

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–MADISON

Transfer Student Admission Information 2005

Letter of Admission

The letter of admission is your official notice that you have been admitted to the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Carefully check the information at the top of the letter. If your address has changed, please update it online (instructions below). It is very important that we have current street and e-mail addresses for you as we will be sending time-sensitive materials in the coming months. If any of the other information is incorrect, please notify the Office of Admissions immediately, by mail or fax.

Address: This is the mailing address we have on file for you. If your address, e-mail, or phone number has changed, go online to update your record. To do so, visit www.admissions.wisc.edu, click on *Applicant Services*, and log on using your 10-digit campus ID number (found on your admission letter) and PIN. Your original PIN assignment was birth month and day (mmdd). If you experience PIN difficulties, phone 608/262–0920. If you do not have Internet access, please notify us in writing by mail or fax.

Term: This is the semester and year for which you have been admitted. If the term is incorrect or you have changed your academic plans, notify the Office of Admissions immediately. Your admission is valid only for the term indicated.

Campus ID: Your permanent campus ID number is a 10-digit number assigned by the university. Be prepared to provide this number whenever you contact a university office.

Program: Your academic program is your broad degree objective. It is not necessarily associated with a specific major. If you wish to change your academic program from one school/college to another prior to the first day of classes, you may request the change at Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR) or by notifying the Office of Admissions. An academic advisor at SOAR or an admission counselor will review your eligibility for the new program. To change your program after classes begin, you must request permission from a dean in the school/college you wish to enter.

College: This is the school or college to which you have been admitted. Since many programs require preparatory work in the College of Letters and Science, the school or college indicated may not be the one that grants the degree you seek.

Provisional Admission

Some students are admitted with one or more provisions on their admission. Information on any requirements you must fulfill to finalize your admission is included on the second page of your admission letter.

Enrollment Confirmation

To reserve your place in the transfer class, you must return the enclosed Enrollment Confirmation form. We ask that you confirm your enrollment as soon as you finalize your plans. The earlier you confirm, the greater our ability will be to complete your evaluation of transfer credits before you enroll in classes.

If you are admitted for the spring term, you must return the pink Enrollment Confirmation form by December 1 or three weeks from the date of your admission letter, whichever is later. If you are admitted for the summer or fall term, you must return the yellow Enrollment Confirmation form by May 1 or three weeks from the date of your admission letter, whichever is later.

In addition to returning your Enrollment Confirmation form, you must make a reservation to attend SOAR. See the *Orientation* section below for details.

Transfer Credit Evaluation

You must confirm your enrollment to initiate an evaluation of your transfer credits. We will make every effort to complete your transfer credit evaluation and mail it to you before SOAR. If this is not possible, you will receive your transfer credit evaluation at SOAR.

Orientation (SOAR)

After we receive your Enrollment Confirmation form, you will be eligible to receive information about Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR). During SOAR, you will learn more about campus, meet with an academic advisor, take placement tests, select your courses, and enroll online.

To secure your attendance at SOAR, you must make a SOAR reservation. If you are admitted for the spring term, information regarding January SOAR will be mailed to you in November. If you are admitted for summer or fall, information regarding summer SOAR will be mailed to you beginning in April. To secure your place at SOAR, you must make your SOAR reservation online. Online registration instructions will be included in the mailing you receive from SOAR. Please note, there is a separate fee for the SOAR program.

You will receive a *Timetable* at SOAR or you can view the *Timetable* online at registrar.wisc.edu/timetable.

Placement Testing

We offer placement tests in English, math, and foreign languages during SOAR. Refer to the second page of your admission letter to determine which tests you will be required to take. Unless otherwise indicated, you should plan to take the English and math placement tests.

A foreign language placement test is required if your foreign language degree requirement has not been met and either (1) you intend to satisfy the requirement by continuing study in a language you studied in high school but did not continue in college, or (2) the foreign language you studied in college transfers as an elective rather than a direct equivalent to a UW–Madison course.

If your foreign language degree requirement has not been met and you intend to pursue a language that you have not previously studied, you are not required to take the test. Testing in French, German, Latin, and Spanish is available during SOAR. If you need placement in an additional foreign language, consult with the foreign language advisor at SOAR or with the appropriate language department.

Residency Status and Tuition

Initial residency classification (for tuition purposes) is determined by the Office of the Registrar. In general, you must be a bona fide resident of Wisconsin for at least 12 months prior to enrollment to be eligible for in-state tuition. To check your official residency classification, go to www.admissions.wisc.edu, click on *Applicant Services*, and log on using your campus ID number and PIN. Click on *Admissions* and then *Residency for Tuition Purposes*. Your classification will be listed as *Res* for resident or *Non-Res* for nonresident. For more information regarding residency, visit registrar.wisc.edu/students/residence or contact the Residence Counselors' Office at res4tuition@gabriel.acadsvcs.wisc.edu or 608/262–1355.

Minnesota Residents: Minnesotans may be eligible to take advantage of the Minnesota–Wisconsin Tuition Reciprocity Agreement. You must apply for certification through the Minnesota Higher Education Services Office. Information and application materials are available online at www.mheso.state.mn.us. If you are approved for the program, you will be classified as a nonresident but assessed the approved reciprocity tuition rate.

Undergraduate Catalog

The *Undergraduate Catalog* contains both general and specific information about UW–Madison and our academic programs, policies, and procedures. You will receive a free copy at SOAR or you can view the catalog online at www.wisc.edu/pubs/ug.

