



If you want to  
be a Badger,  
come and  
see me, By  
the light of  
the moon. If  
you want to  
be a Badger, just  
come along  
with me, By the  
light of  
the moon!

**WISCONSIN**  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

140 UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS | 41 LIBRARIES ON CAMPUS | 30 AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

**126**  
NUMBER OF  
COUNTRIES  
STUDENTS  
COME FROM

**435,000**  
LIVING ALUMNI

**936**  
ACRES THAT  
COMPRISE THE  
UW-MADISON  
CAMPUS

**60**  
UNDERGRADUATE  
CERTIFICATE  
PROGRAMS

**17** INFOLABS | **38** UW-MADISON ALUMNI OR FACULTY WHO  
HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE PULITZER PRIZE

**6,600**  
FRESHMEN

**50** NUMBER OF  
STATES STUDENTS  
COME FROM

**43,300**  
TOTAL STUDENTS

## UW-MADISON

JUST THE FACTS

**900+**  
REGISTERED  
STUDENT  
ORGANIZATIONS

**7.3 MILLION**  
PRINTED VOLUMES IN CAMPUS LIBRARIES

**20:1**  
STUDENT/FACULTY  
RATIO

**19** UW-MADISON ALUMNI OR FACULTY WHO  
HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE NOBEL PRIZE

**2,100** FACULTY

**4,731**  
COURSES

**1849**  
THE YEAR  
UW-MADISON  
WAS FOUNDED

**29,500**  
UNDERGRADUATE  
STUDENTS

**8**  
UNDERGRADUATE  
SCHOOLS AND  
COLLEGES

**6<sup>TH</sup>** UW-MADISON'S NATIONAL RANK  
IN RESEARCH EXPENDITURES



# 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.







## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The University of Wisconsin–Madison is a nationally and internationally recognized research university ranked 10th in the nation among public universities and 25th in the world. We offer exceptional resources and a world-class learning experience with an astounding legacy of discovery.

Learn more about UW–Madison’s history of excellence within the many academic programs offered in our eight undergraduate schools and colleges. Read about how you can create your own Wisconsin Experience both in and out of the classroom by taking advantage of our unique learning opportunities. Discover the beautiful city of Madison and learn why it’s considered one of the best cities in the country. Explore how you can build your own campus community within our 936 acres.

On our campus, you will learn from, study with, and research alongside some of the best faculty and fellow students in the world. 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.

Are you a **#FutureBadger**? Register for a visit, explore UW–Madison, and find out.

## UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

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

The University of Wisconsin–Madison offers a wide range of academic options. Exploring your interests with the assistance of our professional academic and career advisors will allow you to make the most of your time at UW–Madison and prepare for your post-college plans. Our advising team will support you as you navigate a scholarly path that best matches your academic interests and career goals.

## COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL AND LIFE SCIENCES

Located in the heart of campus, the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CAL S) is one of the oldest and most prestigious colleges devoted to the study of our living world. Established in 1889, CAL S offers top academic programs in a variety of interrelated fields grounded in innovative, relevant, and world-class research.

CAL S students study and solve the problem of meeting basic human needs. Our academic programs align with our priority themes of food systems, bioenergy and bioproducts, healthy ecosystems, changing climate, health and wellness, and economic and community development. Students who are passionate about addressing the grand challenges of the 21st century will find a home in CAL S.

Across our programs, we adhere to the core value of emphasizing a practical and personalized education. Students will engage in hands-on, small-group learning with opportunities to participate in research, labs, field experience, internships, study or research abroad, and more. Students' academic journeys are bookended by two unique and high-impact learning experiences: a first-year seminar to support academic and personal transition to college in a small-group format, and a capstone to integrate learning in a culminating experience and transition to post-baccalaureate life.





## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Founded in 1900, the Wisconsin School of Business (WSB) established one of the first five business programs in the nation. That entrepreneurial spirit remains strong. The school is a vibrant community that honors our university's commitment to research and public service. We believe public research universities hold great untapped potential to address the world's most complex challenges.

