



## Parent Program

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON



# 2016–2017

Calendar & Handbook for Badger Families





### *A Welcome from the Chancellor*

We're happy to have you join the UW–Madison family! Like many of you, I am the parent of a college student. We all want to do everything we can to help our young scholars succeed. Sometimes it's a challenge to know how to do that. The Parent Program is your partner in this process. It provides resources, advice, and dialogue on the questions and concerns that are bound to arise during your

student's time on campus. Through special events, timely communications, online chats, and a dynamic website, the Parent Program will help you play a positive role in your student's academic and personal success.

This calendar provides useful information on when students will be focusing on exams, when they'll be looking forward to the big game, and what's happening at the university and around Madison the next time you visit them here. I hope it will allow you to feel connected — as a family — to this wonderful place and all it has to offer.

*On, Wisconsin!*

*Chancellor Rebecca Blank*



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# Welcome



The Parent Program staff consists of Patti Lux-Weber (left), Monica Ruppert (right), and an experienced student intern team.




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## Dear Badger Families,

Welcome to the University of Wisconsin-Madison community! Your students' time here will be a journey filled with many new experiences, successes, and challenges. Your students will discover their place on campus, creating a Wisconsin Experience that will prepare them for the future.

At UW-Madison, we recognize that parents and family members are valuable partners. Research shows that family involvement is critical to the success of college students. We encourage you to be coaches and mentors, while encouraging your students to progressively take on more responsibility.

This Calendar & Handbook is our gift to you. We invite you to use this information to help your students take advantage of all that UW-Madison has to offer. It includes important dates, resources, and contact information, as well as a section for parents and families of first-year students that includes information about the transitions and milestones your students may experience. You can request a new calendar each year on our website until your students graduate.

The Parent Program is committed to offering personalized service to help you and your students navigate our campus and community. In addition to this Calendar & Handbook, we provide:

- Phone (1-877-262-3977), email (parent@uwmad.wisc.edu), and chat (parent.wisc.edu) services to help answer your questions and concerns
- A comprehensive and dynamic website (parent.wisc.edu)
- The Badger Parent e-newsletter, published five times per year, featuring articles targeted to a student's year in school
- A parent-notice system, used to deliver critical information by email
- A variety of visit opportunities, including Family Weekend in October and Badger Family Spring Visit in April, showcasing our campus and offering events for the entire family
- Multi-language services, including Spanish-language email and phone services, and a Chinese-language web page
- A Facebook page and group, where parents can ask questions and share experiences with one another
- Topic-based web chats, with answers from campus experts

On behalf of all of the Parent Program staff, we wish you and your students a successful year and look forward to connecting with you.

Kind regards,



Patti Lux-Weber  
Assistant Director, Parent Relations and Special Events  
Campus and Visitor Relations

## Our Goals for Parents & Families

1. To recognize your important role as mentors and coaches. You help your students progressively take on more responsibility for their academics, out-of-classroom experiences, and all other aspects of their lives.
2. To have an open dialogue with your students about ways to promote personal health and balance, including coping with stress, alcohol/drugs, nutrition, sleep, exercise, and relationships. You empower your students to identify problems, develop plans, and work toward solutions independently.
3. To understand that there are limitations regarding access to specific student information as outlined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).
4. To know about and take advantage of opportunities to engage with the campus and surrounding community.
5. To generate goodwill for the university by helping spread the word about the resources and discoveries at UW-Madison, which impact both your students and society at large. Parents and families advocate for personal, state, and federal investments in higher education.



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With pen and paper in hand, students start off the new academic year in Agricultural Hall on the first day of class.



# August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 Eight-week summer session ends	6
7 First-quarter Housing payment due (Sept. 12 if paying with financial aid)	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Fall-term eligibility begins for University Health Services SHIP (Student Health Insurance Plan) fall/annual coverage period begins	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Financial aid refunds begin next week; is your student enrolled for eREFUND?	24	25	26 International Student Services Orientation (Aug. 26–Sept. 1)	27
28 Move-in for University Housing student employees McBurney Disability Resource Center student orientation (Aug. 28–29)	29 Deadline for first-year/transfer students to complete AlcoholEdu before registration hold	30 Financial aid begins applying to student Tuition Accounts eREFUNDS begin processing daily for students Move-in for all University Residence Halls (Aug. 30–Sept. 1, as assigned) Wisconsin Welcome begins	31 Checks begin processing weekly for Parent PLUS refunds and for students not enrolled for eREFUND Summer health fee eligibility ends at University Health Services Transfer Involvement 101	<b>Did You Know?</b> Located in the Lakeshore neighborhood, Open House is an inclusive gender-learning community committed to building ties among students of all genders, sexualities, and backgrounds. It offers a place for students to discover identity and acceptance.		

## What's Happening with Your Students

Students are thinking about their new fall living arrangements. If your students are in shared living environments, discuss how shared responsibilities (paying bills, cleaning, and other duties) will be worked out. How are new living arrangements going to change budget needs?

Many students living off campus will be moving around August 15. This is a hectic time, and students appreciate help with moving and storage.

Most students are adjusting to life in a new living situation and, for some, in a new city or state. Returning students who were home for the summer may be relieved to resume their independent college lifestyle and reconnect with friends, while others may soon miss home. Talk with your students about plans to stay in touch during the semester. If your students are living in University Housing, they should complete a roommate agreement form with their House Fellow.

Students are preparing for fall classes. They should log in to the MyUW Student Center to update their contact information, check residence for tuition status, access their class schedule, and print a Pinpoint map of where their classes meet. They also begin purchasing textbooks and other course materials.



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Badger fans cheer on the Wisconsin football team at Camp Randall Stadium. Storied game-day traditions include “Jump Around” between the third and fourth quarters, when the stands erupt with thousands of jumping fans. In 2012, it was voted the best college football tradition in a *Sports Illustrated* contest.



# September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Did You Know?</b></p> <p>Celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2016, the Morgridge Center for Public Service helps students engage with the community through service and learning. Students build mutually beneficial relationships through volunteering experiences, service-learning courses, and personalized service projects.</p>				1	2	3
			<p>Sunburst Festival (Union South)</p> <p>Photo Shoot with Bucky</p>		<p>Tuition eBills available for students and Authorized Payers</p> <p>Chancellor's Convocation</p> <p>Night at Overture</p>	<p>Taste of Madison (Sept. 3–4)</p>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<p>Labor Day (no classes)</p> <p>Last day to cancel enrollment without transcript record</p>	<p>Instruction begins</p> <p>Multicultural Organization Festival</p>		<p>International Academic Programs (Study Abroad)</p> <p>First-Year Student Welcome</p>	<p>Late initial enrollment fee applies after this date</p> <p>Multicultural Orientation and Reception (MCOR)</p> <p>Transfer Student Retreat</p>	<p>Eid al-Adha begins at sundown*</p> <p>Home Football UW vs. Akron Zips</p>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<p>Wisconsin Ironman competition</p>	<p>First-quarter Housing payment due if paying with financial aid</p>	<p>Transfer Student Welcome Dinner</p>	<p>Last day to drop courses or withdraw without notation on transcript</p> <p>Study Abroad Fair</p> <p>Student Organization Fair (Sept. 14–15)</p> <p>SHIP (Student Health Insurance Plan) fall/annual open enrollment deadline</p>		<p>Last day to add courses</p> <p>Last day for 100% tuition adjustment on dropped courses</p> <p>Deadline for first-year/transfer students to complete Tonight prevention program before registration hold</p>	<p>Home Football UW vs. Georgia State Panthers</p> <p><b>Parents' Day at the UW Football Game</b></p>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		<p>Career Exploration Center Open House</p>		<p>First day of fall</p> <p>Fall Career and Internship Fair</p>	<p>Tuition due for fall term</p> <p>Second-quarter Housing bill published</p>	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
		<p>Fall Public Service Fair</p>			<p>Last day for 50% tuition adjustment on dropped courses</p> <p>Last day to apply for pass/fail privilege</p> <p>Last day to convert a course from credit to audit</p>	

## What's Happening with Your Students

Students are presented with hundreds of ways to get involved, including student organizations, fraternities and sororities, intramural sports, jobs, and volunteer opportunities. Involved students tend to do better academically. Talk with your students about how they are getting involved.

Students focus on study skills and time management as they adapt to a new schedule and course requirements. Encourage your students to use campus resources and to get to know teaching assistants and professors by taking advantage of office hours.

Alcohol use may increase at this time of year. As parents, you can influence your students' choices. Have an honest conversation about alcohol—encourage responsibility and moderation. The legal drinking age in Wisconsin is 21.

Issues with roommates may arise. Talk with your students about compromise and community living.

Career and internship on-campus recruiting begins at the end of the month. Encourage your students to attend the Fall Career and Internship Fair to build a professional network.

Ask your first-year or transfer students whether they have completed the Tonight prevention program. Students must do so by September 16.



August 2016							October 2016						
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\*Date based on lunar calendar and may vary

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Trails of leaves cover the UW Arboretum's grounds during fall. Balancing research, educational, and recreational use, the 1,200-acre Arboretum holds the oldest and widest variety of restored ecological communities in the world.



# October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Did You Know?</b> Remzi Arpacı-Dusseau, a professor of computer sciences, received a 2016 Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award. In addition to his student-focused teaching style and innovative research on data storage systems, Arpacı-Dusseau has collaborated with global companies such as IBM and Samsung.						1 Islamic New Year begins* Navratri begins* Multicultural Leadership Summit FAFSA available to apply for 2017–18 aid year *Date based on lunar calendar and may vary
2  Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown	3	4	5	6  Multicultural Career and Internship Fair and Networking Event	7	8
9	10  Graduate School Fair	11  Yom Kippur begins at sundown National Coming Out Day	12  University Housing returning resident notice of intent begins	13	14	15  Home Football UW vs. Ohio State Buckeyes
16  Sukkot begins at sundown	17	18  Majors Fair	19	20	21  Family Weekend (Oct. 21–23)	22  Family Weekend
23  Family Weekend	24  Second-quarter Housing payment due	25	26	27	28	29
30  Diwali begins*	31  Halloween					Home Football UW vs. Nebraska Cornhuskers

## What's Happening with Your Students

Students experience their first semester of midterms and papers. A healthy diet, exercise, sufficient sleep, and a balance of work and play are all great ways to keep stress levels low. Ask how your students are balancing extracurricular activities with academic responsibilities.

Many students start discussing next year's living arrangements and may feel pressured to sign a lease soon. Encourage your students to take time in making this decision. Although some vacancies for next fall may be advertised as early as October, the most selection and choice of available off-campus housing is available November–February. Also, many students take advantage of returning to University Housing, including the Career Kickstart program in Ogg Hall.

Many students begin applying for financial aid for next year by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. Talk with your students about finances for the upcoming semester and next year.

Students will soon receive information about course enrollment dates for spring semester.

Students look forward to showing you around campus during Family Weekend, UW–Madison's signature event for Badger families.



September 2016							November 2016						
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The Wisconsin State Capitol, which is located approximately a mile away from Bascom Hill, features the only granite dome in the United States. Some UW–Madison students intern for state legislators throughout the building.



# November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1  Admissions Winter Course Equivalency Service begins (Nov. 1–Dec. 1)	2	3	4  Last day to drop fall courses	5
6  Daylight Saving Time ends  Homecoming Week (Nov. 6–12)	7	8  Election Day	9  Can now withdraw without repayment of aid for fall term  University Housing returning resident room selection begins	10	11  Veterans Day	12  Homecoming Home Football UW vs. Illinois Fighting Illini
13  Madison Fall Marathon	14  Enrollment begins for spring term	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24  Thanksgiving Day  Thanksgiving recess (Nov. 24–27)	25  Last day to withdraw without academic penalty	26  Home Football UW vs. Minnesota Golden Gophers
27  Classes resume	28	29	30	<div> <div>Did You Know?</div> <div>The Undergraduate Research Scholars program offers first- and second-year students the opportunity to gain hands-on research experience. Scholars work alongside a research mentor to develop skills and participate in seminars exploring recent topics.</div> </div>		

## What's Happening with Your Students

Students may get sick for the first time this semester as cold and flu season begins. Remind your students to get a free flu shot, provided by University Health Services. See the “Resources” section at the back of the calendar for more information about University Health Services.

The term is coming to an end, and students may be feeling pressure to complete papers and projects. Some students who may have fallen behind will pull “all-nighters” to get their work done. Encourage your students to try to get eight hours of sleep, but realize that four or five hours is better than none at all. This is a great time to send your students cards, photos, gift baskets, or other greetings.