General Education Requirements

The UW–Madison campuswide General Education Requirements (GER) include communication, quantitative reasoning, natural science, humanities/literature/arts, social studies, and ethnic studies components. All transfer students must meet these requirements for graduation unless they matriculated at another college or university as a degree candidate prior to the summer of 1996. For a detailed description of GER, visit www.ls.wisc.edu/gened.

Housing

University Housing: For the fall semester, admitted students will automatically receive a housing contract from University Housing as long as space remains available. Students beginning in the spring or summer must request a housing application from University Housing. For more information, visit www.housing.wisc.edu, e-mail assignmentoffice@housing.wisc.edu, or phone 608/262–2522.

Private Residence Halls: All admitted students receive information on the private residence halls. For more information, visit housing.civc.wisc.edu/prh.asp or phone 608/263–2400.

Campus-Area Housing: An up-to-date vacancy list of campus-area housing options is maintained by the Campus Information and Visitor Center. View the listing online at housing.civc.wisc.edu.

Campus Visit Information

The best way to find out if Wisconsin is right for you is to spend time on campus. Every Monday through Friday, beginning at 1 p.m., you can join one of our admission counselors for a group information session followed by a student-guided campus walking tour. The easiest way to make a reservation is online at www.visitbucky.wisc.edu. For more information, phone 608/262–3318 or send an e-mail to visitbucky@admissions.wisc.edu.

University Health Services

University Health Services (UHS) is the health clinic on campus, open to all current students. Services include routine health care, medical treatment of injuries and illnesses, flu and allergy shots, mental health services, and a pharmacy. Most costs are covered by student enrollment fees. Visit www.uhs.wisc.edu for more information or phone 608/265–5600. UHS is located at 1552 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53705–4085.

Students with Disabilities

Students with permanent or temporary physical, learning, or other disabilities can obtain information and assistance from the McBurney Disability Resource Center. Students seeking accommodations should request assistance as soon as possible; requests for interpreters and textbooks in alternative formats should be made a minimum of four weeks before classes. For more information, visit www.mcburney.wisc.edu, e-mail mcburney@uwmadmail.services.wisc.edu, or phone 608/263–2741 (TTY 608/263–6393). The McBurney center is located at 905 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53715–1005.

Financial Aid

The Office of Student Financial Services (OSFS) will initiate a review of your financial aid application once your admission letter has been sent. For information on your financial aid application, go to www.admissions.wisc.edu, click on *Applicant Services*, and log on using your campus ID number and PIN. Click on *Finances* and you will receive detailed financial aid information. If you have questions regarding financial aid, contact OSFS at 608/262–3060 or finaid@wisc.edu.

Tuition and Fee Payment

Your tuition and fee bill (the Student Account Invoice) will be mailed in late May for the summer term, late August for the fall term, and in mid-January for the spring term. Tuition and fee charges must be paid in full by the tuition due date indicated in order to avoid a late payment fee. In most cases, fall term payments are due in mid-September and spring term payments are due in early February. If you have questions regarding tuition or your student account, contact the bursar's office at 608/262–3611. You can also find helpful information on the bursar's Web site at www.bussvc.wisc.edu/bursar.

Estimated Cost of Attendance

The cost of a UW–Madison education varies from student to student, depending on individual circumstances and spending habits. For planning purposes only, we have projected the following estimated costs for the 2004–05 academic year. While we make every effort to contain costs, you can anticipate that expenses will increase annually.

| | WI Resident | MN Resident | Non- Resident |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Tuition and Fees | \$5,860 | \$7,140 | \$19,860 |
| Books and Supplies | 830 | 830 | 830 |
| Room and Board* | 6,250 | 6,250 | 6,250 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,900 | 1,900 | 1,900 |
| Transportation | 410 | 410 | 410 |
| Estimated Total | \$15,250 | \$16,530 | \$29,250 |

*Room costs are based on double occupancy in a university residence hall. Food (board) cost is a combined estimate for standard halls food service and typical off-campus food purchases.

Important Contact Information

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| Admissions | 608/262–3961 www.admissions.wisc.edu |
| Adult and Student Services Center | 608/263–6960 www.dcs.wisc.edu/services |
| Bursar | 608/262–3611 www.bussvc.wisc.edu/bursar |
| Campus Information and Visitor Center | 608/263–2400 www.civc.wisc.edu |
| Directory Assistance | 608/262–1234 |
| Engineering Admissions | 608/262–2473 www.engr.wisc.edu |
| English as a Second Language Program | 608/263–3780 |
| Enrollment Helpline | 608/262–0920 |
| Financial Aid | 608/262–3060 www.finaid.wisc.edu |
| Housing (University) | 608/262–2522 www.housing.wisc.edu |
| Housing (Privately Owned) | 608/263–2400 housing.civc.wisc.edu |
| McBurney Disability Resource Center | 608/263–2741 TTY 608/263–6393 www.mcburney.wisc.edu |
| Medical School Admissions | 608/263–6800 www.med.wisc.edu |
| Pharmacy Admissions | 608/262–7501 www.pharmacy.wisc.edu |
| Registrar | 608/262–3811 registrar.wisc.edu |
| University Health Services | 608/265–5600 www.uhs.wisc.edu |

Academic Calendar

Spring 2005

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| Advising and orientation | January 10–14 |
| Classes begin | January 18 |
| Spring recess | March 19–27 |
| Classes end | May 6 |
| Exams | May 8–14 |

Summer Sessions 2005

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| 3-week session | May 23–June 12 |
| 8-week session | June 13–August 5 |

Fall 2005

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| Classes begin | September 2 |
| Holiday: Labor Day | September 5 |
| Thanksgiving recess | November 24–27 |
| Classes end | December 15 |
| Exams | December 16–23 |

The Academic Calendar is subject to change.

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