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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

TRANSFERRING TO UW-MADISON

We value the diversity of backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences that transfer students bring to our campus. At UW-Madison, we dedicate an array of resources and services to aid in the success of our transfer students, both in and outside of the classroom.

WHO IS A TRANSFER STUDENT?

Prior to applying for transfer admission, students must have completed (or be completing) at least 24 semester hours of transferable coursework post-high school graduation. This essentially equates to one year of college-level study. We do not accept transfer students at the freshman level. Advanced Placement (AP) and other test credit and courses that are remedial, vocational, and doctoral in nature cannot be used toward the 24 transferable credit requirement.

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR IN A TRANSFER STUDENT?

When reviewing applications, we pay particular attention to the college-level coursework you have completed, specifically:

- **Cumulative grade point average (GPA).** Competitive not only for admission to the university, but for your intended major as well. *Please note: GPA calculations will include all grades received for repeated courses (the initial grade, as well as grades received in second and subsequent attempts).*
- **Rigor of course work.** Appropriate for continued study at UW-Madison and increasing in difficulty.
- **Course breadth.** Including English, math, science, literature, humanities, social science, and world language.
- **Grade trends and patterns.** Steady or improving trends and patterns that show consistency across all academic areas.

The importance of your high school work in your review is dependent on the number of college credits you have earned.

CORE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Regardless of the number of college credits earned, your high school and college transcripts must show that you completed the following required coursework:

- **Algebra:** One year in high school.
- **Plane Geometry:** One year in high school (cannot be modified, basic, or informal).
- **College-Preparatory Math:** One year in high school or one college course at the level of Algebra 2 or beyond.
- **Single World Language:** Two years of the same language in high school or two semesters of the same language in college*.
* *Students who have studied a world language using only Rosetta Stone have not fulfilled the world language requirement.*

HOW TO APPLY TO UW-MADISON

Apply via the UW System Application at go.wisc.edu/transfer_app by the deadline for the term for which you are applying. All required application materials must be received within two weeks of the application deadline.

1. Application.
2. Application fee or fee waiver.
3. Official transcripts from all high schools and colleges attended.
For country-specific curricular requirements, visit go.wisc.edu/curricula.
4. Two essays.
Students applying from a UW System school will only be required to complete one essay.
5. One letter of recommendation from an academic source.
6. Official TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo (DET) scores are required for non-native English speakers, 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. go.wisc.edu/apply2transfer

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

- Accounting
- Actuarial Science
- African Cultural Studies
- Afro-American Studies
- Agricultural and Applied Economics
- Agricultural Business Management
- Agronomy
- Animal Sciences
- Anthropology
- Applied Mathematics, Engineering, and Physics
- Art
- Art Education
- Art History
- Asian Languages and Cultures
- Astronomy-Physics
- Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences
- Biochemistry
- Biological Systems Engineering
- Biology
- Biomedical Engineering+
- Botany
- Cartography and Geographic Information Systems
- Chemical Engineering+
- Chemistry
- Chinese
- Civil Engineering+
- Classical Humanities
- Classics
- Communication Arts
- Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Community and Environmental Sociology
- Community and Nonprofit Leadership
- Computer Engineering+
- Computer Sciences
- Conservation Biology
- Consumer Behavior and Marketplace Studies
- Dairy Science
- Dance+°
- Data Science
- Economics
- Education Studies
- Electrical Engineering+
- Elementary Education
- Engineering Mechanics+
- Engineering Physics+
- English
- Entomology
- Environmental Engineering+
- Environmental Sciences
- Finance, Investment, and Banking
- Food Science
- Forest Science
- French
- Gender and Women's Studies
- Genetics and Genomics
- Geography
- Geological Engineering+
- Geology and Geophysics
- German
- Global Health
- Health Promotion and Health Equity
- History
- Horticulture
- Human Development and Family Studies
- Industrial Engineering+
- Information Systems
- Interior Architecture
- International Business*
- International Studies
- Italian
- Japanese
- Jewish Studies
- Journalism
- Kinesiology
- Landscape and Urban Studies
- Landscape Architecture
- Latin
- Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies
- Legal Studies
- Life Sciences Communication
- Linguistics
- Management and Human Resources
- Marketing
- Materials Science and Engineering+
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering+
- Microbiology
- Molecular and Cell Biology
- Music+°
- Music Education+°
- Music Performance+°
- Neurobiology
- Nuclear Engineering+
- Nursing
- Nutritional Sciences
- Nutritional Sciences: Nutrition and Dietetics
- Operations and Technology Management
- Personal Finance
- Pharmacology and Toxicology
- Pharmacy (*Intended Doctor of Pharmacy*)**
- Philosophy
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Plant Pathology
- Polish
- Political Science
- Portuguese
- Psychology
- Real Estate and Urban Land Economics
- Rehabilitation Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Risk Management and Insurance
- Russian
- Scandinavian Studies
- Social Welfare
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Soil Science
- Spanish
- Special Education
- Statistics
- Supply Chain Management
- Textiles and Fashion Design
- Theatre and Drama
- Wildlife Ecology
- Zoology

- COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL AND LIFE SCIENCES
- SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
- SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
- COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
- SCHOOL OF HUMAN ECOLOGY
- COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE
- SCHOOL OF NURSING
- SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

+ Direct Entry Program ° Audition Required

* Offered only as a double major. Students must select an additional major in the School of Business.

** Not an academic major. Combined undergraduate and doctorate degree.

Looking for a minor? Learn more about our certificates and academic offerings. go.wisc.edu/certs

PRIORITY
DECISION
DEADLINE
February 1*

Receive your decision
in March

REGULAR
DECISION
DEADLINE
March 1*

Receive your decision
in April

SPRING
DECISION
DEADLINE
October 1*

Receive your decision
in December

*Deadlines that fall on a weekend are extended to the next business day

TRANSFERRING YOUR CREDIT

Once admitted as a transfer student, you will receive a full transfer credit evaluation. This will let you know how your courses transfer to UW–Madison.

Credit is awarded for college-level coursework completed at institutions accredited by a regional or national accrediting organization recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). Foreign institutions must be recognized by the Ministry of Education in that country. We also accept the Joint Services Transcript from those with military service.

Courses will transfer to UW–Madison in one of three ways: direct equivalent, elective, or no credit. A direct equivalent will be awarded for courses that are similar in nature, level, and content to a course in our undergraduate curriculum. For courses that are not direct equivalents, departmental or general elective credit will be awarded. Continuing education courses, graduate-level courses, and courses that are remedial, technical, vocational, or doctrinal in nature are not transferable and receive no credit.

The maximum number of transferable semester credits from a two-year college is 72. There is no limit on transferable credits from a four-year college or university.

Learn more about how your credit will transfer through Credit Evaluations Services. go.wisc.edu/credit_eval

TRANSFER AGREEMENTS

UW–Madison offers transfer agreements with a select number of partner institutions within the UW System, Wisconsin Technical Colleges, and Wisconsin Tribal Colleges.

These agreements offer a pathway for eligible students to transfer to UW–Madison and provide clear guidance on what courses to take and how long to study at your first institution.

For a full list of partner institutions and to learn more about the individual requirements, visit our website.

go.wisc.edu/agreements

TRANSFER TRANSITION PROGRAM

When considering transferring to UW–Madison, you have access to a unique program that supports your preparation, orientation, and transition to the university. The program can help with the transfer process, connect you with campus resources, and more.

The Transfer Transition Program provides prospective students who are considering UW–Madison with access to pre-transfer academic advising to help you make good academic decisions at your current institution prior to transferring.