Ranked 9th among public universities (*Businessweek* 2016), the school is uniquely positioned to redefine the partnership between universities and the business community and foster a passionate and diverse community of scholars, leaders, and learners to address business challenges, inspire leadership, and improve lives. The WSB creates a forward-thinking curriculum to solve real-world business challenges. Our students emerge industry-smart and prepared to transform the world of business. This is our proud tradition.

The WSB is committed to providing learning opportunities beyond the classroom, a world-class curriculum, and expert faculty—all of which ensure that you are poised for success as you begin your career. Our graduates are known to form trusted relationships and are driven by the best interests of the organization and their clients.

## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Interested in careers that change people's lives? The School of Education has nationally ranked programs in teacher education, including undergraduate programs in elementary education, special education, art, music, physical education, and world languages. In addition, the school provides a broad array of offerings not typically offered within schools of education, including majors in art, dance, theatre and drama, and athletic training, exercise and movement science, and rehabilitation psychology. Students can also learn about domestic and international education policy through our new education studies major.

Through these diverse fields, the school develops leaders who enrich lives, transform communities, and better the world. The School of Education's excellence is rooted in talented and diverse faculty and staff who are nationally and internationally known for their teaching and cutting-edge research addressing critical issues. We engage our community of scholars to develop future generations of artists, researchers, professionals, and education leaders.





## COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

In the College of Engineering, challenges intrigue us and fuel what we do. The more difficult and perplexing the problem, the harder we work to unravel it—and we find great meaning and satisfaction in finding solutions, developing technologies, building devices, advancing knowledge, and improving systems that enhance the lives of people everywhere.

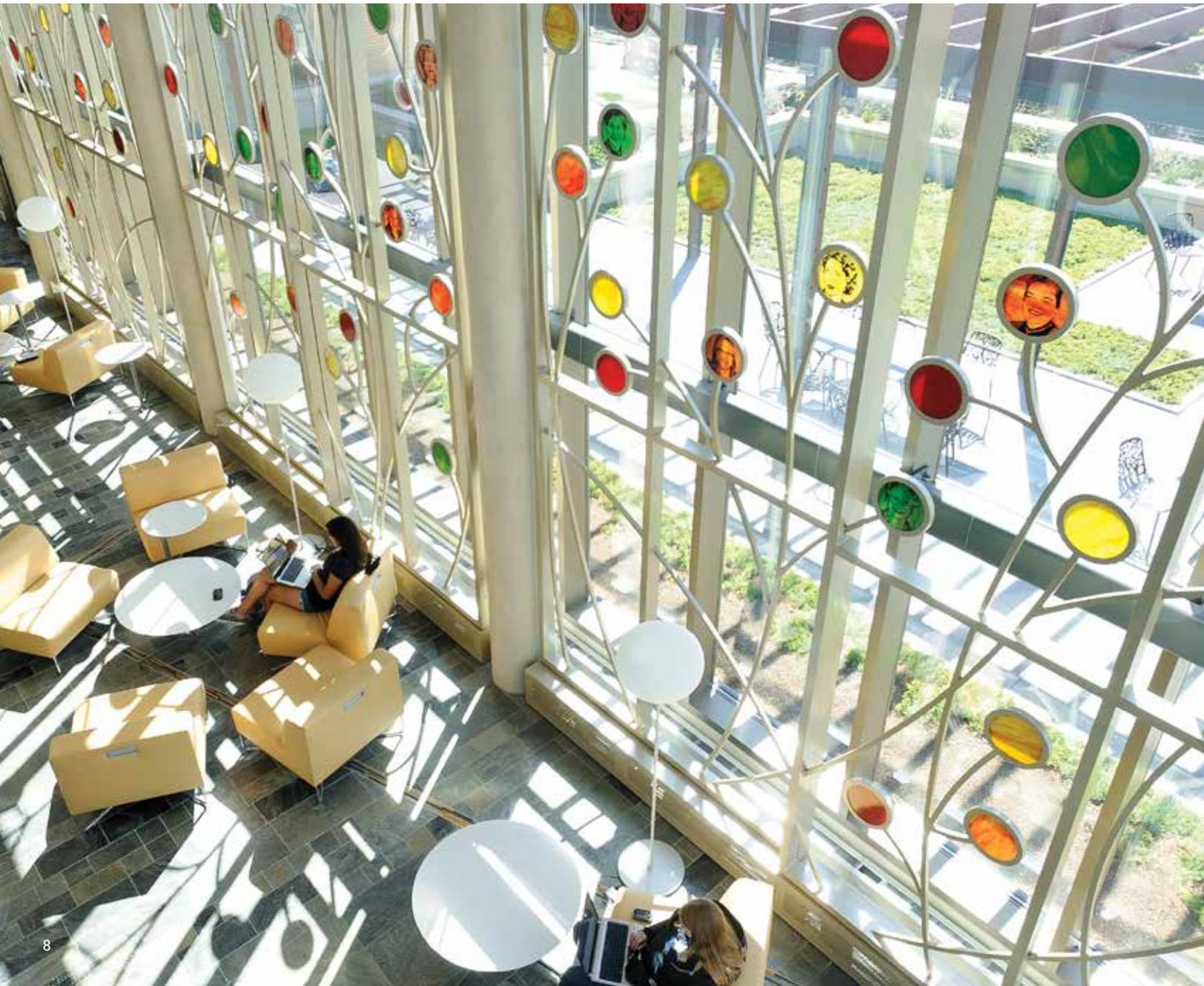
We aim to provide a transformational educational experience that inspires our students in their relentless pursuit of innovations that create a better future for our world. In addition to 12 undergraduate majors, we also offer a broad range of certificate programs that add breadth and versatility.