Students are starting to think about Thanksgiving recess. Many students go home, while some remain on campus. Talk with your students about plans for the upcoming break and arrangements for traveling home.

Encourage your students to speak to advisors and explore scholarship opportunities throughout the year on the Scholarships@UW–Madison website ([scholarships.wisc.edu](http://scholarships.wisc.edu)). Scholarships are generally based on academic merit, outstanding ability in a particular field, and, in some cases, financial need.



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Light snow sprinkles the iconic Abraham Lincoln statue atop Bascom Hill. Behind Abe sits another campus landmark, Bascom Hall, which houses several classrooms and many administrative offices.



# December 2016

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

## Did You Know?

UW–Madison provides many ways for both music majors and non-majors to stay—or become—pitch perfect. Students can enroll in performance courses, join student organizations such as a cappella groups, and participate in the School of Music's bands, choirs, and orchestras.



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Third-quarter Housing bill published

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## What's Happening with Your Students

Students may be feeling pressure as they are finishing papers and preparing for final exams. Encourage your students to take advantage of study groups and tutoring services. This is an ideal time for you to send words of encouragement or care packages. Explore the Send a Smile section of the Parent Program website for ideas. Remind your students to eat well, attend office hours, and get enough sleep.

Some students will find that their budgets have not extended as far as they had hoped. Over break, talk with your students about finances. Students may want to get a job for the upcoming semester. For job opportunities, students can visit [jobcenter.wisc.edu](http://jobcenter.wisc.edu).

After finals, students are often exhausted both mentally and physically. Winter break is a good time for students to relax and catch up on much-needed sleep. Talk with your students about plans for the break.

Students may start thinking about upcoming study-abroad and international learning opportunities. Discuss possible study-abroad and international internship locations, as well as financial plans. Many application deadlines for Summer 2017 and Fall/Academic Year 2017–18 are in February and March. Visit [studyabroad.wisc.edu](http://studyabroad.wisc.edu) and [internships.international.wisc.edu](http://internships.international.wisc.edu).



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Last day of class  
SHIP (Student Health Insurance Plan) spring/summer open enrollment begins

Last day to accept financial aid for fall term  
Study day

Exams begin

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Winter break (Dec. 24–Jan. 16)  
Hanukkah begins at sundown  
Christmas Eve  
University Residence Halls close at noon

Winter Commencement

First day of winter

Exams end

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Christmas

Kwanzaa begins

New Year's Eve





Science Hall is home to the Department of Geography and the Gaylord Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies. Recognized as a National Historic Landmark, Science Hall was constructed almost entirely of metal and masonry after its predecessor burned down in 1884.



# January 2017

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

1 New Year's Day	2	3 Financial Aid refunds begin next week; is your student enrolled for eREFUND?	4	5	6	7
8	9 Third-quarter Housing payment due (Jan. 23 if paying with financial aid)	10 Financial aid begins applying to student Tuition Accounts eREFUNDS begin processing daily for students	11 CHECKS begin processing weekly for Parent PLUS refunds and for students not enrolled for eREFUND	12	13 Tuition eBills available for students and Authorized Payers Deadline for new students to complete AlcoholEdu before registration hold	14 University Residence Halls open End of fall-term eligibility for University Health Services Spring-term eligibility begins for University Health Services
15 SHIP (Student Health Insurance Plan) spring/summer coverage period begins	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Last day to cancel enrollment without transcript record	17 Instruction begins	18	19	20 Late initial enrollment fee applies after this date	21
22	23 Third-quarter Housing payment due if paying with financial aid	24	25 Last day to drop courses or withdraw without notation on transcript Spring Public Service Fair	26	27 Last day for 100% tuition adjustment on dropped courses Last day to add courses	28 Chinese New Year

## What's Happening with Your Students

Students see their fall-semester grades and reflect on the semester. Ask your students what went well and what they would like to do differently. Scheduling an advising appointment is a good place to start.

In mid-January, students return to campus after a long break. Some will be relieved to return to being on their own while others may miss home. Talk with your students about plans to stay in touch.

Students are preparing for spring classes. They should log in to the MyUW Student Center to update their emergency and contact information and access their class schedules. Students intending to graduate this semester need to apply for graduation through their Student Center.

Students begin purchasing textbooks and other course materials as they prepare for the upcoming spring semester.

Students can register for intramural sports as a way to stay active during the cold months.



December 2016							February 2017						
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## Did You Know?

In 2015, UW-Madison was again recognized as a top learning institution, ranking 11th among U.S. public universities by both *U.S. News & World Report* and *Forbes* and 24th in the world by the Academic Ranking of World Universities.







A skier competes during the Hoofers Rail Jam on Observatory Hill. The event is part of the annual Hoofers Winter Carnival, which features a week of free campus activities, such as horse-drawn carriage rides, ice skating, and a pond hockey tournament.



# February 2017

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

			1  University Housing summer resident application available	2	3  Tuition due for spring term	4
5  UW Founders' Day	6	7	8	9	10 Fourth-quarter Housing bill published Last day to convert a course from credit to audit Last day to apply for pass/fail privilege Last day for 50% tuition adjustment on dropped courses	11
12	13	14 Valentine's Day SHIP (Student Health Insurance Plan) spring/summer open enrollment deadline	15	16	17 Deadline for new students to complete Tonight prevention program before registration hold	18
19  International Internship Program summer deadline	20  Presidents' Day	21	22	23	24	25

## Did You Know?

Astronomy Professor Eric Wilcots received the 2015 Chancellor's Inclusive Excellence Award. Wilcots, a renowned astrophysicist and advocate for inclusiveness on campus, teaches through storytelling, drawing non-science majors to astronomy courses.



## What's Happening with Your Students

Students begin planning for spring break. They may feel pressured by friends to go to warm and exotic places. Many UW-Madison students do not spend spring break at a vacation destination, but instead work, volunteer, or spend time with family and friends. The Wisconsin Union Directorate hosts an Alternative Breaks program that combines traveling and volunteering.

Valentine's Day may serve as the highlight for some students, but it may be a source of anxiety for others. Students appreciate receiving cards or care packages from family and friends. Visit our Send a Smile web page for gift basket options.

Extended periods of cold temperatures and fewer daylight hours in the winter months may leave students feeling "down" and restless from spending so much time indoors. Alcohol use also increases during this time of year. Talk to your students about how they are handling the weather and what they are doing to get involved and stay healthy this semester.

Ask your first-year or transfer students whether they have completed the Tonight prevention program. Students must do so by February 17.

Encourage your students to check out Black History Month events on campus.



January 2017							March 2017						
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29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30	31	

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Color-coordinated fans fill the Kohl Center to watch the Wisconsin men's basketball team defeat Michigan State in March 2015. The Kohl Center also hosts the women's basketball team and men's hockey team.



# March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>Did You Know?</div> <div>From study-abroad opportunities in more than 70 countries on six continents, to professional experiences through the International Internship Program, there are numerous ways for Badgers to get involved, gain course credit, and develop language skills on a global scale.</div>	<div>INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS</div> <div></div>	1	2	3	4	
		<div>Ash Wednesday</div> <div>Admissions Summer Course Equivalency Service begins (March 1–May 15)</div>				
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
						<div>Purim begins at sundown</div>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<div>Daylight Saving Time begins</div>	<div>Fourth-quarter Housing payment due</div>		<div>University Housing returning resident contracts due</div>		<div>St. Patrick's Day</div> <div>Last day to drop spring courses</div>	<div>Spring recess (March 18–26)</div>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	<div>First day of spring</div>					
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	<div>Classes resume</div> <div>Enrollment begins for summer term</div>			<div>Can now withdraw without repayment of aid for spring term</div> <div>Wisconsin Film Festival (March 30–April 6)</div>	<div>UW Science Expeditions (March 31–April 2)</div>	

## What's Happening with Your Students

There are more midterms and papers this month. This is a great time to let your students know you are thinking of them by sending cards, photos, or other greetings.

Make plans now to attend Badger Family Spring Visit. We invite your Badger family to visit campus, your students, and Madison during April. Experience a variety of free and low-cost family-friendly events, as well as the beauty of springtime in Madison. Visit [parent.wisc.edu/visit](http://parent.wisc.edu/visit) for more information.

Many students will have finalized their housing arrangements for the upcoming year. Ask your students about this if you have not heard about their housing plans.

If your students are moving at the end of the semester, encourage advanced planning; for example, during spring break, students can bring home items they no longer need.

Students will soon receive information about course enrollment dates for summer and fall semesters, including their earliest enrollment appointment times. For more information, see the "Resources" section at the back of the calendar.



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Members from American Indian tribes participate in an annual spring powwow hosted by the UW–Madison student organization Wunk Sheek. Wisconsin is home to 11 American Indian tribes—the most of any state east of the Mississippi River.



# April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Did You Know?</b></p> <p>Badger Family Spring Visit offers a chance for the entire family to enjoy time with their student on campus and in the Madison community. Pick a weekend during April to attend the many low-cost and free events. Learn more about Parent Program events at <a href="http://parent.wisc.edu">parent.wisc.edu</a>.</p>						<p>1</p> <p><b>Badger Family Spring Visit (All Month)</b></p>
2	3 Enrollment begins for fall term	4	5	6	7	8  <b>Sibs Day</b> Engineering Expo
9	10 Passover begins at sundown	11	12	13 Undergraduate Symposium	14 Good Friday Baisakhi Last day to withdraw without academic penalty	15
16 Easter	17 Tax Day	18	19	20 Varsity Band Concert (April 20–22)	21	22 Earth Day
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 All-Campus Party (April 24–28)						Crazylegs Run/Walk

## What's Happening with Your Students

Students may begin to think about declaring (or changing) majors, pursuing summer jobs/internships, or finding summer housing. University Housing is a great housing option when taking summer classes. If your students are in the process of deciding which direction to take, encourage them to explore the options and keep an open mind. Ask your students about a favorite class or what topic(s) they find interesting. Remind them about campus resources. For more information, see the "Resources" section in the back of the calendar.

Warmer temperatures and more sunshine may lead to spring fever. Students may find it hard to concentrate on academics and may spend more time outdoors. Ask your students how they are planning ahead and staying on top of tasks. Staying healthy—eating a balanced diet, getting enough sleep, exercising, and balancing work with play—is just as important as studying.

Many students participate in All-Campus Party, a week-long alcohol-free celebration sponsored by the Wisconsin Alumni Association.



March 2017							May 2017						
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Graduates watch the outdoor commencement ceremony from their seats in Camp Randall Stadium. Many graduating students choose to decorate their caps, leaving their final, personalized mark at UW–Madison.



# May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Multicultural Leadership Awards Chancellor's Undergraduate Awards Ceremony	2	3	4 Last day of class	5 Cinco de Mayo Study day Summer refunds begin soon; is your student enrolled for eREFUND?	6 Exams begin
7 *Date based on lunar calendar and may vary	8 Last day to accept financial aid for spring term and/or academic year	9	10	11	12 Commencement Weekend (May 12-13) Exams end	13 Commencement ceremony for bachelor's, master's, and law degree candidates
14 Mother's Day University Residence Halls close	15 Four-week summer session begins	16	17 Summer Tuition eBills available for students and Authorized Payers	18	19	20 End of spring-term eligibility for University Health Services
21 Summer health fee eligibility begins at University Health Services	22	23	24	25	26 Ramadan begins at sundown*	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30 Shavuot begins at sundown Three-week summer session begins	31	<b>Did You Know?</b> Enrolling in summer courses can help students get ahead, graduate on time, and focus on a challenging course. In addition, it's less expensive for students to complete their degrees in four years with two summer terms compared to returning for a fifth year.		

## What's Happening with Your Students

Stress levels often increase as students are completing papers and projects and taking final exams. Encourage your students to take advantage of study groups and tutoring services. This is a great time of year to send care packages or e-postcards, or visit our Send a Smile web page for gift basket options.

Some students may be staying in Madison and taking classes or working. Others are preparing to move back home and/or relocate for a summer internship. Talk with your students about summer plans.

After finals, students are often exhausted both mentally and physically. They will look forward to finding time to relax and catch up on much-needed sleep.

Students should update their current address for the summer through the MyUW Student Center.

Graduating students begin to reflect on their time as undergraduates and prepare for a new transition. Remind your graduates to stay connected to services and events through the Wisconsin Alumni Association.



