



Parent and Family Program  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

2018–2019  
CALENDAR FOR BADGER FAMILIES



## *A Welcome from the Chancellor*

**W**elcome to the UW–Madison family! My daughter just graduated from college, but I remember well the mixed emotions that come with sending a child off to college. We want to make sure that our young scholars are safe and happy, while also growing as people and being challenged to learn new skills. It is likely that you will be living apart from your child for the first time, and it can be a challenge to know how to help.

The Parent and Family 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 and Family Program will help you play a positive role in your student's academic and personal success. This calendar provides useful information about 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. The goal is to help you feel connected—as a family—to this wonderful place and all it has to offer.

***On, Wisconsin!***

Chancellor Rebecca Blank

# WISCONSIN



# WELCOME



The Parent and Family Program staff consists of Stephanie Benson-Gonzales (left), Monica Ruppert (right), and an experienced team of student interns.

## FAMILY WEEKEND

October 12–14, 2018

Connect with campus.  
Experience tradition.  
Make memories.



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[go.wisc.edu/familyweekend](http://go.wisc.edu/familyweekend)

### Institutional Statement on Diversity

Diversity is a source of strength, creativity, and innovation for UW–Madison. We value the contributions of each person and respect the profound ways their identity, culture, background, experience, status, abilities, and opinion enrich the university community. We commit ourselves to the pursuit of excellence in teaching, research, outreach, and diversity as inextricably linked goals. The University of Wisconsin–Madison fulfills its public mission by creating a welcoming and inclusive community for people from every background—people who as students, faculty, and staff serve Wisconsin and the world.

## Dear Badger Family,

Welcome to the University of Wisconsin–Madison! You are a valued member of our community.

At UW–Madison, we recognize that parents and family members are important partners. Research shows that family involvement is critical to the success of college students. We appreciate the key role you play as a coach and mentor, while you encourage your student to progressively take on more responsibility.

The Parent and Family Program is your resource. No question is too big or too small. Our program is here to connect you to the university so that you feel welcomed, informed, and able to support your student's success.

This calendar is our gift to you. We invite you to use this information to help your student take advantage of all that UW–Madison has to offer. It includes important dates, month-by-month transitions, and campus information. You will be mailed a new calendar each year until your student graduates.

The Parent and Family Program is committed to offering personalized service to help you and your student navigate our campus and community. In addition to this calendar, we provide:

- Phone (1-877-262-3977) and email ([parent@uwmad.wisc.edu](mailto:parent@uwmad.wisc.edu)) services to help answer your questions and concerns
- A comprehensive and dynamic website ([parent.wisc.edu](http://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 Sibs Day in April, showcasing our campus and offering events for the entire family
- Multi-language services, including a Spanish-language website, email, and phone line, and a Chinese-language website
- 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 and Family Program staff, we thank you for all you do and look forward to connecting with you.

Kind regards,

Stephanie Benson-Gonzales  
Assistant Director for Parent Relations and Communications  
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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Pink coneflowers bask in summer rays in front of Agricultural Hall, home of the UW's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences since 1903. Agricultural Hall was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1985.

# AUGUST 2018

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<p><b>Did You Know?</b> Wisconsin Welcome (<a href="http://go.wisc.edu/welcome">go.wisc.edu/welcome</a>) spans the first 45 days of the fall, orienting students to campus through social and academic activities. Events include a night at the Overture Center for the Arts (right), a student organization fair, and a photo shoot with Bucky.</p>			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Eight-week summer session ends First-quarter University Housing bill published	11
12	13 Tuition eBills available for students and authorized payers	14 Wisconsin fall primary election	15 Fall-term eligibility begins for University Health Services SHIP (Student Health Insurance Plan) fall/annual coverage period begins	16	17	18
19 Hajj begins at sundown*	20	21 Eid al-Adha begins at sundown* Financial aid refunds begin next week; is your student enrolled for eRefund?	22	23	24	25
26 McBurney Orientation and Service Training (MOST) program (Aug. 26-27) Move-in for University Housing student employees and approved groups	27 Deadline for first-year/transfer students to complete AlcoholEdu: Part 1 before registration hold	28 Move-in for all University Residence Halls (Aug. 28-30, as assigned) Financial aid begins applying to student tuition accounts eRefunds begin processing daily for students	29 Checks begin processing weekly for Parent PLUS refunds and for students not enrolled for eRefund	30 Wisconsin Welcome events begin Night at Overture event	31 Tuition due for fall term Summer health-fee eligibility ends at University Health Services Home football game UW vs. Western Kentucky	

## What's Happening with Your Student

Students are thinking about their new fall living arrangements. If your student is in a shared living environment, 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 student about plans to stay in touch during the fall term.

Badger Buddy staff members will be on hand to help students move into University Residence Halls. After move-in, students will complete roommate agreement forms and meet with their House Fellows.

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, and access their class schedules. They also begin purchasing textbooks and other class materials.



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\* Date based on lunar calendar and may vary



A member of the UW Spirit Squad waves a giant W flag after the Badgers score a core a touchdown during the homecoming football game at Camp Randall Stadium on October 21, 2017. Wisconsin went on to defeat Maryland, 38-13.