As an engineering student, you won't just sit in lecture halls and learn from textbooks. You will learn from world-class faculty who are creating new knowledge and groundbreaking advances in their fields. You will learn by rolling up your sleeves and actually putting your engineering education into practice. You will practice the art of working together—and in the process, you will gain not only the skills critical to success in your engineering discipline, but also exposure to diverse viewpoints that will enhance the way you work and think.

## SCHOOL OF HUMAN ECOLOGY

Dating back to 1903, the School of Human Ecology, or SoHE, is a place where faculty and advisors work closely with students to prepare them for careers that improve the quality of people's lives. Each SoHE major provides a solid curriculum of practical skills that lead students to exciting professions, a better understanding of people and our world, and a bachelor of science undergraduate degree.

SoHE is located in Nancy Nicholas Hall, a beautiful and modern building with first-class, cutting-edge classrooms and studio spaces. Within these walls, students are connected to their passions as well as exciting careers and opportunities that make a positive impact on families and communities. SoHE is dedicated to providing students with solid and meaningful educations through coursework, internships, travel, student organizations, community involvement, scientific research, and scholarship.





## COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE

The College of Letters & 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. And L&S students benefit from the Letters & Science Career Initiative, which helps them identify their unique skills, connect with employers, and benefit from alumni mentoring.

L&S offers multiple opportunities for students to expand their horizons through travel, small learning communities, and undergraduate research. L&S students become excellent communicators. They learn to appreciate and nurture creativity. And they develop the critical thinking and problem-solving skills that employers seek and value in UW–Madison graduates.

UW–Madison’s five most popular majors are in L&S (economics, biology, political science, psychology, and communication arts). Our First-Year Interest Groups (FIGs) program was named one of the top 20 High Impact Learning Communities in the country by *U.S. News & World Report*. Twenty-four of our departments are ranked among the top 1 percent of their peer departments nationwide. Our legacy is strong, and we are proud of our faculty, students, and alumni.

## SCHOOL OF NURSING

The School of Nursing's bachelor of science in nursing is a four-year professional program that prepares students for careers as registered nurses. Students benefit from our world-class faculty and by working side-by-side with some of the best nursing and medical professionals in the country. Learning and discovery take place in the school's technology-enhanced active-learning classrooms and state-of-the-art clinical learning facility, as well as through hands-on patient care experiences in a variety of practice settings and specialty fields.