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A rare sight of empty tables and chairs at the Memorial Union Terrace follows an early morning rain shower. Students and the campus community frequent the Terrace to socialize with friends, catch outdoor movies, and enjoy the view of Lake Mendota.



# June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Did You Know?</b> Anthropology Professor Sissel Schroeder received a 2014 Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award and was one of two professors selected for the 2015–16 Race, Ethnicity, and Indigeneity Faculty Fellowship. Her courses include General Anthropology, Archaeology of Wisconsin, and a Field Course in Archaeology.	 <small>SARAH MORTON</small>			1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 <small>Summer refunds begin next week; is your student enrolled for eREFUND?</small>	9 <small>Four-week summer session ends</small>	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 <small>Three-week summer session ends</small>	17
18 <small>Father's Day</small>	19 <small>Juneteenth Eight-week summer session begins</small>	20	21 <small>First day of summer</small>	22	23 <small>Tuition due for summer term</small>	24 <small>Eid al-Fitr begins at sundown*</small>
25	26	27	28	29	30	

## What's Happening with Your Students

While many students return home for the summer, others stay to experience a summer in Madison. Students who leave campus for the summer may wonder what will happen to their friendships and other relationships. Ask your students how they plan to stay in touch with college friends.

Students who take summer courses at UW–Madison will find that the condensed timeframe means that courses are more intense than in the fall and spring semesters, which can make balancing academics and social time more challenging.

Summer is a good time for students to reflect on the successes and challenges of the past year. Ask your students about goals for the year ahead. Encourage them to take advantage of campus resources, such as advising offices and career centers, which can help with upcoming decisions. Many of these offices remain open during the summer months.

Students living away from home may, for the first time, miss important family gatherings or family vacations. Even if your students are unable to attend, keep them in the loop before and after these events.



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\*Date based on lunar calendar and may vary





From taking lessons on watercraft to simply watching a sunset from the Goodspeed Family Pier, there are many ways for students to enjoy Lake Mendota during the summertime. Those interested in racing can join the UW Sailing Team and compete in regional and national regattas.



# July 2017

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

## Did You Know?

BRIDGE (Building Relationships in Diverse Global Environments) is a friendship program that pairs international students with U.S. students to ease the transition to a new culture. The program fosters intercultural exchange through fun events such as field trips, potluck dinners, and a prom.



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2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8 Art Fair on the Square (July 8–9)
9	10	11	12	13	14 Maxwell Street Days (July 14–16)	15 SHIP (Student Health Insurance Plan) fall/annual open enrollment begins
16	17	18	19 Dane County Fair (July 19–23)	20	21	22
23 Restaurant Week (July 23–28)	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Ramadan ends					

## What's Happening with Your Students

Students who stay in Madison for the summer often form stronger connections with the community—by working off campus, going to area restaurants, and attending events. Encourage your students to explore Madison and the surrounding community. You may also want to plan a trip to Madison to visit your students.

Madison is electric in the summer! Hooper Outing Club offers water-sport lessons, and Concerts on the Square (hosted by the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra) are free. The Dane County Farmers' Market is the largest producer-only market in the country.

Students living at home may start missing college friends and feel anxious to return to campus. They may also want to spend much of their remaining free time with old friends. Tensions may increase because your students are becoming more independent. Keep lines of communication open, tell your students that you love them, and continue to build upon your new adult-to-adult relationship.

If your students are working during the summer to help pay for costs during the academic year, check in about savings: are things on track with what has been planned?



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Under the direction of Michael Leckrone, members of the UW Marching Band perform during a football game. One of the band's notable traditions is the "Fifth Quarter," when fans stay to sing and dance to classic tunes after each home game.



# August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Did You Know?</b> WSUM, UW–Madison’s student-run radio station, trains students of any major and experience level to create and host their own music, talk, or sports shows. The free-form station can be heard over the radio (91.7 FM) or streamed online (WSUM.org).		1	2	3	4	5
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					Eight-week summer session ends	12
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		Fall-term eligibility begins for University Health Services  SHIP (Student Health Insurance Plan) fall/annual coverage period begins				19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Financial aid refunds begin next week; is your student enrolled for eREFUND?				
27	28	29	30	31		
		Financial aid begins applying to student Tuition Accounts  eREFUNDS begin processing daily for students	CHECKS begin processing weekly for Parent PLUS refunds and for students not enrolled for eREFUND  University Residence Halls move-in (Aug. 30–31, as assigned)	Summer health fee eligibility ends at University Health Services		

## Notes



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## September 2017

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## October 2017

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## November 2017

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## December 2017

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## 2017–18 Dates

University Residence Halls move-in	Aug. 30–31, 2017
Labor Day	Sept. 4, 2017
Instruction begins	Sept. 5, 2017
Tuition due	Sept. 22, 2017
Thanksgiving recess	Nov. 23–26, 2017
Last class day	Dec. 15, 2017
Exams begin	Dec. 17, 2017
Winter Commencement	Dec. 17, 2017
Exams end	Dec. 23, 2017
Instruction begins	Jan. 16, 2018
Tuition due	Feb. 2, 2018
Spring recess	March 24–April 1, 2018
Classes resume	April 2, 2018
Last class day	May 3, 2018
Exams begin	May 5, 2018
Exams end	May 11, 2018
Commencement Weekend	May 11–12, 2018



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Campus Area Housing Listing Service (off-campus housing)	608-263-2452	<a href="http://www.campusareahousing.wisc.edu">www.campusareahousing.wisc.edu</a>
Campus and Visitor Relations (campus information)	608-263-2400	<a href="http://www.info.wisc.edu">www.info.wisc.edu</a>
Division of Information Technology (DoIT Help Desk)	608-264-4357	<a href="http://www.it.wisc.edu">www.it.wisc.edu</a>
Division of Student Life	608-263-5700	<a href="http://www.students.wisc.edu">www.students.wisc.edu</a>
Greater Madison Convention and Visitors Bureau	1-800-373-6376	<a href="http://www.visitmadison.com">www.visitmadison.com</a>
International Academic Programs (study abroad)	608-265-6329	<a href="http://www.studyabroad.wisc.edu">www.studyabroad.wisc.edu</a>
Memorial Union	608-265-3000	<a href="http://www.union.wisc.edu">www.union.wisc.edu</a>
Office of Admissions and Recruitment	608-262-3961	<a href="http://www.admissions.wisc.edu">www.admissions.wisc.edu</a>
Office of the Registrar	608-262-3811	<a href="http://www.registrar.wisc.edu">www.registrar.wisc.edu</a>
Office of Student Financial Aid (grants, loans, and student employment)	608-262-3060	<a href="http://www.finaid.wisc.edu">www.finaid.wisc.edu</a>
Parent Program	1-877-262-3977	<a href="http://www.parent.wisc.edu">www.parent.wisc.edu</a>
SAFE Nighttime Services (SAFEwalk)	608-262-5000	<a href="http://www.transportation.wisc.edu/transportation/safeservices.aspx">www.transportation.wisc.edu/transportation/safeservices.aspx</a>
Union South	608-890-3000	<a href="http://www.union.wisc.edu">www.union.wisc.edu</a>
University Book Store	608-257-3784	<a href="http://www.uwbookstore.com">www.uwbookstore.com</a>
University Health Services	608-265-5600	<a href="http://www.uhs.wisc.edu">www.uhs.wisc.edu</a>
University Housing (on-campus housing)	608-262-2522	<a href="http://www.housing.wisc.edu">www.housing.wisc.edu</a>
UW Badger Athletics Ticket Office	1-800-462-2343 1-800-(GOBADGERS)	<a href="http://www.uwbadgers.com">www.uwbadgers.com</a>
UW Police (non-emergency)	608-264-2677	<a href="http://www.uwupd.wisc.edu">www.uwupd.wisc.edu</a>
UW Student Job Center	608-262-5627	<a href="http://www.jobcenter.wisc.edu">www.jobcenter.wisc.edu</a>
UW Transportation Services (campus parking and commuter solutions)	608-263-6666	<a href="http://www.transportation.wisc.edu">www.transportation.wisc.edu</a>
Wiscard Office	608-262-3258	<a href="http://www.wiscard.wisc.edu">www.wiscard.wisc.edu</a>
Wisconsin Alumni Association	1-888-947-2586	<a href="http://www.uwalumni.com">www.uwalumni.com</a>



# Important Dates 2016–2017

First-quarter Housing payment due	August 8, 2016 (Sept. 12 if paying with Financial Aid)
University Residence Halls move-in (as assigned)	August 30–September 1, 2016
Labor Day (no classes)	September 5, 2016
Instruction begins	September 6, 2016
Parents' Day at the UW Football Game	September 17, 2016
Tuition due for fall term	September 23, 2016
Family Weekend	October 21–23, 2016
Second-quarter Housing payment due	October 24, 2016
Thanksgiving recess	November 24–27, 2016
Last day of class	December 15, 2016
Study day	December 16, 2016
Exams begin	December 17, 2016
Winter Commencement	December 18, 2016
Exams end	December 23, 2016
University Residence Halls close	December 24, 2016
Third-quarter Housing payment due	January 9, 2017 (Jan. 23 if paying with Financial Aid)
University Residence Halls open	January 14, 2017
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 16, 2017
Instruction begins	January 17, 2017
Tuition due for spring term	February 3, 2017
Fourth-quarter Housing payment due	March 13, 2017
Spring recess	March 18–26, 2017

Classes resume	March 27, 2017
Last day of class	May 4, 2017
Study day	May 5, 2017
Exams begin	May 6, 2017
Exams end	May 12, 2017
Commencement Weekend	May 12–13, 2017
University Residence Halls close	May 14, 2017
Eight-week summer session begins	June 19, 2017
Tuition due for summer term	June 23, 2017

Events and deadlines in this calendar are subject to change and are specific to undergraduate students. For additional important dates and events, visit the Parent Program website ([parent.wisc.edu](http://parent.wisc.edu)) or call 1-877-262-3977.

## BADGER FAMILY SPRING VISIT APRIL 2017

### ***Badger Family Spring Visit is back!***

Bring the entire family and enjoy time with your student. Explore the campus and the Madison community. Pick a date during April 2017, then attend the events and attractions that interest you the most.

**WATCH FOR DETAILS IN JANUARY 2017.**



UW–MADISON PARENT PROGRAM



# Campus Resources

## Academics and Career

### Academic Advising

There is an extensive network of academic, career, program, and non-academic advisors at the UW who are here to help students connect to campus resources and opportunities, explore and reach their bigger picture academic and career goals, and take charge of their education. All students are assigned an advisor in their area(s) of academic interest, or to an advisor who specializes in working with students who are undecided or haven't yet declared a major. Students should meet with their assigned advisor(s) at least once a semester and are encouraged to discuss topics beyond course enrollment, such as connecting majors to careers, getting involved, and creating a graduation timeline. **Web:** [advising.wisc.edu](http://advising.wisc.edu)

### Career Advising

Each school or college provides career services to its students. The Career Exploration Center is a campuswide service that works with students who are exploring major and career options. Depending upon the fields of study within each school or college, ongoing services and events are offered and vary according to specific disciplines. Students can start career advising as early as their first semester, and some academic departments also provide specialized career services for students, as well as information on internships and jobs post-graduation. **Web:** [careers.wisc.edu](http://careers.wisc.edu)

### Student Center in MyUW

Students can handle much of their university business by visiting the Student Center in MyUW at [my.wisc.edu](http://my.wisc.edu):

- Search and enroll for classes and obtain textbook information
- View tuition account charges and payments and access links to view, print, and pay eBills, and set up Authorized Payers
- View grades, order transcripts and enrollment verifications, and view/update emergency and contact information
- Check financial aid status and accept/decline a financial aid award

### Course Enrollment Process

Enrollment for continuing students begins in mid-November for spring term, late March for summer term, and early April for fall term. In preparation for meeting with an advisor and enrolling,

students can use Course Guide and Schedule Planner to find courses, view course and instructor information, and create customized schedules. Encourage your students to speak with an academic advisor or attend a group advising session before enrollment, even if it is not required. Students should plan to meet with their advisor about a month prior to enrollment to ensure availability. Each student's assigned advisor is listed via the Student Center in MyUW. Additional details about course enrollment, including demos of the enrollment system, are available at [registrar.wisc.edu](http://registrar.wisc.edu). **Enrollment Helpline:** 608-262-0920; **Email:** [webenroll@em.wisc.edu](mailto:webenroll@em.wisc.edu)

### Course Guide in MyUW

Course Guide is a course planning tool for students. Students can view course and instructor information, identify their favorite courses, create customized course plans, link to enrollment, view textbook information, and more. Course Guide should be used in conjunction with Schedule Planner. Students can access Course Guide through MyUW. Parents and others can view Course Guide at [mycourseguide.wisc.edu](http://mycourseguide.wisc.edu).