# SEPTEMBER 2018

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

## Did You Know?

UW–Madison is considered one of the top universities in the world. In 2017, the UW was ranked 43rd in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings. The UW was also ranked the 12th-best public university in the country by *U.S. News & World Report*.



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## What's Happening with Your Student

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 find a community more quickly. Ask how your student is getting involved.

Students focus on study skills and time management as they adapt to a new schedule. Encourage your student to use campus resources and to get to know teaching assistants and professors by attending office hours.

Alcohol use may increase at this time of year. As a parent, you can influence your student's 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 student about compromise and community living.

On-campus recruiting for full-time positions and summer internships begins this month. Encourage your student to attend the Career and Internship Fair.

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						Sunburst Festival event (Union South) Photo Shoot with Bucky Taste of Madison (Sept. 1–2)
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	Labor Day	Chancellor's Convocation Deadline for students to cancel fall enrollment and have no fall-term record on transcript	Instruction for fall term begins Multicultural Orientation and Reception (MCOR) Multicultural Student Org Resource Fair (WayUp)		Deadline for initial fall-term enrollment without late fee	Home football game UW vs. New Mexico
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown Wisconsin Ironman competition		Islamic New Year begins* Transfer Student Welcome Dinner	Deadline to drop fall-term class and have no record of it on transcript Fall Student Organization Fair (Sept. 12–13) First-quarter University Housing payment due Study Abroad First-Year Student Welcome Event		Deadline to drop a fall-term class and receive 100% tuition adjustment Deadline to add or change sections in a fall-term class Deadline for fall-term enrollment with fee SHIP (Student Health Insurance Plan) fall/annual open enrollment deadline	Home football game UW vs. Brigham Young University (BYU)
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	Public Service Fair	Yom Kippur begins at sundown Study Abroad Fair Career Exploration Center Open House		Career and Internship Fair	Deadline for first-year/transfer students to complete violence prevention program online before registration hold	First day of fall
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Sukkot begins at sundown					Deadline to drop a fall-term class and receive 50% tuition adjustment Deadline to request pass/fail or credit/audit options for a fall-term class Deadline to change number of credits for a fall-term class Second-quarter University Housing bill published	
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Surrounded by a burst of fall colors, students stroll and ride through campus's scenic Lakeshore Path, which follows the southern shores of Lake Mendota.



# OCTOBER 2018

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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<i>* Date based on lunar calendar and may vary</i>	FAFSA available to apply for 2019–20 aid year					Home football game UW vs. Nebraska
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			Navaratri begins*	National Coming Out Day Wisconsin Science Festival (Oct. 11–14)	<b>FAMILY WEEKEND</b>	<b>FAMILY WEEKEND</b>
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<b>FAMILY WEEKEND</b> UW Homecoming Week (Oct. 14–20)	Off-Campus Housing Fair University Housing returning resident notice of intent begins					Homecoming football game UW vs. Illinois
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		Second-quarter University Housing payment due	Majors Fair			

## What's Happening with Your Student

Students experience their first midterms and papers of the year. 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 student is 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 student to take time in making this decision. Although some vacancies for next fall may be advertised as early as October, the best selection and choice of available off-campus housing is available November–February. Also, many students take advantage of returning to University Housing.

Students should begin applying for financial aid for next year by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. Talk with your student about finances for the upcoming term.

Next month, students will begin enrolling in spring-term classes. Encourage your student to meet with an advisor. Student Center will show any holds that should be cleared before a student can enroll.

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



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### Did You Know?

Each year, UW–Madison libraries serve more than 4 million students, faculty, staff, visiting scholars, and Wisconsin citizens. Memorial Library itself holds 78.5 miles of shelving—long enough to stretch from Madison to Lake Michigan.

Halloween  
UW Diversity Forum (Oct. 31–Nov. 1)





With the central message of unity through diversity, artist Leo Tanguma dedicated a set of multicultural murals to the Memorial Union in 1996. The murals, displayed just outside of Der Rathskeller, were preserved during large-scale renovations to Memorial Union, which concluded in 2017.

# NOVEMBER 2018

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<p><b>Did You Know?</b> UW-Madison leads all U.S. public universities in semester-long study abroad participation, according to the latest <i>Open Doors Report</i>. During the 2015-2016 academic year, 2,244 UW students studied across the world.</p>				<p>1 Admissions Winter Course Equivalency Service begins (Nov. 1-Dec. 1)</p>	<p>2 Deadline to drop a fall-term class (without academic dean approval) Deadline to add a fall-term class (with department permission)</p>	<p>3 Home football game UW vs. Rutgers</p>
<p>4 Daylight Saving Time ends</p>	<p>5 Enrollment appointment times for spring term assigned to students (throughout week)</p>	<p>6 Election Day</p>	<p>7 Diwali begins*</p>	<p>8 Can now withdraw without repayment of aid for fall term</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 Veterans Day Madison Marathon</p>	<p>12 International Education Week Deadline for first-year/transfer students to complete AlcoholEdu: Part 2 before registration hold Students begin enrolling for spring-term classes according to their appointment times University Housing returning resident room selection begins</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Thanksgiving Day Thanksgiving recess (Nov. 22-25)</p>	<p>23 Deadline to withdraw from fall term Deadline to change honors class status</p>	<p>24 Home football game UW vs. Minnesota</p>
<p>25 Classes resume</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

## What's Happening with Your Student

Students may get sick for the first time this term as cold and flu season begins. Remind your student to get a free flu shot, provided by 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 student to try to get eight hours of sleep, but to realize that four or five hours is better than none at all. This is a great time to send your student a card, photo, gift basket, or other greeting.

