semester or for a future term.

Schedule a Visit

The easiest way to make a reservation is online. Some of our visit programs fill quickly, so please make your reservation early. Some dates are not available due to holidays or special campus events.

Online: visitbucky.wisc.edu
Phone: 608-262-3961
Become a Badger
How to Apply

Our Philosophy

UW–Madison has a holistic, competitive, and selective undergraduate admission process. Your application will receive a thorough review from a team of professional admissions counselors. We consider your performance in rigorous course work, written statements, standardized test scores, extracurricular activities, and an optional letter of recommendation. We are also looking for sustained involvement in activities in or out of school, leadership, community service, research, or any special gifts or talents that you would bring to our university.

High School Academic Preparation

Your high school record should demonstrate rigor and breadth in your coursework. 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 accompanying chart shows the number of years that most admitted students studied in each subject area.

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† 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.

Transfer Student Academic Preparation and Course Requirements

Successful transfer applicants will have a consistently high or upward grade trend, a strong cumulative GPA, and rigorous coursework in English composition, college-level math, science, social science, humanities, literature, and foreign language.

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

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<td><strong>College Credits</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Advanced math</strong></td>
<td>1 year in high school or 1 college course</td>
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<td><strong>Foreign Language</strong></td>
<td>2 years in high school or 2 semesters in college</td>
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Algebra

You must show proof of one full year of college work after high school. This excludes AP and other test credit.

Plane Geometry

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

Advanced math

At the level of Algebra 2 or beyond.

Foreign Language

Sequential study of one language.
Application Process

1. **Application**: Use the online application, which allows you to save your progress and return to complete sections as needed. Access the application at admissions.wisc.edu/apply.

2. **Written Statements**: As part of our holistic review, we refer to the writing 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 each high school, college or university, and/or summer program you attended.

4. **Test Scores**: Scores from either the ACT (school code 4656) or the SAT (school code 1846) are required for incoming freshmen and are optional for transfer students. All scores must be sent directly from the testing agency.

5. **Letter(s) of Recommendation**: Though not required, we strongly encourage submitting at least one letter from someone who can attest to your academic ability, such as a high school teacher, counselor, college advisor, or professor. Provide them with a link to our convenient online recommendation form at admissions.wisc.edu/submit/recommendation.

Application Deadlines

The following deadlines pertain to both domestic and international applicants. Allow enough time for official documents to arrive.

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Information for International Applicants

TOEFL and IELTS

If you are an applicant from a non-English speaking country, you must submit a TOEFL or IELTS score, unless English was the language of instruction for all courses in all years of secondary school or you have completed an English composition course at a US college or university. Generally, admitted students have an Internet-based TOEFL score in the 95–105 range (587–620 on the paper-based test) or an IELTS score of 6.5–7.5. Our TOEFL test code is 1846. Request that your official IELTS scores be sent by mail to the Office of Admissions and Recruitment.

Financial Forms and Your Visa

If you are selected for admission, submit the Financial Verification Form and provide proof of financial support. The university will review and process your financial documentation and send you the appropriate form that is needed to apply for an F-1 or J-1 visa.

Web Resources

Admissions Application: admissions.wisc.edu/apply
Admissions Forms and Fact Sheets: admissions.wisc.edu/get/forms
Counselor Recommendation Form: admissions.wisc.edu/apply/recommendations
Transfer Credit Information: admissions.wisc.edu/get/transfercredit
Financing Your Education

Tuition is only one part of the total cost of attending college. Check out the table on the next 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 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. Learn more at finaid.wisc.edu/prospective-undergraduates.htm.

Who Should Apply?

All US 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 will lose consideration for federal, state, and a number of institutional aid resources. 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 awards scholarships to recognize outstanding academic and extracurricular work. You can search for a large number of these opportunities at scholarships.wisc.edu.

While not the only factor, financial need is often considered in the scholarship selection process. Apply as soon as possible, since it might take time to gather required materials. Most scholarship selection committees accept submissions from November to February, but pay particular attention to deadlines, as they vary by school and college. Some scholarships are available to incoming students, while others are reserved for current students.

Remember, there might be scholarships available to incoming students not listed on the main Scholarships@UW–Madison site. Contact the undergraduate school or college of your intended major to find out about additional opportunities. Scholarships.wisc.edu also includes a link to other available resources.
Web Resources

**FAFSA**: fafsa.ed.gov

Students should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after January 1 for the upcoming academic year. 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 prior.

**Office of Student Financial Aid**: finaid.wisc.edu

**Net Price/Award Calculator**: finaid.wisc.edu/award-estimator.php

**Scholarships@UW–Madison**: scholarships.wisc.edu

**Scholarships and Funding for International Students**: iss.wisc.edu

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### Tuition, Fees, and Expenses for 2015–16

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*International student tuition is an additional $1,000 per year.

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

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### 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.
Contact Us

The Office of Admissions and Recruitment is located at the corner of West Johnson Street and Lake Street in the University Square building on the southeast side of campus.

Information Sessions and Tours
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