



# UW-Madison Updates



## The Wisconsin Guarantee

### [admissions.wisc.edu/wisconsin-guarantee](https://admissions.wisc.edu/wisconsin-guarantee)

As of Fall 2025, first-year applicants who **submit an application and all supporting materials by the Early Action deadlines** and who **meet minimum course requirements, as defined by the Board of Regents**, will be automatically eligible for admission via the Wisconsin Guarantee at UW-Madison if they meet any of the following:

(1) They are enrolled in a public, private, or tribal high school in Wisconsin and are **ranked in the top 5%** of their class at the end of their junior year (11th grade) and their class has more than 15 students.

-or-

(2) They are a Wisconsin resident who is homeschooled or enrolled in a virtual private school and **achieved an ACT examination score that places them in the national 98th percentile ranking or higher.**

-or-

(3) They are a Wisconsin resident and a **National Merit Scholarship finalist.**

Questions about high school ranking should be directed to the Universities of Wisconsin at [uwhelp@wisconsin.edu](mailto:uwhelp@wisconsin.edu).

## Changes To Our Majors

### [guide.wisc.edu](https://guide.wisc.edu)

#### 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 Letters & Science

**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 Nonprofit Leadership)

**Educational Policy Studies** – School of Education

(Previously Education Studies)

## Scholarships & Financial Aid

### [financialaid.wisc.edu](https://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](https://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.

We are thrilled to share that Bucky's tuition promise has expanded the income threshold, guaranteeing a period of free tuition and segregated fees for incoming Wisconsin first-year and transfer students in an on-campus program whose family's household adjusted gross income is \$65,000 or less.

## Wisconsin Tribal Educational Promise

### [go.wisc.edu/wtep](https://go.wisc.edu/wtep)

The Wisconsin Tribal Educational Promise Program provides additional financial support to fund the difference between any previous financial aid received and the full in-state cost of attendance for Native Nations students attending an undergraduate on-campus UW-Madison degree program.


To be eligible, students must qualify as a Wisconsin resident for tuition purposes, be pursuing their first undergraduate degree, and be verified as an enrolled member of any one of the eleven federally recognized American Indian Tribes in Wisconsin to be eligible for the Wisconsin Tribal Educational Promise.

The program will provide eight consecutive semesters (four years) of support for Native Nations students who enter as incoming first-year students and continue to make satisfactory progress, or four consecutive semesters (two years) of support for Native Nations students who enter UW-Madison as new transfer students.

Current students will receive their semesters of eligibility based on their term of admission.

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# Application Process Updates

## Application Materials



**Two Essays**

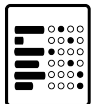


**Courses & Grades**

Self-reported within the application\* or official transcripts.



**Letter of Recommendation**



**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
<b>First- Year Early Action</b>	November 1	November 8	January 31
<b>First- Year Regular Decision</b>	January 15	January 22	March 31
<b>Spring Decision</b>	October 1	October 15	December 31

## 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 requirements 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.