### Schedule Planner

Students use Schedule Planner to help create class schedules each term. Students import planned courses from Course Guide; set up blocked times for events such as work, practice, or lunch; pick from a variety of possible schedule options; and select the schedules they want. Students can then import their schedules directly to their Student Center Wish List/ Shopping Cart and proceed with course enrollment. Students can access Schedule Planner through Course Guide.

### Apply for Graduation

Students enrolling for their final term should apply for graduation via the Student Center in MyUW. Encourage your students to apply early in the term to allow adequate time to complete a review of requirements and to receive email messages about commencement and diplomas.

### Center for the First-Year Experience (CFYE)

CFYE leads the campus in coordinating, facilitating, and assessing the first year of college for freshmen and new undergraduate

transfers. The center coordinates Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR); Wisconsin Welcome; the Transfer Transition Program and Transfer Ambassadors Program; and the Wisconsin Experience Seminar course (CP 125). **Phone:** 608-263-0367; **Address:** 101 Ingraham Hall, 1155 Observatory Drive; **Web:** [newstudent.wisc.edu](http://newstudent.wisc.edu) and [soar.wisc.edu](http://soar.wisc.edu); **Social:** [facebook.com/uwnewstudent](https://facebook.com/uwnewstudent), [twitter.com/uwnewstudent](https://twitter.com/uwnewstudent), and [instagram.com/uwnewstudent](https://instagram.com/uwnewstudent)

### Division of Information Technology (DoIT)

DoIT provides campus information technology resources for UW–Madison students, faculty, and staff. Resources include:

- DoIT Tech Store: expert advice and academic discounts on tech essentials, including computing hardware and accessories
- DoIT Help Desk: free tech support and warranty repair available seven days a week
- Campus Software Library: free security and academic software for students
- MyUW: email, calendar, and student/campus information
- Computer Security: free security software to keep students' devices and information safe
- Computer Labs: more than 2,000 computers free to use across campus
- Training: free tech classes and training

**DoIT Tech Store and Help Desk locations:** Computer Sciences, 1210 W. Dayton Street; Health Sciences Learning Center, 750 Highland Avenue; 333 East Campus Mall; **Phone:** 608-264-3648; **Web:** [techstore.doit.wisc.edu](http://techstore.doit.wisc.edu)

For more information, visit [it.wisc.edu](http://it.wisc.edu).

### International Academic Programs (IAP)/Study Abroad

IAP offers more than 200 study-abroad programs on six continents for students in all schools and colleges at UW–Madison. These high-quality programs offer a variety of opportunities that work for most majors, from history to biochemistry to economics. Financial aid, scholarships, and grants are available to assist with funding study-abroad opportunities. **Phone:** 608-265-6329; **Address:** 106 Red Gym, 716 Langdon Street; **Email:** [peeradvisor@studyabroad.wisc.edu](mailto:peeradvisor@studyabroad.wisc.edu); **Web:** [studyabroad.wisc.edu](http://studyabroad.wisc.edu)



# Campus Resources

## International Internship Program (IIP)

IIP works with students of all majors looking to gain experience and explore careers through an international internship. Students can intern around the world or in the U.S. Advising, academic credit, and scholarships are available. **Phone: 608-261-1017; Email: [internships@international.wisc.edu](mailto:internships@international.wisc.edu); Web: [internships.international.wisc.edu](http://internships.international.wisc.edu)**

## Libraries

The UW–Madison Libraries rank among the top research libraries in North America. Librarians provide students with on-demand research assistance in person and via chat, text, and phone. Instructional tutorials and workshops also assist your students during all stages of the research process. Libraries provide free access to equipment (e.g., laptops, cameras, etc.) and a variety of spaces for all types of study needs. **Web: [library.wisc.edu](http://library.wisc.edu)**

## Health, Wellness, and Safety

### Recreational Sports (Rec Sports)

Rec Sports provides activities and programs that enhance the UW–Madison experience by encouraging students to play hard, get fit, and live well. Students can take advantage of open recreation opportunities at four indoor facilities and more than 60 acres of outdoor activity space. Programs include Intramural Sports, Sport Clubs, Fitness, Ice, Tennis, and Aquatics. **Web: [recsports.wisc.edu](http://recsports.wisc.edu)**

### SAFE (Safe Arrival For Everyone) Nighttime Services

The goal of SAFE is to promote personal and community safety by offering SAFEwalk services and educating the UW community on matters of nighttime safety.

**Phone: 608-262-5000; Web: [transportation.wisc.edu/transportation/safeservices\\_walk.aspx](http://transportation.wisc.edu/transportation/safeservices_walk.aspx)**

### University Health Services (UHS)

University Health Services (UHS) is the student health center on campus. A team of experienced, culturally competent professionals provides medical treatment of injuries and illnesses; therapy for a range of mental health and personal concerns; wellness services; and prevention programs. UHS End Violence

on Campus (EVOC) provides victim advocacy and confidential support to student victims/survivors of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and/or stalking. These services are available at no cost. All students are eligible to use UHS services, most of which have been prepaid by tuition and fees. However, access to UHS is not a substitute for health insurance. For those who need insurance, UHS offers a comprehensive Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP). **Phone: 608-265-5600; Address: 333 East Campus Mall, Floors 5–8; Web: [uhs.wisc.edu](http://uhs.wisc.edu)**

### UW Police

The UW–Madison Police Department provides complete law enforcement services to the campus. It is an accredited law enforcement agency, recognized by three different organizations for demonstrating excellence in law enforcement. This diverse and progressive organization offers nationally recognized special units, including K9 and Mounted Patrol units. Officers are authorized to enforce all Wisconsin state laws and rules of the UW System Board of Regents and are deputized by the Dane County Sheriff. **Non-emergency phone: 608-264-2677; Address: 1429 Monroe Street; Web: [uwpd.wisc.edu](http://uwpd.wisc.edu)**

## Learning Support

### Academics in University Residence Halls

University Housing offers free tutoring in the residence halls for a variety of popular courses. It also provides convenient on-site academic advising in several residence halls through the Cross-College Advising Service (CCAS). **Web: [www.housing.wisc.edu/academics](http://www.housing.wisc.edu/academics)**

### Greater University Tutoring Service (GUTS)

GUTS is a student organization that connects UW–Madison students with volunteer tutors who provide free academic support. Tutors offer help on a variety of subjects through individual drop-in and semester-long group tutoring; conversational English partners; group foreign language practice; individual study skills consultations; and resources for exam preparation, time management, and academic planning. **Address: 333 E. Campus Mall #4413. Phone: 608-263-5666; Email: [guts@rso.wisc.edu](mailto:guts@rso.wisc.edu); Web: [guts.wisc.edu](http://guts.wisc.edu)**



## Staying Safe



As partners in staying safe, students should take personal responsibility for their safety. Encourage your students to use campus safety programs and services; remain aware of surroundings; walk in groups; use lighted paths when walking at night; lock doors and windows at all times; keep friends and family informed as

to where they are going and who they are with; carry a cell phone; call 911 immediately if they ever feel threatened; and, if choosing to drink alcohol, do so in moderation. For more safety information, visit [students.wisc.edu](http://students.wisc.edu) (Division of Student Life), [uwpd.wisc.edu](http://uwpd.wisc.edu) (UW Police Department), and [uhs.wisc.edu](http://uhs.wisc.edu) (University Health Services), or contact Parent Program staff at [parent.wisc.edu](http://parent.wisc.edu).

UW–Madison offers several important safety-related programs and services, including:

- University Police, our 24-hour police department devoted to providing for the safety and security of all people who come in contact with UW–Madison. Emergency phone: **911**. Non-emergency phone: **608-264-2677**.
- The SAFEwalk program, which promotes personal and community safety by offering FREE walking escorts. Encourage your students to program this number into their phones: **608-262-5000**.
- Designated lightway walking paths and emergency telephones located strategically throughout campus.
- Emergency Contact Information. Remind your students that keeping their emergency contact information up to date is critical, should an emergency arise. Students can access this through the Student Center on MyUW under Personal Information.
- Emergency Notifications (WiscAlerts). In the event of a campus emergency, UW–Madison will send up-to-date information to students through text, email, online postings, and news media. Encourage your students to sign up on the MyUW portal or at [alerts.wisc.edu](http://alerts.wisc.edu).
- A Chimera self-defense class. Students can sign up at [danecountyrcc.org/chimera](http://danecountyrcc.org/chimera).



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## Mathlab

Mathlab is a free, drop-in tutorial program primarily staffed by teaching assistants in the mathematics department. In Mathlab, students work with other students in the same course. Mathlab assistants help with one or two homework problems at a time, or with key examples from the text. **Web:** [math.wisc.edu/undergraduate/mathlab](http://math.wisc.edu/undergraduate/mathlab)

## Math Tutorial Program

The Math Tutorial Program is a free service designed for students who would otherwise not be successful in their current classes. The program involves mandatory attendance of two 50-minute sessions each week in addition to regular class sessions. **Email:** [frooney@math.wisc.edu](mailto:frooney@math.wisc.edu); **Web:** [math.wisc.edu/undergraduate/tprogram](http://math.wisc.edu/undergraduate/tprogram)



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## Writing Center

The Writing Center offers free assistance on organization, style, and mechanics in writing projects for most courses at any level. The Writing Center helps students become more effective and confident writers. The center also offers workshops on grammar, style, composition, planning, and organization, as well as writing for exams, research papers, research posters, book reviews, literary critiques, cover letters and résumés, and more. **Phone:** 608-263-1992; **Web:** [writing.wisc.edu](http://writing.wisc.edu)

## Housing

### University Housing

University Housing is built for your students' success. Students who live in University Housing perform better academically, become more involved in campus life, and can easily connect with other students in their halls. With live-in staff available 24/7, a variety of popular food options, and in-house resources such as tech centers, academic advisors, and tutoring, many students choose to live in the halls for multiple years. Our residents benefit from flexible academic-year contracts and security measures to keep them safe. Information about Housing payments can be found in the financial section of this calendar. **Phone:** 608-262-2522; **Address:** University Housing, Slichter Hall, 625 Babcock Drive; **Web:** [www.housing.wisc.edu](http://www.housing.wisc.edu)

### Campus Area Housing (CAH)

More than 35,000 UW-Madison students live in neighborhoods around campus. The CAH office maintains a listing service of area rental vacancies, roommate openings, and sublets in privately owned apartments, houses, and cooperatives/rooming houses near campus and throughout the Madison area. Students are able to use the CAH website to both search for housing and advertise their own sublets or rental vacancies. The CAH staff also offers rental information and educational resources through its website, by phone, and in person. **Phone:** 608-263-2452; **Address:** 1308 W. Dayton Street; **Web:** [campusareahousing.wisc.edu](http://campusareahousing.wisc.edu)



## Rental Resources/Mediation Services

Students have access to free or low-cost counseling for tenants interested in learning more about their rental rights and responsibilities. Information on state and local rental laws, regulations, and lease-screening services is available at the Tenant Resource Center. **Phone:** 608-257-0006 or 608-561-3727; **Address:** Student Activity Center, 333 East Campus Mall, Third Floor; **Web:** [tenantresourcecenter.org](http://tenantresourcecenter.org)

## Transportation and Parking

### Bus (Metro Transit)

UW-Madison students are eligible for the Associated Students of Madison (ASM) bus pass, which provides unlimited, free access to all city routes. Campus bus routes 80, 81, and 82 are funded jointly by UW Transportation Services and ASM, and are free to everyone, including students and visitors.

### Mopeds

Moped owners must have a valid UW-Madison parking permit and park in designated stalls on campus. **Web:** [transportation.wisc.edu](http://transportation.wisc.edu)

### Student Parking

UW-Madison discourages students from bringing vehicles to campus. Student parking on campus is extremely limited and few students qualify for permits.

### UW Transportation Services

In addition to administering all campus parking, Transportation Services also operates UW Commuter Solutions (the UW's comprehensive suite of alternative transportation options), runs SAFE Nighttime Services, and more. **Phone:** 608-263-6666; **Web:** [transportation.wisc.edu](http://transportation.wisc.edu)



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## Visitor Parking

If you are driving a vehicle while visiting campus, please plan to take a few extra minutes to locate parking. If you park in UW–Madison parking lots, please be prepared to pull a ticket, pay a meter, pay a parking attendant, or observe lot enforcement times posted at all lot entrances. Visitors can visit any of the Transportation Services' offices or call **608-263-6666** for assistance. In addition, the city of Madison has more than 5,000 public parking spaces downtown and on-street metered spaces for visitors.