Nursing students can participate in nursing-focused First-Year Interest Groups, the research-intensive Nursing Honors Program, a range of nursing student organizations, international and domestic clinical immersion experiences, the Nursing Learning Center for academic support and enrichment, and other opportunities.

Our nurses graduate ready to make an immediate impact in the nation's communities, hospitals, clinics, schools, and homes. Their opportunities are vast, as our graduates work across all practice areas throughout the state and across the country. Our rigorous curriculum also positions them well for graduate studies, should they wish to expand their career options through advanced education. Badger nurses are leaders at their core—prepared for what nursing is today and what it will be in the future.





## 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. We offer programs at the undergraduate, professional, and graduate levels, as well as continuing education and professional development courses. In addition to the professional PharmD degree, the school also offers an undergraduate pharmacology–toxicology degree.

This unique undergraduate program began at UW–Madison in 1985. Pharmacology and toxicology are biomedical sciences and often referred to as sister disciplines. Pharmacology is the study of the sites, properties, effects, and mechanisms of drug action—the interactions of chemicals with biological systems. Toxicology addresses adverse effects of chemicals on humans and animals and includes exposure assessment, hazard identification, dose response assessment, and risk characterization. Both subjects integrate multiple scientific disciplines.

The program's depth and breadth has proven to be an excellent foundation for graduate work in pharmacology, toxicology, or other related biomedical sciences, as well as for pharmacy school, medical school, veterinary medicine, and other health professions.



# THE WISCONSIN EXPERIENCE



## YOUR JOURNEY STARTS HERE

At UW–Madison, you can create your own Wisconsin Experience. Our unique resources give scholars like you everything you need for a challenging and fulfilling collegiate career. Explore career ideas and academic possibilities with faculty, advisors, and tutors. Work, study, and conduct research alongside some of the best faculty in the world. Chart your path with a supportive network of proud Badgers.

### FIRST-YEAR INTEREST GROUPS (FIGS)

First-Year Interest Groups (FIGs) are academic learning communities designed specifically for first-year students. Each FIG is a unique cluster of UW courses, linked together to explore a common theme or topic. The FIGs program provides an interesting, intimate, and interdisciplinary experience that helps you make a successful academic and social transition to UW–Madison. FIGs offer you extra attention from instructors, a unique way to make friends, and the opportunity to learn in a more holistic way. Each fall there are approximately 60 different FIGs available.

#### Current FIGs include:

- The Artist as Scientist
- Conspiratorial Thinking
- Diversity in Education
- Frankenstein, Robocop, Big Data
- Global Food Security: The Real Hunger Games
- Hip Hop, Youth Culture, and Politics in Senegal
- The History of Yoga
- Mechanical Engineering
- The World in 2050

### RESIDENTIAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Do you want to live and learn with students who share your interests? Residential Learning Communities bring together students, faculty, and staff around an explicit focus within our University Residence Halls. You'll have the opportunity to work one-on-one with faculty and staff through social, cultural, and educational activities.

#### Learning Communities:

- BioHouse Learning Community
- Bradley Learning Community
- Chadbourne Residential College
- Entrepreneurial Residential Learning Community
- GreenHouse 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

### UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

With 115 research centers and programs on campus, such as the McArdle Laboratory for Cancer Research, the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute, and the Center for Law, Society and Justice, we rank as one of the most prolific research universities in the world. You are welcomed into the university's vast research community from your 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 develop hands-on experience in research or other creative endeavors while working with faculty and research staff. There are research opportunities across disciplines in STEM, arts, humanities, and social sciences.

