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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. This essentially equates to one year of college-level study. We do not accept transfer students at the freshman level. AP and other test credit 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, and 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, social science, and world language.
- **Grade trends and patterns.** Steady or improving trends and patterns that show consistency across all academic areas.
- **Required courses.** Applicants must have completed one year each of high school algebra, plane geometry, and college-preparatory math, and two high school years or two college semesters of a single world language.

**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 Foreign Language:** Two years of the same language in high school or two semesters of the same language in college*.
**Students who have studied a foreign language using only Rosetta Stone have not fulfilled the foreign language requirement.*

HOW TO APPLY TO UW-MADISON

Apply via the UW System application

1. Application and fee.
2. Two essays – We refer to these essays to understand more about you.
3. Official transcripts from all high schools and colleges attended.
4. One Letter of recommendation from an academic source.
5. Transfer applicants whose native language is not English must submit a TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo English Test (DET) score unless English was the primary language of instruction in all four years of secondary school or a college level English composition course was successfully completed at an accredited US institution of higher education.

go.wisc.edu/apply2transfer

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

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

Undergraduate Majors

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

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 both within Wisconsin and across the country.

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

On-Campus Transfer Housing

At UW–Madison, you have many great options for places to live as a transfer student. While you are not required to live in our residence halls, it can be a great way to connect to campus. We offer many on-campus transfer student housing options, including Ogg Hall and Tripp Hall.

Ogg is popular among non-freshman students and offers double rooms and walk-in closets. Tripp is located along the scenic Lakeshore Path and offers single rooms.

Tripp Hall is also home to the Transfer House, a supportive community if you are looking to live and connect with other transfer students. go.wisc.edu/transfer_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 that 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 as soon as you activate your NetID and password after you apply. Scholarships will have varying deadlines, but most will have a deadline of February 1. You do not have to be admitted to apply for scholarships. In addition to our institutional scholarships, we highly recommend pursuing additional scholarship opportunities through your work, community, and other organizations. 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 2020–2021 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	\$10,746	\$15,058	\$38,634
Room & Board	\$12,200	\$12,200	\$12,200
Subtotal (<i>billable</i>)	\$22,946	\$27,258	\$50,834
Non-Billable Costs			
Books & Supplies	\$1,150	\$1,150	\$1,150
Other Expenses	\$3,132	\$3,432	\$3,656
Subtotal (<i>non-billable</i>)	\$4,282	\$4,582	\$4,806
Total Costs	\$27,228	\$31,840	\$55,640



Learn More About UW–Madison

TRANSFER INFORMATION SESSIONS

Join us for one of our information sessions, offered twice each month, specifically for transfer students. It's a great way to find out about the full transfer process and campus resources. We welcome students who are interested in applying for the current term or a future semester.

VIRTUAL ADMISSIONS INFORMATION SESSIONS

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, hosted via Zoom, and lead a live question and answer (Q&A) session at the end of the presentation.

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSES

Join us for a multi-day virtual UW–Madison experience offered throughout the year. Take part in presentations from across campus, including study abroad, financial aid, housing, and more.

VIRTUAL STUDENT PANELS

Want to know what it's like to be a Badger? Hear current UW–Madison students share their experiences and answer your questions about life on campus. This virtual Q&A panel will be offered via Zoom and is moderated by a member of the Office of Admissions and Recruitment.

VIRTUAL CAMPUS TOUR

Our virtual tour is designed to showcase the wide array of opportunities, programs, and services that our campus can offer you. Our student tour guides will show you why our campus is one of a kind.

INSTAGRAM LIVE ASK ME ANYTHING (AMAs)

Ask your questions live. We offer a variety of AMAs hosted by our admissions counselors, our current student Wisconsin Admissions Volunteers, and guests from around campus to answer your questions.

The easiest way to make a reservation is online through Visit Bucky. Some of our visit programs fill quickly, so please make your reservation early. Register at go.wisc.edu/visit_UW or 608-262-3961.

Contact Us

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

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