## Out-of-Town Bus Services (all depart from campus)

**Badger Bus** offers service to the Milwaukee, Minneapolis, La Crosse, Brookfield, Eau Claire, Johnson Creek, Menomonie, and Whitewater areas. **Web:** [badgerbus.com](http://badgerbus.com)

**Better Bus** offers students direct service from UW–Madison to the Twin Cities during holidays, special events, and school breaks. **Web:** [betterbus.com](http://betterbus.com)

**Greyhound Bus** offers service to Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Indianapolis, and Lafayette, Indiana. **Web:** [greyhound.com](http://greyhound.com)

**Jefferson Bus Lines** offers service to La Crosse, Rochester, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, and the Chicago area. **Web:** [jeffersonlines.com](http://jeffersonlines.com)

**Lamers Bus Lines** offers service between Madison and the following areas: Green Bay/Appleton, Wausau, Dubuque, and Wisconsin Rapids. **Web:** [golamers.com](http://golamers.com)

**Mega Bus** offers service to Minneapolis and Chicago. **Web:** [megabus.com](http://megabus.com)

**Van Galder Bus Company** offers service to the Chicago area, Rockford, South Beloit, Janesville, and Minneapolis. **Web:** [coachusa.com/vangalder](http://coachusa.com/vangalder)

## Madison-Area Taxi Services

**Badger Cab:** 608-256-5566

**Green Cab:** 608-255-1234

**Madison Taxi:** 608-255-8294

**Union Cab:** 608-242-2000

## Air Travel

The Dane County Regional Airport is about seven miles from campus and services American Eagle, Delta, Frontier Airlines, and United Airlines. Students can easily get to the airport via taxi or the city bus.

Another option is to fly into Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport, Chicago O'Hare Airport, Chicago Midway Airport, or the Minneapolis–St. Paul Airport and use bus transportation.

## Out-of-Class Learning

### Center for Leadership & Involvement (CfLI)

CfLI is the link for students to get involved on campus and grow their leadership potential. The center helps students find information on how to develop their leadership skills and get involved in out-of-class learning experiences, including more than 900 student organizations. Students can showcase their leadership experiences through the Leadership Certificate Program and keep track of involvement through a Leadership & Involvement Record. The center sponsors several student organizations, including the Adventure Learning Programs, Greek Life (fraternities and sororities), Student Leadership Program, and the Wisconsin Singers. Additional information about other Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) can be found on the Wisconsin Involvement Network website at [win.wisc.edu](http://win.wisc.edu). **Phone:** 608-263-0365; **Address:** Red Gym, Third Floor, 716 Langdon Street; **Web:** [cfli.wisc.edu](http://cfli.wisc.edu)



## Morgridge Center for Public Service

The Morgridge Center for Public Service connects the UW–Madison campus with local, statewide, and global communities through volunteer opportunities, academic service-learning courses, research, and independent fellowships. Students interested in getting involved in service opportunities should take advantage of the Morgridge Center's resources and programs, including the fall and spring Public Service Fairs, Wisconsin Idea Fellowships, volunteer advising appointments, and the Badger Volunteers program—which attracts more than 800 UW–Madison students to volunteer weekly every semester. Students also have access to an online volunteer database at [volunteeryourtime.org](http://volunteeryourtime.org). **Phone:** 608-263-2432; **Email:** [info@morgridge.wisc.edu](mailto:info@morgridge.wisc.edu); **Web:** [morgridge.wisc.edu](http://morgridge.wisc.edu)

## How to Obtain Enrollment Verification

**Your student may obtain a letter certifying enrollment status (full time or part time) for insurance, scholarships, voter ID, and more by using one of the following methods:**

- Visit the Office of the Registrar, 333 East Campus Mall, #10101, for in-person service: 7:45 a.m.– 4:30 p.m., Monday–Friday
- Print a free grade report and/or obtain a free certification by selecting the My Academics tab in the Student Center in MyUW
- Send a signed, written request, including an addressed, stamped envelope, to:

Office of the Registrar  
Student Services  
University of Wisconsin–Madison  
333 East Campus Mall, #10101  
Madison, Wisconsin 53715-1384

For additional information, visit [registrar.wisc.edu/enrollment\\_verification\\_acad\\_rec.htm](http://registrar.wisc.edu/enrollment_verification_acad_rec.htm) or call the Office of the Registrar at **608-262-3811**.

\* NOTE: Students who need enrollment verification to meet the new voter ID requirements must obtain verification through the Student Center in MyUW.



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## UW Student Job Center

The UW Student Job Center and its website provide information about part-time openings on and off campus, as well as occasional full-time summer openings. Information about part-time jobs is also available through the student-employment offices of these university facilities: Memorial Union, University Housing, Recreational Sports, and UW Libraries (click on “Links” on the Job Center website to learn more). Graduates and experienced workers who are seeking full-time professional career opportunities should use the Career Services office and other resources that can be found on the Job Center’s “links” page. **Phone: 608-262-5627; Address: 333 East Campus Mall, #9701; Web: [jobcenter.wisc.edu](http://jobcenter.wisc.edu)**

## More Programs and Services

### Division of Student Life

Grounded in the ideals of the Wisconsin Idea, the eight departments within the division provide assistance and support to students to ensure that every student is given the opportunity for success in and out of the classroom. **Phone: 608-263-5700; Web: [students.wisc.edu](http://students.wisc.edu)**

### Dean of Students Office

- Provides appointment or walk-in or call-in assistance/consultation from 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m., Monday–Friday
- Provides assistance, advocacy, and referral services to campus and community resources for students in crisis
- Is responsible for academic and non-academic misconduct process and procedures
- Provides student veteran support and outreach

## Parental Notification Protocol

The university may contact a parent/guardian when there is a serious health, safety, or misconduct concern. This protocol provides an opportunity for the university to occasionally partner with a parent/guardian in order to assist students who may be struggling with an issue that is affecting their health or well-being.

## Campus and Visitor Relations (CAVR)

Campus and Visitor Relations is UW–Madison’s central source for information on campus and community programs and services, attractions, and events. CAVR also offers employment opportunities for students to share their Wisconsin Experience and become ambassadors to the university as tour guides and information guides.

**Locations: Campus and Community Information Welcome Desk (Union South and Memorial Union) and the Town Center Welcome Desk (Discovery Building, 330 N. Orchard Street). Phone: 608-263-2400; Web: [info.wisc.edu](http://info.wisc.edu)**

## International Student Services (ISS)

ISS offers a wide variety of services and programs for international students and their dependents at UW–Madison. Beginning with orientation for new arrivals and followed by continuing support throughout the duration of studies, ISS helps student visa holders understand how to maintain and achieve the benefits of their status. ISS also assists international students in adjusting to life in the U.S. by offering programming that promotes personal, academic, and professional success. To advance the internationalization of campus, programs that contribute to cultural exchange and increasing global awareness are offered as well. **Phone: 608-262-2044; Address: 217 Red Gym, 716 Langdon Street; Web: [iss.wisc.edu](http://iss.wisc.edu).**

## The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Campus Center (LGBT CC)

The LGBT CC provides a safe gathering space, offers support services, and runs leadership programming for LGBTQ students and their allies. It also facilitates educational programs and training on LGBTQ issues for the campus. The center houses a resource library, discussion groups, peer mentoring, and more. **Phone: 608-265-3344; Address: 123 Red Gym, 716 Langdon Street; Web: [lgbt.wisc.edu](http://lgbt.wisc.edu)**

## McBurney Disability Resource Center

McBurney facilitates classroom accommodations and services for UW–Madison students with disabilities. Students should complete the steps found under “How to Become a McBurney Client” at [mcburney.wisc.edu](http://mcburney.wisc.edu) as soon as possible. New

freshmen who have been determined eligible for services and their parents are encouraged to attend the McBurney Orientation and Service Training (MOST) program, August 28–29, 2016. **Phone: 608-263-2741; Email: [transition@studentlife.wisc.edu](mailto:transition@studentlife.wisc.edu)**

## Multicultural Student Center (MSC)

The Multicultural Student Center exists to make sure students coming from all racial and cultural backgrounds are successful and welcomed at UW–Madison. The MSC hosts regular lunches, coffee breaks, discussion groups, leadership opportunities, social justice workshops, and social events throughout the year. These MSC initiatives are the perfect place for students to find community, strengthen their skills as student leaders, and join a student organization. The MSC also offers study space and several meeting spaces students can reserve. It’s a great place to relax, meet new friends, and find support from the MSC professional staff members and a team of student interns who can assist students of color with any challenges they face on campus. **Phone: 608-262-4503; Address: Red Gym, Second Floor, 716 Langdon Street; Web: [msc.wisc.edu](http://msc.wisc.edu)**

## Office of Admissions and Recruitment

This office leads campus efforts to identify, recruit, and enroll talented freshmen and transfer students. Badger alumni and current students are invited to join recruitment efforts in Madison and around the world. Students can contact the office if they have a passion for sharing the Wisconsin Experience and want to help UW–Madison connect with future students.

**Address: 702 West Johnson Street, Suite 1101; Email: [onwisconsin@admissions.wisc.edu](mailto:onwisconsin@admissions.wisc.edu); Web: [admissions.wisc.edu](http://admissions.wisc.edu)**

## Wisconsin Athletics

Badger gamedays are special and a core part of the campus experience. Don’t miss out! Tickets are available for many events, including football, men’s and women’s basketball, men’s and women’s hockey, and more. For schedules and ticket availability and orders, call 1-800-GO BADGERS or visit [uwbadgers.com](http://uwbadgers.com).



# Campus Resources

## Wisconsin Union

The Wisconsin Union operates Memorial Union and Union South, where students, faculty, staff, guests, and Union members can eat, meet, relax, and socialize, as well as enjoy artwork, films, guest lecturers, and live performances.

Union South features the Marquee, a 350-seat cinema; Varsity Hall, which can host large banquets or concerts; The Sett, which consists of a club for live music, large-screen TVs for sports, eight bowling lanes, pool tables, and a climbing wall; 60 eco-friendly boutique guest rooms; a convenience store; a coffeehouse; an ice cream parlor; four other restaurants; and more. It also hosts Badger Bash, the longest-running tailgate on campus for home football games.

Memorial Union features the Wisconsin Union Theater; Outdoor UW, the home of Wisconsin Hoofers; Wheelhouse Studios, with open arts studios to create art of all kinds; two art galleries; four restaurants; numerous meeting spaces; and the newly renovated Terrace, the most popular gathering spot on campus and recently voted Madison's favorite landmark.

The Wisconsin Union Directorate—the student programming board that consists of 10 committees and six outdoor recreation clubs (part of Outdoor UW)—creates, promotes, and manages more than 1,100 events annually, including live music, art exhibits, film screenings, alternative breaks, distinguished lecturers, and outdoor recreational activities.

The Wisconsin Union is a membership organization with more than 90,000 annual and lifetime members, as well as all enrolled students.

**Web:** [union.wisc.edu](http://union.wisc.edu);

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/thewisconsinunion](https://facebook.com/thewisconsinunion);

**Twitter:** @wisconsinunion;

**Instagram:** @wisconsinunion

## Things to See and Do When Visiting Madison

A Madison must-do: Stop by the Memorial Union. Choose from a variety of on-site or nearby restaurants or coffee shops and enjoy a meal or snack while listening to live music on the Terrace overlooking Lake Mendota. Or visit Union South at 1308 W. Dayton Street.

Experience State Street, an award-winning eight-block pedestrian mall that runs from the Capitol to campus. Only buses and bikes are allowed (no cars!), so everyone can enjoy its eclectic blend of independent shops, bookstores, museums, and restaurants.

Get a breath of fresh air while strolling or biking down the Lakeshore Path or walking through Picnic Point. You'll experience views of nature, Lake Mendota, and the Madison skyline. Madison has more than 200 miles of scenic biking and hiking trails.

Visit the largest producer-only farmers' market in the country by strolling around the Capitol Square on a Saturday morning between April and November. For the rest of the year, the indoor Farmers' Market takes place at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center.

Take a tour of the State Capitol. Free tours are offered daily, and the sixth-floor museum and observation deck are also open during the summer months. Step onto the observation deck to see a breathtaking 360-degree view of the city.