#### Examples of recent undergraduate research opportunities:

- Exploring Freshmen and their Social Adjustments to College
- Gender Inequality in Parental Leave Policies
- Historical Trauma and the Roots of Antisemitism
- Ming Dynasty Plague Gods and Demons

## SERVICE LEARNING

The Morgridge Center for Public Service at UW–Madison offers many service learning courses that allow you to take part in activities that meet community needs. You can gain further understanding of course content and an enhanced sense of civic responsibility while helping others. Each year, Badgers help communities around the world by volunteering in health, education, and environmental service organizations. You can also take part in Wisconsin Idea Fellowships that support students in finding solutions to community issues.

Example communities our students are currently engaged in:

- Madison, Wisconsin
- Pérez Zeledón, Costa Rica
- Gatunga, Kenya
- Manabí Province, Ecuador

## RESEARCH ABROAD AND STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

With over 200 programs in more than 60 countries to choose from, studying abroad connects you to classrooms, internships, research projects, fieldwork, and service learning opportunities around the globe. Studying abroad through approved UW–Madison programs helps you earn academic credit while cultivating an international outlook that gives you an edge in the classroom and the global marketplace. Join over 1,300 UW–Madison students who study abroad each year. Opportunities are available within every major, and you can study abroad from your freshman to senior year for a semester, year, summer, winter intersession, or spring break.

## HONORS PROGRAMS

Since 1958, when UW–Madison 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. We offer seven honors programs geared toward those who have a desire to accomplish something remarkable.

## INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL INTERSHIPS 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:

- Amazon
- American Family Insurance
- Andersen Corp.
- Apple
- BNP Paribas
- Boeing
- CUNA Mutual Group
- Ford Motor Company
- Frito Lay
- General Mills
- Harley-Davidson
- John Deere
- NASA
- S.C. Johnson and Son, Inc.
- Target
- Tesla Motors
- Thomson Reuters











## **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 245,000 people. You’ll quickly find a home among our 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 the city of Madison. Watch a play at the University Theatre. Catch the Dance Department’s Friday Forum. Check out the Chazen Museum of Art’s newest exhibition. During the warmer months, see a live band at the Memorial Union Terrace. Explore our vibrant Madison community and enjoy even more art galleries, music venues, comedy clubs, history museums, theater performances, and our world-renowned Wisconsin Film Festival. Attend a Broadway show 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. In September, enjoy the annual Taste of Madison, featuring local and sustainable cuisine from many Madison-area restaurants. And don’t forget to check out the stunning Wisconsin State Capitol building.

### **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. We have four distinct seasons in Madison. During the hot and sunny summers, sailboats dot the lakes and picnics abound. Residents skate, ski, snowboard, sled, and snowshoe in winter. “Active” is our middle name. Dress accordingly and enjoy the seasons!

**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
- One of the happiest cities in the world
- One of the five best cities for young adults
- Greenest city in America
- Best college football town
- Best college town for food and drink
- 3rd healthiest city in America
- 4th most bike-friendly city



# **BUILD YOUR CAMPUS COMMUNITY**





## LIVING ON CAMPUS

### UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE HALLS

Each year, over 90 percent of freshmen choose to live in one of our 19 University Residence Halls spread across campus. Visit the University Housing website at [www.housing.wisc.edu](http://www.housing.wisc.edu) to explore your options. No matter where you live, you'll have access to academic resources and support, social and cultural opportunities, and dining and laundry services that will make you feel right at home.

### TRANSFER STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Transfer student housing options include Ogg Hall and Tripp Hall. Ogg, popular among non-freshmen students, offers double rooms and walk-in closets. Tripp, located along the scenic Lakeshore Path, offers single rooms and is home to Transfer House, a supportive community for those who want to live among other transfer students. Undergraduate students with families can choose to live close to campus in the Eagle Heights or University Houses apartment communities.

### RESIDENTIAL RESOURCES

Our residence halls have a variety of resources to support you and enhance your learning experience, including:

- **Residence Hall Academic Advising Offices**  
Cross-College Advising Service (CCAS) conducts advising sessions in the halls to help you explore academic and career interests.
- **Residence Hall Class Sections**  
University Housing offers sections of classes popular with first-year students (like Mathematics, Chemistry, English, Communication Arts, and 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 or do group assignments. Most of these course sections are taught in classrooms within the residence halls.
- **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.

### FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD!

Our residence halls have a full-service dining program that is recognized as one of the best in the country. You can enjoy made-to-order items, online ordering, healthy food options, and multiple dining venues in convenient locations, giving you the flexibility to eat what you want, when you want it. The menus include vegetarian, vegan, kosher, halal, and gluten-free options.

All food purchases in University Housing dining facilities are entirely à la carte. The Wiscard, your student ID, also serves as your primary way to pay for food in dining markets, coffee shops, and convenience stores. Unlike some campuses, UW-Madison does not offer prepaid meal plans.



## BE ACTIVE, STAY INVOLVED, LIVE WELL

### STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Make connections with other students by joining one of over 900 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

Sport clubs are student-run organizations that practice and compete at the local, regional, national, and international level. With over 40 sport clubs to choose from, you'll have the opportunity to compete in a sport you love or learn a sport that's completely new. Although each club varies in its level of competition and commitment requirements, each offers an opportunity to represent UW–Madison as part of a team.

### 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. This open-ended, lively discussion is a platform for the exploration of important issues from a range of perspectives. 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 upward mobility in America seen through the lens of a white, working-class family in the Midwest.

### 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. Over 25 sports and activities are offered throughout the year, and teams 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 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. Next to Camp Randall Stadium you will find the Camp Randall Sports Center (Shell), open to the campus community and Madison residents. It features exercise equipment, a 200-meter indoor running track, and an indoor ice rink. The Southeast Recreational Facility (SERF) is located on the southeast side of campus and is our most popular facility. The SERF is currently undergoing a state-of-the-art renovation that will offer five levels of activity space, over 30,000 square feet of cardio and strength fitness space, eight full-size courts for multiple uses, and much more.

## 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.

- Women's Hockey advanced to the NCAA Frozen Four for the fourth consecutive time and competed in the championship game.
- Five Women's Hockey players—four former and one current—were among the 23 players selected for the 2017–18 U.S. Women's Hockey National Team.
- Football was victorious at the 2017 Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Texas.
- Men's Basketball advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16 for the sixth time in the last seven seasons.
- Men's Basketball player Ethan Happ was named an AP third-team All-American.
- 168 UW–Madison student-athletes were named Academic All-Big Ten honorees for 2016–17.
- Volleyball advanced to the NCAA Elite Eight, completing its fifth-straight season with 20-plus wins and earning the first-ever No. 1 ranking in program history.
- Volleyball player Lauren Carlini, the only four-time All-American in Wisconsin Volleyball history, was named the 2017 AAU James E. Sullivan Award winner.

### MEN'S VARSITY SPORTS

Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Ice Hockey, Rowing, Soccer, Swimming & Diving, Tennis, Track & Field, Wrestling

### WOMEN'S VARSITY SPORTS

Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Ice Hockey, Rowing, Lightweight Rowing, Soccer, Softball, Swimming & Diving, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball



## CONNECT WITH OUR GLOBAL ALUMNI NETWORK

You will be embraced as a Wisconsin Badger from the moment you are admitted to UW–Madison. You immediately become part of a special campus community of diverse scholars and, after graduation, will join a global community of over 435,000 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 1,050 alumni become CEOs and is the No. 1 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.

### ADMISSIONS INFORMATION SESSIONS AND CAMPUS TOURS

Our admissions counselors and tour guides welcome thousands of students like you to campus year-round. In our admissions information sessions, you will learn about our academic opportunities, student life, the application and selection 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 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 VISIT DAYS

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 application and selection 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.

[visitbucky.wisc.edu](http://visitbucky.wisc.edu)  
608-262-3961



# BECOME A BADGER



# APPLYING FOR ADMISSION

## Our Philosophy

Admission to UW–Madison is competitive and selective, and we review applications using a holistic approach. Your application will receive a thorough review from a team of professional admissions counselors. We consider your performance in rigorous coursework, essays, standardized test scores, extracurricular activities, and one required letter of recommendation from an academic source. 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 some of the more challenging advanced-level work offered at or through your school 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.

