Application Process Updates

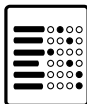## Application Materials

Two Essays

Courses & Grades
Self-reported within the application* or official transcripts.

Letter of Recommendation

New! ACT/SAT Scores**
Optional through **spring 2027**. Must be sent directly from the testing agency. Self-reported scores will not be accepted.

English Language Proficiency**

* Official transcripts from all schools and colleges attended will be required prior to enrollment.
** Official test scores must be submitted from the testing agency.

Deadlines

	Application Deadline	Materials Deadline	Decision on or Before
First- Year Early Action	November 1	November 8	January 31
First- Year Regular Decision	January 15	January 22	March 31
Spring Decision	October 1	October 15	December 31

New! Minimum Coursework Requirements

An applicant's high school record should demonstrate both rigor and breadth in the types of coursework they pursue. Applicants **must** meet the minimum course requirements listed below to be eligible for admission to UW–Madison. Competitive applicants often take additional credits in the core subject areas, including the most challenging advanced-level work offered at or through their school in as many areas as possible, while maintaining a strong GPA.

English
Minimum 4 Years

Natural Science
Minimum 3 Years

Math
Minimum 3 Years***

Social Science
Minimum 3 Years

Electives
Minimum 4 years****

*** Math requirement includes at least one year each of algebra, geometry, and advanced math with algebra or geometry prerequisites.

**** While there is no requirement for world language to be admitted to the university, taking two years of the same world language in high school is highly recommended, as this can fulfill the world language requirement for students at UW–Madison. Students interested in earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Letters & Science will have additional world language course requirements for graduation from UW–Madison and are encouraged to fulfill those requirement with four years of the same world language within high school.

Reminder on Additional Materials & Continued Interest

Deferred Students – Self-reported mid-year grades are the single most important factor in the admission consideration of a student who has received a defer decision. Those who wish to share updated information since they applied or wish to express continued interest can do so once when self-reporting their grades.

Students on Our Wait List – Applicants offered a spot on our wait list must accept their wait list offer to be considered for admission. It is highly recommended that students on the wait list self-report their mid-year grades if they have not previously. Students on the wait list will have an opportunity to share their continued interest via a form after accepting their spot. Those who accept their spot on the wait list will be notified if they are admitted or if the wait list has closed.

Please do not send or have your students or their families send anything additional, as it will not impact their decision and will not be accepted. If we need any additional information, we will reach out to the student directly.

UW–Madison Updates

Changes to Our Majors

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NEW MAJORS
Agroecology – *College of Agricultural & Life Sciences*
Design, Innovation & Society – *School of Human Ecology*
Dairy and Food Animal Management – *College of Agricultural & Life Sciences*
Entrepreneurship – *Wisconsin School of Business*
Human Resources – *Wisconsin School of Business*
Management – *Wisconsin School of Business*

DISCONTINUED MAJORS
Soil Science – *College of Agricultural & Life Sciences*
Classics – *College of Letters & Science*
Latin – *College of Agricultural & Life Sciences*
Dairy Science – *College of Agricultural & Life Sciences*
Human Resources and Management – *Wisconsin School of Business*

RENAMED MAJORS
Community and Organizational Development – *School of Human Ecology*
(Previously Community and Non-Profit Leadership)
Educational Policy Studies – *School of Education*
(Previously Education Studies)

Scholarships & Financial Aid

financialaid.wisc.edu
Applicants should not wait until they have been admitted to apply for scholarships. Once applicants have submitted their application to UW–Madison, they must activate their NetID and password to be eligible for select automatically-awarded scholarships.

The Wisconsin Scholarship Hub is a one-stop shop where students create a profile to review, determine eligibility, and apply for scholarships. Students should check the Hub each year as more scholarships become available as students continue in their program: **go.wisc.edu/mywish**. Scholarships deadlines vary, but most will have a deadline of February 1. In addition, to our scholarships, we recommend pursuing additional funding opportunities through your students' work, community, and organizations.

The December 1 FAFSA priority filing deadline is back. Students who are eligible for federal financial aid are strongly encouraged to complete their FAFSA as soon as possible for the most possible aid. If there are any changes to the October 1 FAFSA opening date, we will communicate that with you, your students, and their supporters.

Morgridge Hall - New Computer, Data, & Information Sciences Building

cdis.wisc.edu/building
UW–Madison's School of Computer, Data & Information Sciences' new home, Morgridge Hall, will be a hub for problem-solving, and creating. The new building will create a space for cross-disciplinary learning and experiences by co-locating their departments to create a place where high-tech learning and collaboration come together under one roof.

Morgridge Hall is anticipated to open in 2025.

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