Visit the Henry Vilas Zoo for free fun. See polar bears, rhinos, flamingos, and many other domestic and exotic animals. Open daily, 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Try UW–Madison's world-renowned Babcock ice cream. This sweet treat is created on campus and is available at the Memorial Union, Union South, Babcock Hall Dairy Store, and University Housing dining facilities.

Soak in some knowledge at one of the many museums on or near campus. Choose from the Chazen Museum of Art, Geology Museum, Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, Wisconsin Historical Museum, Wisconsin Veterans Museum, or the Madison Children's Museum.

Experience nature by visiting one of many gardens or nature preserves. The trails running through the 1,260 acres of the UW Arboretum are great for hiking. Admire thousands of plants at the Allen Centennial Garden, or visit Olbrich Botanical Gardens, where you can explore 16 acres of outdoor gardens, visit the tropical Bolz Conservancy, and enjoy the Thai Pavilion, one of only four located outside of Thailand.

Experience science by visiting the Discovery Building. This unique space offers two food venues, hands-on experiences, and the second-largest collection of Mesozoic plants in the world.

For a complete list of area attractions, accommodations, restaurants, and itinerary ideas, visit the Greater Madison Convention & Visitors Bureau website at [visitmadison.com](http://visitmadison.com).



## On-Campus Lodging

Consider staying at one of the on-campus hotels when you visit:

### The Fluno Center

601 University Avenue 1-877-773-5866

### The Lowell Center

610 Langdon Street 1-866-301-1753

### Wisconsin Union Hotel, Union South

1308 W. Dayton Street, 608-263-2600





# Payments, Deposits, and Bills

## Financial Aid / Tuition / Billing / Refunds

### Office of Student Financial Aid

Students can learn about potential funding sources, such as grants, loans, work-study, scholarships, and part-time employment, through the Office of Student Financial Aid. **Phone: 608-262-3060; Address: 333 East Campus Mall, #9701, Madison, WI 53715-1382; Email: [finaid@finaid.wisc.edu](mailto:finaid@finaid.wisc.edu); Web: [finaid.wisc.edu](http://finaid.wisc.edu)**

Responsibilities include:

- Processing financial aid forms to determine eligibility for grants, loans, and work-study employment
- Disbursing financial aid to student Tuition Accounts
- Adjusting financial aid awards when needed
- Advising students regarding financial aid and money management
- Providing information on part-time employment, both on and off campus

### Scholarships

Scholarships@UW–Madison is an online application that allows your student to match with, apply for, and accept campus scholarships. **Web: [scholarships.wisc.edu](http://scholarships.wisc.edu)**

### Office of the Registrar

The Office of the Registrar manages student records, course information, enrollment, residence for tuition purposes, student privacy rights, and student veteran services. **Phone: 608-262-3811; Address: 333 East Campus Mall, #10101, Madison, WI 53715-1384; Web: [registrar.wisc.edu](http://registrar.wisc.edu); Twitter: @UWMad\_Registrar**

Responsibilities include:

- Providing students with official transcripts
- Processing enrollment and degree verifications
- Offering course enrollment assistance
- Determining residence for tuition purposes
- Answering questions regarding the release and withholding of private information under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
- Administering student veterans' educational benefits

### Minnesota/Wisconsin Reciprocity Agreement

Minnesota residents must apply to the Minnesota Office of Higher Education for verification of their eligibility for reciprocity. Online application: [go.wisc.edu/n6icr9](http://go.wisc.edu/n6icr9)

**PLEASE NOTE: Tuition and University Housing are on two separate bill systems, have different billing and due dates, and must be paid separately. Refer to the schedule on page 11 for each system.**

## 2016–17 Undergraduate Costs

Although the cost of attending UW–Madison will vary among students, the university bases its financial aid package on cost estimates or “budgets.” Following are the estimated average costs for an undergraduate for the two semesters/terms.

	Resident	Non-Resident	Minnesota Resident
Tuition and fees*	\$10,436	\$32,686	\$13,403
Books and supplies**	1,200	1,200	1,200
Room and board***	10,446	10,446	10,446
Miscellaneous****	2,360	2,360	2,360
Travel	800	1,400	1,100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,242</b>	<b>\$48,092</b>	<b>\$28,509</b>

All first-time enrolled students pay a \$65 Official Document Fee.

Business and Engineering undergraduate tuition is an additional \$1,000 and \$1,400, respectively.

\* **New freshmen and transfers pay an additional New Student fee of \$275 and \$200, respectively.**

\*\* **Does not include computer purchase.**

\*\*\* **This amount represents the cost used for financial aid calculations. Depending on the University Residence Hall assigned to a student, the 2016–17 rate for a double room is between \$7,824–\$8,774. The total estimated cost for a double room (room and board) in University Residence Halls is between \$9,074–\$10,024. The total estimated cost includes \$1,250 for food.**

\*\*\*\* **Miscellaneous includes clothing, upkeep, recreation, personal, medical/dental, and cell phone expenses.**

### Residence for Tuition Purposes

UW–Madison is a state-funded public university. Based on Wisconsin state law, in-state students and out-of-state students pay different rates of tuition. Initial residency classification for tuition purposes is determined by the Office of the Registrar. For more information, contact a residency counselor. **Phone: 608-262-1355; Address: 333 East Campus Mall, #10301, Madison, WI 53715-1384; Email: [res4tuition@em.wisc.edu](mailto:res4tuition@em.wisc.edu); Web: [registrar.wisc.edu/residence.htm](http://registrar.wisc.edu/residence.htm)**

### Course Drop/Withdrawal and Tuition Cost Adjustments

The date a course is dropped determines eligibility for a tuition cost adjustment. For more information about drop deadlines and course adjustments, visit [registrar.wisc.edu/dates\\_deadlines.htm](http://registrar.wisc.edu/dates_deadlines.htm).

### Veteran Services & Military Assistance Center

The center assists current U.S. military members, veterans, and military dependents in receiving their educational benefits.

**Phone: 608-265-4628; Address: 333 East Campus Mall, #10301; Web: [veterans.wisc.edu](http://veterans.wisc.edu); Email: [veterans@em.wisc.edu](mailto:veterans@em.wisc.edu)**

### Bursar's Office

333 East Campus Mall, #10501, Madison WI 53715-1383  
**Cashier hours: 7:45 a.m.–4 p.m. (open 9:15 a.m. Wednesdays); Phone: 608-262-3611 (hours: 7:45 a.m.–4:30 p.m.); Email: [tuition@bussvc.wisc.edu](mailto:tuition@bussvc.wisc.edu) (include student name and Campus ID number); Web: [bussvc.wisc.edu/bursar](http://bussvc.wisc.edu/bursar)**

Responsibilities include:

- Providing the tuition eBill
- Applying payments/loans/grants/scholarships to student Tuition Accounts
- Processing Tuition Account refunds
- Maintaining Tuition eBill/ePayment Site



# Payments, Deposits, and Bills (continued)

## Bursar's Office

### Tuition Bill and Due Date

The Bursar's Office provides an electronic tuition eBill that is published on a secure website, where students and whoever they set up as an Authorized Payer can log in to view it.

- Tuition eBills are published the week **before** the term starts.
- Students and Authorized Payers are notified by email when the eBill is available.
- The tuition due date is the third Friday **after** the term starts.

### Parent Access to View and Pay Tuition eBills

FAQs are available at [bussvc.wisc.edu/bursar/echeckfaq.html](http://bussvc.wisc.edu/bursar/echeckfaq.html). Your student must set you up as an "Authorized Payer" before you can log in to the Tuition Account website.

- Once set up, you will receive an email with your Authorized Payer login name, a temporary password, and Web link ([bussvc.wisc.edu/bursar/echeckparent.html](http://bussvc.wisc.edu/bursar/echeckparent.html)).
- We recommend you log in right away, change the temporary password to a personal one, and set up a "secret question" for resetting your password if you forget it; otherwise, your student must reset it for you.

### Tuition eBill/ePayment Site

Your Web browser pop-up blocker must be turned **off**. Supported browsers are Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, and Safari.

**Your Personal Information:** Where you change your password, secret question, and email.

**Your Published Bills:** Click "view" to open the eBill online.

**Current Tuition Account Balance:** Updates if charges or payments apply after an eBill is published; new activity itemizes on the next eBill.

### Tuition Payment Methods

Payment method details:

[bussvc.wisc.edu/bursar/tuitpay.html](http://bussvc.wisc.edu/bursar/tuitpay.html)

529 College Saving Plan instructions:

[bussvc.wisc.edu/bursar/qry529.html](http://bussvc.wisc.edu/bursar/qry529.html)

Bill-Pay service instructions:

[bussvc.wisc.edu/bursar/paysrvr.html](http://bussvc.wisc.edu/bursar/paysrvr.html)

### ePayment — Electronic Check

Go to [bussvc.wisc.edu/bursar/echeckparent.html](http://bussvc.wisc.edu/bursar/echeckparent.html); click "View and print tuition eBills/Make an ePayment."

- Pay from a personal U.S. bank checking or savings account.
- Do **not** enter a **debit** card as a bank account number.
- ePayments pay tuition in real time; there is no fee.
- International families can pay with a foreign currency.

### ePayment — Credit Card

Go to [bussvc.wisc.edu/bursar/echeckparent.html](http://bussvc.wisc.edu/bursar/echeckparent.html); click "View and print tuition eBills/Make an ePayment."

- Only accepted online on the ePayment website.
- Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover (along with JCB) are accepted.
- There's a 2.75 percent credit card service charge.
- Can enter a debit card if it can be used as a credit transaction.

### Mail a Check (Do not mail cash)

A mailed tuition payment must be in the Bursar's Office, not postmarked, by the due date to avoid a late fee.

- Make the check payable to **UW–Madison**.
- Write student name and Campus ID number on the check.
- Mail to **UW–Madison Bursar, 333 East Campus Mall, #10501, Madison, WI 53715-1383**.

### Pay in Person at 333 East Campus Mall

Pay with cash and check at the Bursar's Office during cashier hours. Otherwise, place a check in the dropbox near the 1st Floor elevators, or near Room 10501 on the 10th Floor.

- Dropbox hours at [bussvc.wisc.edu/bursar/droppay.html](http://bussvc.wisc.edu/bursar/droppay.html).

### Financial Aid (Loan/Grants/Scholarships) Disbursement

All financial aid is applied to a student's Tuition Account to pay tuition only; it is **not** applied to pay housing.

- **Private scholarship checks:** Most organizations mail checks directly to the Bursar's Office. Deliver checks you receive to the Bursar's Office with any documents that came with the check. (Write student name and campus ID number on the check and note it's a scholarship.)
- **UW–Madison-based scholarship awards:** Are submitted directly to the Bursar's Office.
- **Loans and grants:** Begin to apply to Tuition Accounts the week before the term starts.

### Tuition Account Refunds

If there are remaining funds after tuition is paid, a refund is issued to the student. (Exception: If remaining funds are a Parent PLUS loan, a check is mailed to the parent.)

- A refund can be used to pay housing, buy books, etc.

**eRefunds:** Process **daily** for students enrolled for eRefund, and deposit directly into the personal checking or savings account the student provides when enrolling.

**Paper checks:** Process weekly for students not enrolled for eRefund and for Parent PLUS Loan refunds.

- Student checks are mailed to their MyUW "Mailing" address.
- Parent checks are mailed to their "Home" address.

## Housing

Students receive four quarterly University Housing bills per year. An email is sent to notify students and Authorized Payers when a new bill is published on Housing's secure website. The first-quarter bill is published during the first week of July.

### Authorized Payer

Students may give parents and other individuals access to view Housing bills online and make electronic payments by setting them up as an Authorized Payer. **Web:** [www.housing.wisc.edu/residencehalls-billing-authorizedpayer](http://www.housing.wisc.edu/residencehalls-billing-authorizedpayer)

### Housing Payment Options

#### Payment Methods for Housing Bills

**Online:** [www.housing.wisc.edu/residencehalls-billing-payment](http://www.housing.wisc.edu/residencehalls-billing-payment). Students and authorized third parties (parents, guardians, third-party sponsors, etc.) can pay Housing bills online using an electronic check (eCheck) or credit card (Mastercard, Visa, Discover, or American Express). A 2.75 percent convenience fee is charged for all online credit card payments. There is no additional charge for electronic check payments.

**By mail:** Checks and money orders can be sent to: Division of University Housing, Cashier's Office–Slichter Hall, 625 Babcock Drive, Madison, WI 53706-1213.