<u>SUBJECT AREA</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
English	4
Math†	4
Social Studies	3–4
Science	3–4
Single Foreign Language‡	3–4
Additional Academic/Fine Arts	2
<b>Total Units</b>	<b>19–22</b>

† 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.

As a transfer applicant, you 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.

<u>COURSE/SUBJECT AREA</u>	<u>CREDITS/YEARS REQUIRED</u>
<b>College Credits</b> 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.	24 transferable semester credits
<b>Algebra</b>	1 year in high school
<b>Plane Geometry</b> Must be taken in the regular college track. Lower-track, such as modified, basic, or informal, will not be accepted.	1 year in high school
<b>Advanced math</b> At the level of Algebra 2 or beyond.	1 year in high school or 1 college course
<b>Foreign Language</b> Sequential study of one language.	2 years in high school or 2 semesters in college

# How to Apply

- 1. Application:** Applicants can use either the UW System Application or the Common Application. Access both applications at [admissions.wisc.edu/apply](https://admissions.wisc.edu/apply).
- 2. Essays:** 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 contribute to our community. Be genuine in your writing and let your voice shine.
- 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 of Recommendation:** We require you to submit one letter of recommendation written by someone who can attest to your academic ability, such as a teacher, faculty member, school counselor, or advisor.

## 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 U.S. 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.

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

The fall and spring term applications open August 1. Deadlines pertain to both domestic and international applicants. Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. Pacific time on the noted deadline dates. Allow enough time for official documents to arrive in advance of our deadlines.

	<u>APPLICATION DEADLINE</u>	<u>DECISION NOTIFICATION</u>
<b><u>FRESHMEN</u></b>		
Fall Early Action	November 1	End of January
Fall Regular Decision	February 1	End of March
Spring Regular Decision	October 2	End of December
<b><u>TRANSFER STUDENTS</u></b>		
Fall Priority Decision	February 1	End of March
Fall Regular Decision	March 1	End of April
Spring Regular Decision	October 2	End of December

### WEB RESOURCES

**Admissions Applications:**  
[admissions.wisc.edu/apply](https://admissions.wisc.edu/apply)

**Admissions Forms and Fact Sheets:**  
[admissions.wisc.edu/forms](https://admissions.wisc.edu/forms)

**Letters of Recommendation:**  
[admissions.wisc.edu/recommendations](https://admissions.wisc.edu/recommendations)

**Transfer Credit Information:**  
[admissions.wisc.edu/get/transfercredit](https://admissions.wisc.edu/get/transfercredit)



## FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION

Tuition is only one part of the total cost to attend college. Review the table below for an estimate of total costs—tuition and fees, books, supplies, room and board, travel, and other education-related expenses—to attend UW–Madison. There are ways to find help paying for college, including financial aid such as scholarships, grants, on-campus work-study jobs, and student loans. These funds are available from the federal government, the State of Wisconsin, and the university.

### HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

Students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents are strongly encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov) as soon as possible after **October 1**, and send it to UW–Madison (**school code 003895**). The FAFSA will determine a student’s eligibility for federal, state, and university-specific financial aid. Students on an F–1, F–2, J–1, or J–2 visa are not eligible for financial aid.

Students and their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) should complete the 2018–19 FAFSA using 2016 federal tax return information. We recommend submitting the FAFSA by UW–Madison’s **December 1** priority filing date.

### SCHOLARSHIPS@UW–MADISON

The university awards scholarships to recognize outstanding academic and extracurricular work. You can search for many of these opportunities at [scholarships.wisc.edu](http://scholarships.wisc.edu).

Most scholarships require students to complete an application and, while not the only factor, financial need is often considered in the selection process. Apply as soon as possible to avoid missing deadlines and because it may take time to gather and submit required materials. Most scholarships begin accepting application submissions in November, and many scholarships have a **deadline of February 1**, but deadlines can vary by school, college, or program. Some scholarships are available to incoming students, while others are reserved for current students.

