

University of Wisconsin, Madison

Madison, WI

University Info <http://www.wisc.edu/>

College of Engineering Info <http://www.engr.wisc.edu/>

Engineering Exchange student information: <http://international.engr.wisc.edu/>

Languages Most courses are taught in English.

Introduction

The University of Wisconsin-Madison is one of the largest and most respected universities in the United States, with more than 40,000 students in residence and some 340,000 alumni living around the world. As the flagship campus of Wisconsin's public university system, UW-Madison has deep connections with its home state, but also a proud tradition of thinking and acting globally. Few institutions anywhere are more widely recognized as leaders in research, teaching, and public service.

Often cited as one of the most picturesque university settings in the country, the campus is strikingly cosmopolitan. Students attend from every state in the nation and more than 100 countries. The university extends welcome to people of all backgrounds and cultures, offering them a place to explore and express their creativity.

Growing with the times to meet changing needs in education and research has kept the university great. With an eye to the future, the university continues to change, guaranteeing a community and environment where true learning can take place.

Terms of Exchange

Study Level

- Undergraduate Students: Accepted
- Graduate Students: Accepted
- Computer Science Majors: Accepted, however courses can be very limited. Students do not have priority and alternately, may want to review courses in the department of Computer Engineering.

Period Fall, Spring, or Academic Year

Application Deadline

Deadline for international exchange students:

- Fall semester: March 1
- Spring semester: October 1

Application Procedures

English Proficiency:

TOEFL scores are required for incoming international exchange students.

Minimum TOEFL scores:

Paper - 550

Computer - 213

Internet - 80

Engineering Disciplines Available:

- Biomedical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Engineering Mechanics and Astronautics
- Geological Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Nuclear Engineering and Engineering Physics

- Plus thousands of courses in Social Science, Humanities, etc

- Enrollment in professional schools (medical, business, etc) is not an option.

Additional application materials?

All forms available or listed online: <http://international.engr.wisc.edu/>

- DS-2019 form
- UW-Madison non-degree student application
- Transcript release form
- TOEFL
- Post-secondary transcripts
- Financial documents confirming total available funds for duration of study

When will students receive their acceptance package?

Admission will be confirmed within one month of receipt of application, and should receive the admissions documents 6-8 weeks after the application is received.

Course Registration and Academic Information

Semester Dates

- Fall: early September to ~ December 23
- Spring: mid-January to mid-May

Academic Calendar <http://www.secfac.wisc.edu/acadcal/>

Course Contents

Course descriptions: <http://public.my.wisc.edu/>

Schedule of classes: http://registrar.wisc.edu/course_source.php

Workload per semester

Immigration regulations require you to be enrolled in a full-time program of study while participating in the UW-Madison exchange program. Depending on the number of credits assigned to the classes you choose, that means that you must register for at least three or four classes totaling: at least 8 credits if you are graduate student at your home institution, or: at least 12 credits if you are an undergraduate at your home institution.

Grading System

Letter Grade	Meaning	Grade Points
A	Excellent	4
AB	Intermediate grade	3.5
B	Good	3
BC	Intermediate grade	2.5
C	Fair	2
D	Poor	1
F	Failure	0

Academic Transcripts <http://ordertranscript.wisc.edu/>

One copy of the official transcripts will be sent to the students' home institutions upon completion of the semester(s) at UW-Madison. Additional official and unofficial copies can also be ordered by students online through the above link.

Accommodations

Is on-campus accommodation available to exchange students?

Since most students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison are not from the Madison area, housing near campus is in ample supply. Most exchange students live in apartments. There may be space available in university residence halls, although it is generally reserved for UW students seeking a degree. If you would like to stay in university housing, contact International Engineering Studies and Programs as soon as possible, the fall/year deadline is March 15. Most on-campus residence halls are typically inhabited by first and second year students. Be sure to review descriptions of individual residence halls to determine if there is one that would be a good match for you.

For other housing options, see <http://international.engr.wisc.edu/>

When can exchange students move-in to the Hall of Residence?

Students can typically move into the on-campus residence halls the week before classes begin. Please make sure to choose your on-campus housing in a residence hall that is open over winter break if you plan to be in Madison for the academic year.