**In person:** Payments can be made at the Housing Cashier's Office, 625 Babcock Drive, Monday–Friday, 7:45 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Accepted forms of payment: checks, money orders, and cash.



# Payments, Deposits, and Bills (continued)

## HOUSING and TUITION Billing and Due Date Schedule (Fall 2016–Summer 2017)

University Housing and Tuition Accounts are on separate systems, have a different billing and due date schedule, and must be paid separately.

NOTE: An email is sent to notify students and their Authorized Payers when an eBill is available to view on each of these systems.

### UNIVERSITY HOUSING

Log in to [www.housing.wisc.edu/residencehalls-billing-payment](http://www.housing.wisc.edu/residencehalls-billing-payment) to view, print, or pay UW HOUSING bills

Division of University Housing, Cashier's Office, Slichter Hall, 625 Babcock Drive, Madison, WI 53706-1213; Phone: 608-262-2230

HOUSING	Date eBill is Published	Housing Due Date	Housing: Accepted Forms of Payment
<b>First-Quarter</b> Residence Halls Room & Board	Friday July 8, 2016	Monday August 8, 2016 (Note: Due date is Sept. 12, 2016, if paying with financial aid)	<b>Online ePayment:</b> Log in to pay at <a href="http://www.housing.wisc.edu/residencehalls-billing-payment">www.housing.wisc.edu/residencehalls-billing-payment</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electronic check (eCheck): No transaction fee.</li> <li>Credit card (American Express, Discover, MasterCard): 2.75% convenience fee.</li> </ul> <b>Mail:</b> Checks and money orders accepted. <b>In Person:</b> Checks, money orders, and cash accepted. Refer to <b>Housing Payment Options</b> on page 10 for detailed payment instructions.
<b>Second-Quarter</b> Residence Halls Room & Board	Friday September 23, 2016	Monday October 24, 2016	
<b>Third-Quarter</b> Residence Halls Room & Board	Friday December 2, 2016	Monday January 9, 2017 (Note: Due date is Jan. 23, 2017, if paying with financial aid)	
<b>Fourth-Quarter</b> Residence Halls Room & Board	Friday February 10, 2017	Monday March 13, 2017	

### TUITION ACCOUNT

Go to [bussvc.wisc.edu/bursar/echeckparent.html](http://bussvc.wisc.edu/bursar/echeckparent.html); click "View and print tuition eBills/Make an ePayment"

Bursar's Office, 333 East Campus Mall #10501, Madison, WI 53715-1383; Phone: 608-262-3611

TUITION	Date eBill is Published	Tuition Due Date	Tuition: Accepted Forms of Payment
<b>Fall 2016</b> Tuition Charges	Friday September 2, 2016	Friday September 23, 2016	<b>Online ePayment:</b> Log in to pay at <a href="http://bussvc.wisc.edu/bursar/echeckparent.html">bussvc.wisc.edu/bursar/echeckparent.html</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electronic check (eCheck): No transaction fee.</li> <li>Credit card (American Express, Discover, MasterCard): 2.75% service charge.</li> <li>International families can pay with a foreign currency.</li> </ul> <b>Mail:</b> Checks and money orders accepted. <b>In Person:</b> Checks and cash accepted. Refer to <b>Tuition Payment Methods</b> on page 10 for detailed payment instructions.
<b>Spring 2017</b> Tuition Charges	Friday January 13, 2017	Friday February 3, 2017	
<b>Summer 2017</b> Tuition Charges	Wednesday, May 17, 2017 (Bill dates vary based on session of enrollment)	Friday June 23, 2017	

**NOTE:** International Academic Program STUDY ABROAD charges have a different billing and due date schedule from on-campus tuition.



# Payments, Deposits, and Bills (continued)



## Wiscard

Wiscard is UW–Madison’s photo ID card for students, faculty, and staff. It is also a door-access card for students living in University Residence Halls and provides access to library services, recreation facilities, and the Wiscard account. The Wiscard account is a simple, safe, and money-saving method for purchasing dining and school-related items at more than 60 locations on campus. **Contact Wiscard:** Union South, 1308 W. Dayton Street, Madison, WI 53715; Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.; **Phone:** 608-262-3258; **Email:** [wiscard@union.wisc.edu](mailto:wiscard@union.wisc.edu).

## Food Discounts

When paying with Wiscard, students receive discounts on food purchases at University Housing, Babcock Dairy Store, and Wisconsin Union dining locations.

Locations	University Housing Residents	Students Not Living in University Housing
<b>University Housing Dining Units</b>	30% discount on prepared food 20% discount on packaged food No sales tax	5% discount on all food No sales tax
<b>Wisconsin Union Dining, Retail Units, &amp; Babcock Dairy Store</b>	5% discount on all food No sales tax	5% discount on all food No sales tax

## Other Purchases

In addition to food, Wiscard can be used for purchases at numerous locations across campus for other school-related products and services. This can include textbooks, course packets, laundry in the residence halls, printing, computer supplies, campus convenience store items, clothing, and on-campus entertainment. Wiscard can only be used to purchase goods and services. Funds cannot be withdrawn from the account.

## How to Deposit Money

Funds can be conveniently deposited by cash, check, or credit card. The quickest way to make a deposit is online, paying with your checking account information. For all students, we recommend an initial deposit of \$350–\$450 for books, supplies, and other items to make sure your students are ready to go once they get to campus. For students living in University Residence Halls, we also recommend an additional deposit of \$300 for food to get started.

Online	By Mail or In Person (a deposit form is available online at <a href="http://wiscard.wisc.edu">wiscard.wisc.edu</a> )		In Person
<b>wiscard.wisc.edu</b> Can check balances, view transaction history, and set low-balance notifications.	<b>Wiscard Office</b> Union South, Room 149 1308 W. Dayton Street Madison, WI 53715	<b>University Housing Cashier’s Office,</b> Slichter Hall 625 Babcock Drive Madison, WI 53706	<b>Gordon Dining &amp; Event Center</b> Lower Level, Dining Office 770 W. Dayton Street

## Student Privacy Rights (FERPA)



FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) is a federal law that governs the privacy of student educational records, access to those records, and disclosure of information from them. Public directory information that can be released without the student’s written consent includes name, postal addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, date of birth, etc. Students have the right to restrict the release of their public directory information by placing a FERPA restriction on that data. Prior to enacting a restriction, students should carefully consider how the decision may affect them in unexpected ways. Students wishing to restrict some or all directory information should log in to their Student Center from MyUW, click on “Privacy” under Personal Information, then click on the “FERPA Restriction” tab. Students can also elect to “Restrict Third-Party Mail” within the Student Center in order to receive less junk mail.

Parents and/or guardians do not have access to student educational records without the student’s written consent. UW–Madison encourages parents to talk with their students about grades, classes, balance on food account, and other private information. UW–Madison school officials must protect the privacy of student educational records and shall not disclose personally identifiable information about a student or permit inspection of the students’ records without their written consent unless such action is permitted by FERPA. Students can authorize the release of their student educational records to employers or others with written consent.

Questions about student privacy and FERPA should be directed to the Office of the Registrar. **Phone:** 608-262-3811; **Address:** 333 East Campus Mall, #10101, Madison, WI 53715-1384; **Web:** [registrar.wisc.edu/ferpa\\_overview.htm](http://registrar.wisc.edu/ferpa_overview.htm)



# The First-Year Experience

**T**he transition from high school to college is an important milestone in the life of your student. While every student is different, feelings of nervousness, excitement, pressure, and success are quite common. The following timeline is designed to provide you with information about transitions that students commonly face during their first year of college. We recommend that parents take on a coaching or mentoring role and encourage students to make their own decisions and chart their own path. You can use the information you learn at Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR) and from the Parent Program to refer your student back to on-campus resources. The following pages will help you anticipate things that your students may experience and will provide a useful tool for supporting them through this transition.

## UW–Madison New Student Timeline

### Late Summer

The weeks leading up to the start of classes can be filled with anxiety and anticipation. Students may be wondering if they will like it at UW–Madison. Will they like their roommates? Will they make friends? Will they be able to succeed in their classes? What will happen to their relationships with high school friends and family members?

#### Advice for Parents and Families

Be prepared for your students' and your own conflicting emotions as the day of departure approaches. Discomfort is part of the process. Talk about academic expectations and encourage your students to set goals. Make a financial plan and openly discuss payment/spending expectations. Talk about how often you plan to communicate with each other. Discuss the use of alcohol and other personal choices your student will be making. Encourage responsibility, but know you cannot control what happens. View additional resources on the Parent Program website to see what other parents recommend to help during this transition.

#### Conversation Starters

- What are you most looking forward to about attending UW–Madison?
- What are you most nervous about?
- What plans do you have for saying goodbye to friends who are staying home or going to other schools? What plans do you have to stay in touch?

### September

As students move to campus and begin classes, they are faced with new opportunities to make their own choices and experience new freedoms. Feelings of homesickness and the desire for frequent contact with family are common. (See the box on the next page for ways to be supportive of a homesick student.) Students are also getting to know their roommates, making new friends on campus, and finding their way around. This tends to be a time when students incur a lot of expenses for items such as textbooks, school supplies, and room decorations/furnishings.

#### Advice for Parents and Families

Remember that you are now transitioning into being a coach and mentor to your student. Listen with an open mind and be supportive. Encourage your students to attend campus welcome activities and meet new friends. Ask about classes, friends, and opportunities for involvement.

#### Conversation Starters

- What is your roommate like?
- Which classes seem most interesting to you?
- Have you found a good place to study?
- What events have you attended?
- Is the amount of money we agreed upon working out?
- Are any of your classes harder than you expected? How are you managing them?

## Technology Resources for New Students

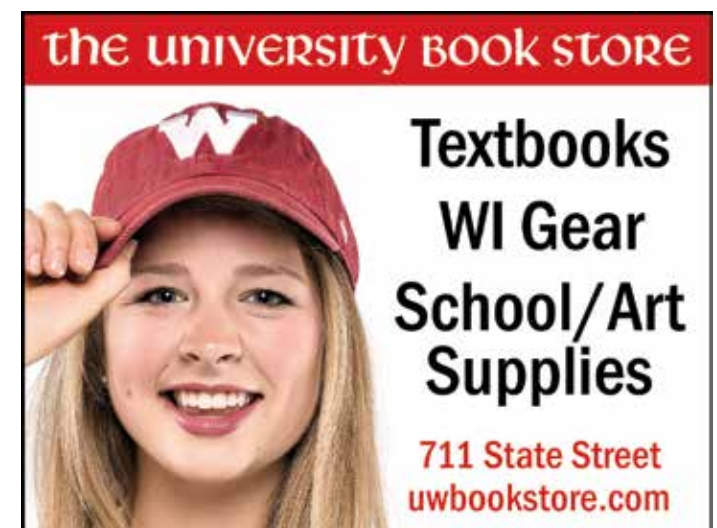
Preparing for college can be stressful (but exciting) for students and parents alike. The Division of Information Technology (DoIT) is here to help by taking care of your student's technology needs.

**The DoIT Tech Store** ([techstore.doit.wisc.edu](http://techstore.doit.wisc.edu)) provides:

- Significant academic discounts on tech essentials, including Apple and Dell laptops and accessories
- Free and discounted software at [software.wisc.edu](http://software.wisc.edu), including free Microsoft Office and Symantec Anti-virus
- Free tech consulting, and technology recommendations by major

**Software Training for Students (STS)** offers free training opportunities on spreadsheets, video and audio editing, web design, digital art, photo editing, word processing, and more. **Web:** [wisc.edu/sts](http://wisc.edu/sts)

**The DoIT Help Desk** is open seven days a week for all of your students' tech support needs, and immediate support can be accessed online or via phone. DoIT is Dell and Apple Warranty authorized, so computer repairs happen right on campus—and even between classes. **Phone:** 608-264-4357; **Web/Chat:** [it.wisc.edu/help](http://it.wisc.edu/help); **Email:** [help@doit.wisc.edu](mailto:help@doit.wisc.edu)



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# The First-Year Experience

## October / November

Classes are in full swing, and students are beginning to get feedback on their progress. Some may be surprised at the amount of work they have for their classes and may struggle with managing their time. Others will be disappointed about grades on their first exams or papers. Roommate conflicts may also flare up at this time after the initial “honeymoon” phase is over. (See the box on the next page for how to be supportive during roommate conflict.) In addition, course enrollment for spring is quickly approaching, and students will be making plans with their academic advisors. Many students are already discussing their housing plans for next year. Of course, life will still continue at home, and students will want to stay informed about what’s going on with their families.

