

# UNDERGRADUATE GUIDE

The Guide contains information about the many academic programs that make the University of Wisconsin-Madison one of the world's foremost institutions of higher education.

The Guide is published online only. It is not available in printed format.

The information in the Guide applies to all undergraduate students at the university regardless of their classification (school/college affiliation). Information in the individual school/college sections applies specifically to students who intend to graduate from one of those schools or colleges.

It is important for students to be familiar with all the information that applies to them. Students are strongly encouraged to consult their advisors at least once each semester to be certain they are completing requirements that apply to their degree and major programs.

The Guide is intended to complement other university information including specific materials supplied by schools, colleges, departments, and programs.

For more information about admission expectations, academic preparation, the application process, and important dates and deadlines, contact:

Office of Admission and Recruitment (<https://www.admissions.wisc.edu/>)  
702 West Johnson Street, Suite 1101  
Madison, WI 53715-1007  
onwisconsin@admissions.wisc.edu  
608-262-3961

Schedule a campus tour at VisitBucky (<https://www.admissions.wisc.edu/visitbucky/>) or call 608-262-3961.

UW-Madison summer brochures and program information are available from the Division of Continuing Studies (<http://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/>).

All students should familiarize themselves with the regulations regarding the privacy of their education records, including grades and records related to academic and nonacademic misconduct. Information about the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (<https://registrar.wisc.edu/ferpa/>), as amended, is distributed during Wisconsin Welcome and is available at:

Office of the Registrar (<https://registrar.wisc.edu/>)  
333 East Campus Mall #11101  
Madison, WI 53715-1384

Undergraduate students will also be prompted to review this information before enrolling in courses each fall and spring term.

## ACCREDITATION

The University of Wisconsin-Madison is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (<http://www.hlcommission.org/>).

230 South Lasalle Street, Suite 7-500  
Chicago, IL 60604  
Telephone 1-800-621-7440

[www.hlcommission.org](http://www.hlcommission.org) (<http://www.hlcommission.org>)

UW-Madison, which was first accredited in 1913, was last accredited in 2019, and will go through a reaccreditation process again in 2028-29.

Student achievement data (<https://data.wisc.edu/student-achievement-data/>)

## SAFE LEARNING AND WORK ENVIRONMENT

Guide to creating and maintaining a Safe Learning and Work Environment at UW-Madison: Responsibilities, Resources, and Reporting Requirements. (<https://compliance.wisc.edu/safe-learning-work-guide/>)

## CONSUMER INFORMATION

UW-Madison is required by law to make available to enrolled and prospective students and their parents' certain information about its operations. Such information pertains to:

1. general institutional operation
2. financial aid
3. retention and graduation rates
4. annual security & fire report, and
5. athletic program participation rates, financial support, and graduation rates

To meet the requirement, information for the University of Wisconsin-Madison is provided on the Consumer Information webpage (<https://financialaid.wisc.edu/consumer-info/>).

## DISTANCE EDUCATION AUTHORIZATION AND DISCLOSURES

UW-Madison complies with the requirements and standards set by the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA) (<https://nc-sara.org/>).

Disclosures and information related to distance education at UW-Madison is available on the Distance Education, State Authorization, and Disclosures webpage (<https://academicplanning.wisc.edu/distance-education/>).

## REGISTRATION WITH MINNESOTA OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

The University of Wisconsin-Madison is a public institution registered as a "Private Institution" with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education pursuant to sections 136A.61 to 136A.71. Registration is not an endorsement of the institution. Credits earned at the institution may not transfer to all other institutions.

## EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, EQUAL ACCESS, AND NON-DISCRIMINATION

The University of Wisconsin-Madison is committed to providing equal opportunity and equal access in compliance with all applicable federal and

state laws and regulations and Universities of Wisconsin and university non-discrimination policies and procedures.

## **POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

The Office of Compliance promotes ethical conduct and compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and UW-Madison policies. UW-Madison's non-discrimination statement, contact information for the university's Equal Opportunity Investigations Administrator, Title IX Coordinator, ADA Coordinator as well as information regarding UW-Madison's Equal Opportunity Complaint process is available on the Office of Compliance's website (<https://compliance.wisc.edu/eo-complaint/>).

## **DISABILITY RESOURCES**

The McBurney Disability Resource Center is an office within the Division of Student Affairs that views disability as an important aspect of the diversity of UW-Madison. The Center is committed to creating an accessible and inclusive educational experience for students, by partnering with students, faculty, and staff to design accessible environments and to provide academic accommodations so that students can engage, explore and participate in the Wisconsin Idea.

The Center works with UW-Madison students with physical, learning, hearing, vision, psychological, health and other disabilities substantially affecting a major life activity (e.g., walking, communicating, learning, seeing, breathing, reading, etc.). Many students have non-apparent disabilities such as depression, anxiety, autism spectrum, learning disabilities, AD/HD and health conditions such as Crohn's disease or fibromyalgia.

Common accommodations include extended time and/or small group environment for exams, note taking support, sign language interpreting, real time and media captioning, and conversion of printed materials to accessible formats. McBurney Center staff members also collaborate with students and faculty to determine reasonable flexibility with regard to attendance, participation, and deadlines for conditions that fluctuate in severity over the course of enrollment. The Center makes referrals to other campus offices or community resources for non-classroom accommodations related to housing, transportation, personal care needs, and so on. Students should contact the Center upon admission to begin the eligibility for services process. Early notice is essential in order to have accommodations in place prior to the start of the semester. For detailed information, see apply for accommodations (<https://mcburney.wisc.edu/apply-for-accommodations/>).

McBurney Disability Resource Center  
702 West Johnson Street, Suite 2104  
Madison, WI 53706  
608-263-2741 (voice)  
608-225-7956 (text)  
608-265-2998 (fax)  
[mcburney@studentlife.wisc.edu](mailto:mcburney@studentlife.wisc.edu)  
[www.mcburney.wisc.edu](http://www.mcburney.wisc.edu/) (<http://www.mcburney.wisc.edu/>)

**The information, policies, and rules contained herein are subject to change. The information in this catalog is current as of June 1, 2025. Later revisions are announced through department or program offices. Students are responsible for knowing current university regulations. University offices can provide current information about possible changes.**