Once you're on campus, you can come relax in our Transfer Engagement Center, participate in our welcome events or regular social programming, or join BadgerCETE, our semester-long leadership cohort for new transfer students. Our Transfer Student Coordinators and professional staff members are here for you throughout your time on campus to help you shape your own Wisconsin Experience and make UW–Madison your home.

go.wisc.edu/TTP

TRANSFER HOUSING OPTIONS

Most transfer students choose to live off-campus. UW–Madison's Campus Area Housing (CAH) maintains an informative website that allows you to search and explore a variety of privately-owned housing options. Searching for available housing on the CAH website does not require you to create an account and is completely free. The site provides a database of campus area rental vacancies, roommate openings, and sublets in apartment buildings, houses, cooperatives, and rooming houses. Users may select their criteria to generate a list of available rentals, complete with rental details and contact information.

go.wisc.edu/uw_cah

UW–Madison students are not required to live on campus, however students who are interested in on-campus residence hall options can learn more about University Housing options. go.wisc.edu/housing

FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION

UW–Madison offers both need- and non-need-based financial aid. Eligibility for need-based aid is determined by submitting the FAFSA. We highly recommend completing a FAFSA as early as possible. Apply by UW–Madison's priority deadline of December 1. Use FAFSA code 003895. go.wisc.edu/finaid

Both current and incoming students can research and explore all scholarships they qualify for based on their program, background, and interests through the Wisconsin Scholarship Hub (WiSH). Most of our scholarships are not awarded automatically—you will need to apply to them through WiSH. You can begin applying for scholarships once you apply for admission, and you do not have to be admitted to apply for scholarships. Scholarships will have varying deadlines, but most will have a deadline of February 1.

go.wisc.edu/my_wish

The total amount you will pay depends on where you choose to live, which meal plan you select, your school or college, and your own personal spending habits. The rates shown are based on our Cost of Attendance for the 2021–2022 academic year and are subject to change. These costs are the basis for financial aid. Calculate your estimated costs using the Net Price Calculator. go.wisc.edu/npc

	WISCONSIN RESIDENT	MINNESOTA RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
Billable Costs			
Tuition & Fees	\$10,766	\$14,812	\$38,654
Room & Board	\$12,548	\$12,548	\$12,548
Subtotal (<i>billable</i>)	\$23,314	\$27,360	\$51,202
Non-Billable Costs			
Books & Supplies	\$1,150	\$1,150	\$1,150
Other Expenses	\$3,066	\$3,346	\$3,536
Subtotal (<i>non-billable</i>)	\$4,216	\$4,496	\$4,686
Total Costs	\$27,530	\$31,856	\$55,888



LEARN MORE ABOUT UW-MADISON

Join us for a session specifically for transfer students. It's a great way to find out about the full transfer process and our campus resources.

TRANSFER VISIT DAYS

We welcome students to visit campus who are interested in applying for the current term or a future semester. Visit Days include a presentation, Q&A, and a campus tour.

VIRTUAL TRANSFER INFORMATION SESSIONS

Join us for a virtual presentation and Q&A to learn more about the transfer process at UW-Madison.

VIRTUAL TRANSFER ONE-ON-ONES

Register for a 30-minute virtual meeting with a transfer admissions counselor. We're here to provide clarity, help you feel confident about next steps, and share more about the exciting opportunities at UW-Madison. Please pick a date and time and then complete the form to schedule your appointment with a transfer counselor. The counselor will send a Zoom link to your email address before your meeting. go.wisc.edu/transfer1on1

In addition to our transfer-specific programming and events, you can take part in a variety of programming for all incoming and prospective students and families, including:

- STUDENT PANELS
- CAMPUS TOURS
- INSTAGRAM LIVE ASK ME ANYTHING (AMAs)
- OPEN HOUSES
- ADMISSIONS INFORMATION SESSIONS

The easiest way to make a reservation is online via Visit Bucky.

Some of our visit programs fill quickly, so please make your reservation early.

Register at go.wisc.edu/visit_UW.

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