### Advice for Parents and Families

To be reassuring to your students, express confidence that your students can succeed in this environment. Have two-way conversations: let them know what’s going on at home and don’t make any major changes—moving, vacations, remodeling their room, etc.—without talking about it first.

Talk about study skills and time management, and refer to campus resources. Encourage your students to form relationships with their instructors for help and consult with an academic advisor when selecting next semester’s classes.

Discuss plans for upcoming events, such as a trip home for Thanksgiving. Break periods are approaching quickly—how will this change things in your home? Ask about study time, workload, and involvement in campus organizations/activities. Also inquire about taxes and the FAFSA.

## What Is a House Fellow?

House Fellows are juniors and seniors who live in the halls and work with residents to build a strong community. They help students address problems and get connected on campus. Encourage your students to get to know their House Fellow.



As your students begin to make housing decisions for next year, talk about all of the factors to consider, including whether to remain on campus or move off campus, and how to handle meals. Pay special attention to what type of living environment will help your students be most successful academically. Make sure your students know that the residence halls offer many programs popular with returning upperclassmen. If your students choose to live off campus, encourage taking plenty of time to make a decision. Important information about living off campus—and the most comprehensive listings for available rentals in downtown Madison—can be found at the Campus Area Housing website: [campusareahousing.wisc.edu](http://campusareahousing.wisc.edu).

### Conversation Starters

- How are you managing the workload? What is your study schedule?
- What courses are you thinking of taking next semester?
- Are you thinking about joining any groups or clubs or activities? Which ones? Why?
- Have you met with any of your professors or teaching assistants and your advisor?
- What can you do differently on your next exam/paper to do better? What is working well?

## Homesickness: Should I Be Worried?

Homesickness is normal! As with any major change in life, students will have their ups and downs. Many students feel homesick at one time or another during their first year. Here are some suggestions for ways you can be supportive.

- **Reassure your students that this is NORMAL.** Remember, this is a major life transition, which is not often easy.
- **Listen with an open mind and be reassuring.** Let your students know that you believe they will succeed. Use the information you learned at SOAR and through the Parent Program to refer your students back to on-campus resources and services that can help.
- **Encourage your students to make friends.** For some students, it may be better to look around for other students who are alone and strike up a conversation. For others, it is better to connect with a group of students. If the first person is not someone your student connects with, the second or third might be.
- **Encourage your students to attend events and join organizations.** There are more than 900 student organizations at UW–Madison. Students should continue doing things they love—the activities that have contributed to their success in getting to this point—as well as try new things. Volunteering or getting a job are also great ways to connect with other students and learn outside of the classroom.
- **Encourage your students to talk to a House Fellow or Resident Life Coordinator.** House Fellows are trained and experienced in supporting students who are homesick. They also have access to resources and people who can help.
- **The University Health Services Counseling Center is an excellent, free, confidential resource for students who are homesick.** For assistance with urgent mental health concerns, 24-hour crisis-intervention services are available to UW–Madison students, and to others concerned about a UW–Madison student, by calling 608-265-5600.



# The First-Year Experience

## December

As final exams approach, students may feel more stress about academics. This, combined with the onset of winter weather in Wisconsin, can leave some students feeling run down. While they may be excited for the semester to end, some students are also disappointed about missing holiday preparations at home.

### Advice for Parents and Families

Sending a care package that includes healthy snacks, cold remedies, and favorite holiday items from home can go a long way to boosting your students' spirits and their immunity to illness. Discuss plans for winter break, including vacation time, working, or doing work for classes. Understand that planning for the holidays is not the same without everyone present.

### Conversation Starters

- What are you doing to stay well during finals week?
- Which exams are you most concerned about?
- What could I send you to help you feel better?
- What do you want to do at home during your break?



## Winter Break

With final exams finished, many students return home for winter break, and there may be concerns about how they will adjust to routines at home. For many, winter break is an opportunity to catch up on sleep and reconnect with friends they haven't seen in months. They will also begin to receive their first-semester grades and experience joy, disappointment, or relief.

### Advice for Parents and Families

Conversations about expectations and schedules before and after your students return home can help ease the transition for all family members.

### Conversation Starters

- Let's talk about how the rules will change for you when you are home, now that you are a college student.
- What was the best part of your first semester in college? What would you do differently?
- What classes are you taking next semester?
- Have you thought about where you are going to live next year?

## January/February

Students should strive to return from winter break with renewed energy for the semester ahead. This is a typical time for students to reassess their time-management strategies and turn over a new leaf, if necessary. Students may also engage in more exploration about their majors or careers, changing their minds or solidifying previous choices. Also, students begin thinking about spring break, including making plans for travel, work, or catching up on coursework.

### Advice for Parents and Families

The house is empty again—it's a roller coaster ride! You might feel some anxiety about your students' grades. This is a good time to review or revise budgets based on a semester's worth of experience. Also ask what changes might need to occur to ensure academic success. Encourage spring break safety. If you haven't done so already, talk with your students

about plans for living arrangements next year. Also see October/November's advice for parents and families regarding making housing decisions.

### Conversation Starters

- What do you like about your new classes?
- Are you doing anything differently with your studying this semester?
- Have you decided what you are doing for spring break?
- Tell me about your good friends on campus.
- Have you decided where to live next year?

## Roommate Conflict

It's completely normal for conflict to develop between roommates as both students may be sharing a room for the first time, perhaps with someone who is quite different from themselves. Most students are able to work things out when they discuss issues directly with one another.



As a parent, you can support your students through this process by referring them to resources provided by University Housing, rather than by getting directly involved yourself. If the roommates cannot work things out themselves, encourage your students to contact their House Fellow. House Fellows are upperclassmen who undergo a rigorous selection and training process. An important role of House Fellows is to help students create a comfortable living situation. They are trained in conflict resolution and are available to discuss roommate conflicts privately or with roommates to find a compromise. If no negotiation is possible, the House Fellow will then contact the appropriate staff within University Housing to seek further solutions to the situation.



# The First-Year Experience

## March/April/May

Spring recess comes and goes, and many students start making plans for the summer, all in the midst of another set of midterms. Most students feel more confident with their time-management skills and experience less stress with their exams this time around. They will also be enrolling in classes for the fall and considering options for the summer. Some students will have mixed feelings about leaving Madison for the summer, and others will decide to stay to take classes and/or pursue summer work opportunities. As the spring semester ends, you are likely to be amazed at the changes in your students and all that they have accomplished this year.

### Advice for Parents and Families

With a year under your students' belt, this is a good time to check in about credit card use. Talk about any changes that should be made for academic success. Encourage your students to take advantage of Choosing a Major Workshops offered by Cross-College Advising Service. Ask your students whether taking a summer course might be part of a strategy to stay on track for graduation or a chance to focus on a challenging course. Think about your own plans for the summer. If your students are returning home, discuss expectations regarding rules and responsibilities for the summer, as well as expectations for earning money and saving for the upcoming year. To help with this transition, see the box to the right titled "Coming Home for the Summer."

### Conversation Starters

- What value could taking a summer course provide? Have you discussed summer courses with your advisor?
- What courses are you taking next year? Are you starting to narrow in on a possible major?
- What are you looking forward to about your living arrangements for next year?
- How do you think you have changed this year?
- What do you wish you had done differently in your first year of college?
- I am so proud of everything you have learned and accomplished this year!

## Summary of Advice for Families

Change is exciting and can also be stressful. Be prepared for your students'—and your own—conflicting emotions during this time of transition. Discomfort is a normal part of the process.

- Express your confidence that your students will be able to successfully navigate this new environment. By serving more as coaches than problem-solvers, you will help your students develop this ability.
- Talk with your students about how often you will communicate by phone, letter, email, or text message. Discuss the frequency of visits home and family visits to campus, and be aware that these tend to change each semester.
- Talk with your students about expectations regarding academics, major choice, and careers. Encourage your students to set personal academic goals. Be aware that the college learning environment is very different from high school, and students may not immediately earn the same superior grades as they did previously.
- Make a financial plan and talk about how your students intend to pay for expenses. Discuss payment/spending/employment options.
- Discuss the use of alcohol and other personal choices that your students will be making. Encourage responsibility, but know that you cannot control everything that happens.
- Acknowledge that college is a time for students to try new things and meet people who might be different from them in a variety of ways. Be supportive as your students engage in new activities and move outside their previous comfort zone.
- Inform your students about major changes at home (moving, remodeling their room, etc.).
- Help your students stay connected to activities at home. Acknowledge that your students may be sad about missing family birthdays, holidays, and community events. Find creative ways to keep your students involved and informed.
- Send care packages with notes from home, practical items, or treats to share with roommates and friends. These are especially welcome during more stressful times of the semester.

## Coming Home for the Summer



When your students come home for the summer after freshman year at college, life will be different from what it was before. Although that seems obvious, without giving it some prior thought, misunderstandings and conflicts can arise when your students seem to be following a script that is different from yours.

Living away from home for a school year is a life-changing event, and your students will be comfortable with and used to independence, especially after spending the last year in an unsupervised environment. This could be an area of conflict if you expect a phone call to let you know when your students will be home. Be sure to negotiate conflicts early as to avoid tensions later on.

On the other hand, you may be anticipating newfound maturity and independence, and be disappointed to find the kitchen sink filled with dirty dishes, laundry left for you to do, and the gas tank on empty when you need the car. It can be daunting to realize that even though your students are now technically adults, your role as mentors and coaches is still in play. In the process of launching your students as independent adults, you will need to continue reinventing just what that role is.

You also may think you know your students' interests and identity, but you could find that they have made some major changes without discussing those changes with you. The young woman who was set on being a veterinarian may now want to study history, and she may also refuse to participate in the family religion. The young man who was adamantly opposed to an earring may come home with a tattoo or a nose ring.

There may be some emotional and rocky times during the summer, but your lives will be enriched if mutual respect and listening are the guides you and your students establish for staying connected with each other.



# Badger Milestones

From the moment they first step on campus, students embark on a journey at UW–Madison that is full of memorable events and experiences. While every student’s journey is unique, being a Badger comes with certain milestones that many students will accomplish during their time on campus. Below are just some of the experiences your Badgers will have as they enjoy their time at UW–Madison.

## Jump Around at a Wisconsin Football Game

There’s nothing quite like the game-day experience at Camp Randall Stadium. Students form a sea of red in their Badger gear, participate in timeless traditions like “Jump Around,” cheer the home team toward a win, and stay for a fifth-quarter performance by the UW Marching Band.

## Savor Some Babcock Ice Cream

Made right here on campus, our famous Babcock ice cream features tasty flavors such as chocolate peanut butter, raspberry swirl, and classic vanilla. Students can grab a scoop (or two) at residence dining halls, both student unions, and the Babcock Hall Dairy Store.

## Participate in the Battle for Bascom Snowball Fight

When snow blankets campus, students from the Southeast and Lakeshore residence hall neighborhoods march to Bascom Hill to face off in an epic snowball fight known as the Battle for Bascom.

## Visit Picnic Point

Picnic Point is a scenic mile-long peninsula located on the south shore of Lake Mendota that serves as a popular destination for students to hike, run, roast s’mores on a campfire, or simply enjoy the beautiful views.

## Shop at the Farmers’ Market

The Dane County Farmers’ Market — the largest producer-only farmers’ market in the country — is a popular Saturday morning destination for Badgers. Spanning Capital Square from spring to fall, it offers fresh produce and tasty treats from more than 160 local vendors.

## Hang out at the Terrace

The Memorial Union Terrace offers one of the best views in Madison and serves as a popular hangout spot for students and the campus community alike. During the warmer months, students can grab a brat or burger, listen to live music, watch outdoor movies, and relax with friends.

## Declare an Academic Major

With more than 200 undergraduate majors and certificates offered at UW–Madison, choosing a field of study can be a difficult – but ultimately rewarding – decision. Students are encouraged to meet with their advisors to discuss their academic goals and develop effective plans.

## Stroll Down State Street

Connecting to campus, State Street is a famous pedestrian mall lined with a variety of shops, restaurants, and museums. Many students frequent State Street to explore the unique attractions, visit the Dane County Farmers’ Market, and attend events such as the Homecoming Parade.

## Sit on Abe’s Lap

Upon graduation, students sit on the lap of the Abraham Lincoln statue that oversees Bascom Hill to take pictures with him in their caps and gowns. Legend has it that if students whisper their hopes and dreams into Abe’s ear, they’ll come true.







At home football games and events all across campus, beloved UW mascot Bucky Badger spreads school spirit and Badger pride.