



WISCONSIN

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE



THE WISCONSIN IDEA

Our guiding principle that the university should improve people's lives beyond the classroom. It spans UW-Madison's teaching, research, outreach, and public service.

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MADISON

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STUDENT LIFE 10.5% INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

1,000+ STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

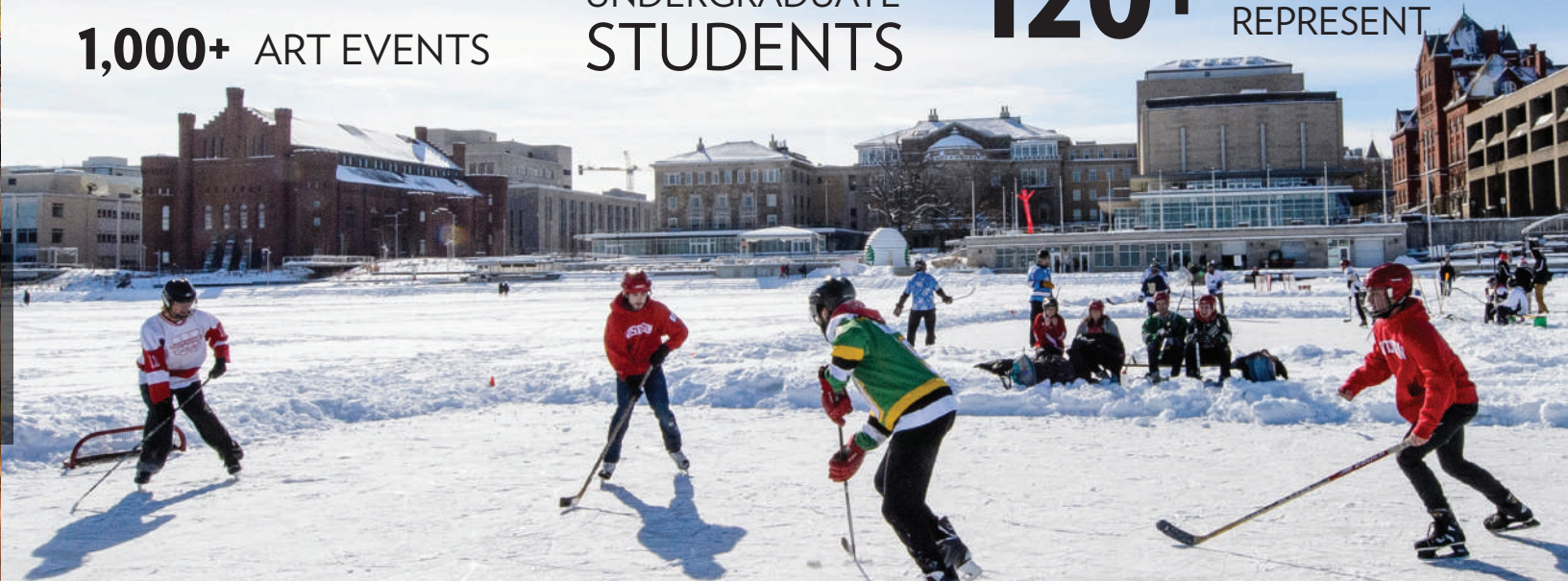
23 BIG TEN SPORTS

19.8% STUDENTS OF COLOR

30,000+ UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

120+ COUNTRIES OUR STUDENTS REPRESENT

1,000+ ART EVENTS



OUR MAJORS

College of Agricultural & Life Sciences

Agricultural and Applied Economics
Agricultural Business Management
Agronomy
Animal Sciences
Biochemistry
Biological Systems Engineering
Biology
Community and Environmental Sociology
Dairy Science
Entomology
Environmental Sciences
Food Science
Forest Science
Genetics and Genomics
Global Health
Horticulture
Life Sciences Communication
Microbiology
Nutritional Sciences
Nutritional Sciences: Nutrition and Dietetics
Plant Pathology
Soil Science
Wildlife Ecology

School of Human Ecology

Community and Nonprofit Leadership
Consumer Behavior and Marketplace Studies
Human Development and Family Studies
Interior Architecture
Personal Finance
Textiles and Fashion Design

School of Business

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+
Supply Chain Management+

College of Engineering

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

School of Nursing

Nursing

School of Pharmacy

Pharmacology and Toxicology
Pharmacy (*Intended Doctor of Pharmacy*)**

School of Education

Art
Art Education
Dance+^o
Education Studies
Elementary Education
Health Promotion and Health Equity
Kinesiology
Physical Education
Rehabilitation Psychology
Special Education
Theatre and Drama

College of Letters & Science

African Cultural Studies
Afro-American Studies
Anthropology
Applied Mathematics, Engineering, and Physics
Art History
Asian Languages and Cultures
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
Computer Sciences
Conservation Biology
Data Science
Economics
English
Environmental Sciences
French
Gender and Women's Studies

Geography
Geology and Geophysics
German
History
International Studies
Italian
Japanese
Jewish Studies
Journalism
Landscape and Urban Studies
Landscape Architecture
Latin
Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies
Legal Studies
Linguistics
Mathematics
Microbiology
Molecular and Cell Biology
Music+^o
Music Education+^o
Music Performance+^o
Neurobiology
Philosophy
Physics
Psychology
Polish
Political Science
Portuguese
Religious Studies
Russian
Scandinavian Studies
Social Welfare
Social Work
Sociology
Spanish
Statistics
Zoology