There may be scholarships available to incoming students not listed on the main Scholarships@UW–Madison site—make sure to click on the “Other Resources” tab to learn more.

### WISCONSIN STATE RESIDENCY

The State of Wisconsin defines residency for tuition purposes through state statutes, and the Office of the Registrar makes a student’s initial residence determination. If you move to Wisconsin primarily for educational purposes, you may not qualify as a Wisconsin resident, even after living in the state for a year or more. If you are unsure if you might qualify for resident tuition, contact the Office of the Registrar.

### WEB RESOURCES

**FAFSA:** [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov)

**Office of Student Financial Aid:** [financialaid.wisc.edu](http://financialaid.wisc.edu)

**Net Price/Award Calculator:** [finaid.wisc.edu/award-estimator.php](http://finaid.wisc.edu/award-estimator.php)

**Scholarships@UW–Madison:** [scholarships.wisc.edu](http://scholarships.wisc.edu)

**Scholarships and Funding for International Students:** [iss.wisc.edu](http://iss.wisc.edu)

**Residence for Tuition Purposes:** [registrar.wisc.edu/residence.htm](http://registrar.wisc.edu/residence.htm)

### TUITION, FEES, AND EXPENSES FOR 2017–18

	<b>WISCONSIN RESIDENT</b>	<b>MINNESOTA RESIDENT</b>	<b>OUT-OF-STATE/ INTERNATIONAL</b>
Tuition and Fees	\$10,534	\$14,060	\$34,783*
Books and Supplies	1,200	1,200	1,200
Room and Board	10,842	10,842	10,842
Miscellaneous Expenses	3,124	3,414	3,734
<b>Estimated Total Cost:</b>	<b>\$25,700</b>	<b>\$29,516</b>	<b>\$50,559</b>

\*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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# ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

## COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL AND LIFE SCIENCES

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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  
Landscape Architecture  
Life Sciences Communication  
Microbiology  
Nutritional Science  
Plant Pathology  
Poultry Science  
Soil Science  
Wildlife Ecology

## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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Accounting  
Actuarial Science  
Finance, Investment, and Banking  
Information Systems  
International Business  
Management and Human Resources  
Marketing  
Operations and Technology Management  
Real Estate  
Risk Management and Insurance

## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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Arts  
Art  
Dance  
Theatre and Drama  
Education  
Art Education  
Communication Sciences and Disorders  
Education Studies  
Elementary Education  
Music Education  
Physical Education  
Special Education  
World Language Education: Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Portuguese, Spanish  
Health  
Athletic Training  
Kinesiology: Exercise and Movement Science  
Rehabilitation Psychology

## COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

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Biomedical Engineering  
Chemical Engineering  
Civil Engineering  
Computer Engineering  
Electrical Engineering  
Engineering Mechanics  
Engineering Physics  
Geological Engineering  
Industrial Engineering  
Materials Science and Engineering  
Mechanical Engineering  
Nuclear Engineering

## SCHOOL OF HUMAN ECOLOGY

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Community and Nonprofit Leadership  
Human Development and Family Studies

Interior Architecture  
Personal Finance  
Retailing and Consumer Behavior  
Textiles and Fashion Design

## COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE

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African Languages and Literature  
Afro-American Studies  
Anthropology  
Applied Mathematics, 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  
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International Studies  
Italian  
Japanese  
Jewish Studies  
Journalism  
Latin  
Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies  
Legal Studies  
Linguistics  
Mathematics  
Microbiology  
Molecular Biology  
Music  
Neurobiology  
Philosophy  
Physics  
Polish  
Political Science  
Portuguese  
Psychology  
Religious Studies  
Russian  
Scandinavian Studies  
Social Welfare  
Social Work  
Sociology  
Spanish  
Statistics  
Zoology

## SCHOOL OF NURSING

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Nursing

## SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

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Pharmacology and Toxicology



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