Pre-Arrival

Entry Visa

For information on obtaining a visa, please visit <http://international.engr.wisc.edu/>

Health Insurance & Immunizations

Health insurance is required for international students studying at the University of Wisconsin. All international students attending the College of Engineering are expected to enroll in SHIP, a special health insurance program tailored for international students. For more information, please visit the Student Health Insurance Program website: <http://www.uhs.wisc.edu/ship>.

Arrival/Orientation

When should I arrive?

Arrive in time to participate in Welcome Week and International Student Orientation activities, which take place the week before classes begin. A special orientation session for exchange students will take place during the orientation week. A complete schedule of the week's events will be available when you arrive on campus. International students cannot enter the United States any more than 30 days before the start of the semester.

Is airport reception available?

If you are flying to Madison, you will arrive at the Dane County Regional Airport, located about 7 miles from campus. Taxi service from the airport to campus is approximately \$20 one-way. If there are no taxis waiting at the airport, you can call Union Cab (242-2000), Badger Cab (256-5566), Madison Taxi (255-TAXI) or others. We recommend simply writing down your address on a piece of paper and handing it to the cab driver at the airport. That way you can avoid any miscommunication! You can also ask [Madison Friends of International Students \(MFIS\)](#) to pick you up at the airport.

If you are flying into Chicago's O'Hare Airport, you can take the Van Galder bus to Madison. Van Galder buses depart daily, every 1-1½ hours, between 6:30 AM and 10:30 PM. The fare is \$29 one-way and you can buy your ticket from the bus driver or online. The bus journey from Chicago to Madison takes three hours, as the Van Galder stops in several smaller towns before it arrives in Madison. Once in Madison, the bus will make two stops. You'll want to depart at the second Madison stop — the Memorial Union. After you arrive at the Memorial Union, you can either take a taxi or walk to your place of accommodation. You can find further information about Van Galder Bus schedules and tickets here at www.vangalderbus.com.

Is there any bank on campus?

Most local banks will require a Social Security Number. If you do not have one, the University of Wisconsin Credit Union (uwcu.org) will allow you to set up an account with your passport.

For information about local banking institutions, please see <http://international.engr.wisc.edu/>.

Estimated Cost of Living

Cost of attendance:

Undergraduate: <http://www.finaid.wisc.edu/index.php?module=articles&aid=523&func=display>

Graduate: <http://www.finaid.wisc.edu/index.php?module=articles&catid=228&ptid=9>

Food/meals - information on dining options and meal plans:

<http://www.housing.wisc.edu/dining/>

Housing - information on housing options and rates: <http://www.housing.wisc.edu/>

Local transportation – information on local transportation: <http://international.engr.wisc.edu>

Academic expenses (e.g., books, stationery)

Undergraduate: <http://www.finaid.wisc.edu/index.php?module=articles&aid=523&func=display>

Graduate: <http://www.finaid.wisc.edu/index.php?module=articles&catid=228&ptid=9>

Personal expenses

Undergraduate: <http://www.finaid.wisc.edu/index.php?module=articles&aid=523&func=display>

Graduate: <http://www.finaid.wisc.edu/index.php?module=articles&catid=228&ptid=9>

Other administrative fees

Undergraduate: <http://www.finaid.wisc.edu/index.php?module=articles&aid=523&func=display>

Graduate: <http://www.finaid.wisc.edu/index.php?module=articles&catid=228&ptid=9>

Contact

Office responsible for incoming exchange students International Engineering Studies and Programs

Website <http://international.engr.wisc.edu>

E-mail international@engr.wisc.edu

City Info

Located in Madison, the campus spreads out along Lake Mendota, encompassing wooded hills, friendly shores and lively city streets.

Madison—the state’s capital city with a population of 210,000—offers the perfect combination of natural beauty, stimulating cultural offerings, outdoor recreation, distinctive restaurants, unique shops and vibrant nightlife.

The university’s location in south central Wisconsin makes for convenient access to Milwaukee (80 miles), Chicago (150 miles) and Minneapolis (270 miles). Daily buses serve all three cities.

Madison is located in a temperate climate zone and has four distinct seasons—spring, summer, fall and winter. During the warmest months of June, July and August, high temperatures average 80-90 degrees Fahrenheit (27+ Celsius). Winters are cold with moderate snowfall. In the middle of winter, high temperatures average 25 degrees Fahrenheit (-4 Celsius) though temperatures can fall below 0 degrees Fahrenheit (-18 Celsius) Average annual snowfall is 35 inches (89 cm).