+ Freshman Direct-Entry Program ^oAudition Required
* Double major only **Not a major. Combined
undergraduate and doctorate program.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

8 UNDERGRADUATE
SCHOOLS &
COLLEGES

126 UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

#1 RATED
PROFESSORS
Rate My Professors

#25 UNIVERSITY
IN THE WORLD
Center for World University Rankings

#13 U.S. PUBLIC
UNIVERSITY
U.S. News & World Report

\$1,000,000,000+
IN ANNUAL RESEARCH

20:1 STUDENT TO
FACULTY RATIO



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

ADVOCACY

ISS advocates for international students' needs and interests across campus in order to promote a globally-conscious environment. We recognize the diverse experiences that you bring to the university and hope to create a campus community where you feel valued and welcome.

ADVICE

ISS provides comprehensive immigration advice to F-1 and J-1 students. ISS advisors are here to help if you have questions or concerns about maintaining your non-immigrant student visa status.

SUPPORT

ISS offers support when you encounter immigration, social, personal, and academic issues. We hope to connect you to resources on campus and create opportunities for you to get involved within the campus community and beyond. You can learn more about our cornerstone programs—BRIDGE, an international friendship program, and International Reach, a global-speakers program—by visiting our website. We also offer many workshops and social events throughout the year. iss.wisc.edu

Visit the animals for free at Henry Vilas Zoo



Stroll down State Street, which connects the campus to the Capitol Square, and enjoy shopping, dining, and more

JULY
16°C/28°C

OCTOBER
4°C/16°C

APRIL
2°C/14°C

DECEMBER
-9°C/-1°C



Take in the arts and culture of Madison with a musical performance at the Overture Center, take in a Concert on the Square, or pick up one-of-a-kind goods at Madison Night Markets



Rent a boat or ice skates to enjoy Lakes Mendota and Monona all year long



LIFE IN MADISON

APPLY TO UW-MADISON

International students need to apply as either a freshman or a transfer student. There is not a separate application process for an international student.

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, extracurricular activities, and one 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.

TO APPLY: go.wisc.edu/apply_now

Apply via the Common Application (freshmen only) or UW System Application by the deadline. All required application materials must be received within one week of the application deadline for freshmen or within two weeks of the deadline for transfer applicants.

1. Application and fee (\$60).
2. Two essays.
3. Letter of recommendation from an academic source.
4. The ACT or SAT** score requirement for freshman applicants is waived and optional through the spring 2023 term and is optional for transfer applicants.



5. Course and grade information.
 - Common Application: self-reported courses and grades* (freshmen only).
 - UW System Application: unofficial or official transcripts from all schools attended*.

To see country specific curricular requirements, visit go.wisc.edu/curricula.

6. Official TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo (DET) scores are required for international applicants, unless English was the primary language of instruction for all courses in grades 9–12 or a transfer applicant has completed and received a passing grade in a college-level English composition course at a U.S. college/university.

Note: Deadlines that fall on a weekend are extended to the next business day.

**Official transcripts from all schools and colleges attended will be required prior to enrollment.*

***Self-reported scores are encouraged. Official test scores will be required for those who select to have them included in their application, prior to enrollment.*

EARLY ACTION DEADLINE November 1

*Receive your decision on
or before January 31*

REGULAR DECISION DEADLINE February 1

*Receive your decision on
or before March 31*

TRANSFER DEADLINES

Priority Decision February 1
Regular Decision March 1

*Receive your decision
in March or April*

SPRING DEADLINE October 1

*Receive your decision on or
before December 31*

AFFORDABILITY

COST OF ATTENDANCE

Students in need of an F-1 or J-1 Visa will be required to show proof of funding for one year of study. Estimated expenses for the current academic year are available at go.wisc.edu/funding.

UW-MADISON SCHOLARSHIPS

Students can explore all of our scholarships through the [Wisconsin Scholarship Hub \(WiSH\)](#). Most scholarships require a separate application, with deadlines on or before February 1.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Students from select geographic locations may be eligible for specific international scholarships. go.wisc.edu/intl_scholarship

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Working at an on-campus job can be a great way to make extra money at a flexible position that understands your workload and schedule. go.wisc.edu/student_jobs

FINANCIAL AID

UW-Madison offers need-based financial aid to those who are eligible to complete the FAFSA. go.wisc.edu/finaid

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BEST VALUE
UNIVERSITY

Best Value Schools

FEB. 1

DEADLINE

*Most UW-Madison
Scholarships*

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BEST COLLEGE
FOR THE
MONEY

Money Magazine

ATTEND A VIRTUAL EVENT

The easiest way to make a reservation is online through Visit Bucky at go.wisc.edu/visit_UW. You can view and register for a wide variety of virtual programming and explore our campus to discover what makes UW–Madison so special and unique. Learn about the wide array of opportunities, programs, and services that our campus can offer you, including:

VIRTUAL ADMISSIONS INFORMATION
SESSIONS

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

VIRTUAL STUDENT PANELS

VIRTUAL TRANSFER INFORMATION
SESSIONS

INSTAGRAM LIVE ASK ME ANYTHING (AMAs)

VIRTUAL CAMPUS TOURS





**GET MORE
INFORMATION
CUSTOMIZED TO YOUR
INTERESTS**


go.wisc.edu/more_info



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