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

Encourage your student to speak to an advisor 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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In 1979, the Pail & Shovel Party of student government (which campaigned on a platform of pranks) promised to bring the Statue of Liberty to Madison. And it did, constructing a papier-mâché head and torch on frozen Lake Mendota. Thirty years later, as pictured here, the seemingly submerged “Lady of the Lake” returned.

# DECEMBER 2018

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

## Did You Know?

The UW–Madison Arboretum spans more than 1,200 acres and hosts the oldest and most varied collection of restored ecological communities in the world. Many of the UW’s green spaces double as outdoor classrooms for student learning and research.



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## What’s Happening with Your Student

Students may be feeling pressure as they are finishing papers and preparing for final exams. Encourage your student to take advantage of study groups and tutoring services. This is an ideal time for you to send words of encouragement or care packages. Remind your student 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 expected. Over break, talk with your student about finances. Students may want to get a job for the upcoming term. Students can visit [jobcenter.wisc.edu](http://jobcenter.wisc.edu) to explore new openings on and off campus.

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 student about plans for the break.

Students may start to think about upcoming study-abroad opportunities and international internships. Discuss possible locations and programs, as well as financial plans. Many application deadlines are in February and March. Visit [studyabroad.wisc.edu](http://studyabroad.wisc.edu) and [internships.international.wisc.edu](http://internships.international.wisc.edu).

2019–20 FAFSA priority deadline

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Hanukkah begins at sundown

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Exams begin

Deadline for first-year/new transfer students to complete violence prevention program in person before registration hold

Last day of classes

Study day

SHIP (Student Health Insurance Plan) spring/summer open enrollment begins

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Winter Commencement (no exams)

Last day to accept financial aid for fall term

Exams end

First day of winter

University Residence Halls close at noon

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Christmas Eve

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Christmas

Kwanzaa begins



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Awaiting warm weather and open waters, boat hulls from the Wisconsin Hoofers Sailing Club are pictured along the shore of Lake Mendota. The club has the second-largest (to the U.S. Naval Academy) inland fleet of boats in the United States—a necessity for its 1,000-plus members.

# JANUARY 2019

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<p><b>Did You Know?</b> UW women's hockey alumnae Brianna Decker, Meghan Duggan, Hilary Knight, and Alex Rigsby helped Team USA win gold in the PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympics. UW men's hockey coach Tony Granato served as head coach of the U.S. men's team.</p>		<p>1 New Year's Day</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Tuition eBills available for students and authorized payers</p>	<p>4 Third-quarter University Housing bill published</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Financial Aid refunds begin next week; is your student enrolled for eRefund?</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Financial aid begins applying to student tuition accounts eRefunds begin processing daily for students SHIP (Student Health Insurance Plan) spring/summer coverage period begins</p>	<p>16 Checks begin processing weekly for Parent PLUS refunds and for students not enrolled for eRefund</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Tuition due for spring term Deadline for new students (spring term) to complete AlcoholEdu: Part 1 before registration hold</p>	<p>19 University Residence Halls open End of fall-term eligibility for University Health Services</p>
<p>20 Spring-term eligibility begins for University Health Services</p>	<p>21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Deadline to cancel spring enrollment and have no spring-term record on transcript</p>	<p>22 Instruction for spring term begins</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Deadline for initial spring-term enrollment without late fee</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Third-quarter University Housing payment due Deadline to drop spring-term class and have no record of it on transcript Public Service Fair</p>	<p>31</p>		

## What's Happening with Your Student

Students see their grades and reflect on the fall term. Ask your student what went well and what could be done 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 student 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 term need to apply for graduation through Student Center.

Students begin purchasing textbooks and other class materials as they prepare for the upcoming spring term.

Encourage your student to stay active through intramural sports or Outdoor UW activities during the winter months.

If your student doesn't have a summer job or internship lined up, encourage your student to begin the search process. Career services offices on campus can help students identify and apply for opportunities.



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UW students play hockey on frozen Lake Mendota during the 2018 Hoofers Winter Carnival. A tradition since the early 20th century, events have ranged from the conventional (skiing, skating, snowboarding) to the more quirky (ice diving with scuba gear, ice sculpting, broom hockey).



# FEBRUARY 2019

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

## Did You Know?

The Career Exploration Center helps students who are weighing potential majors and careers through advising sessions and personal assessments. The center values a holistic approach, encouraging students to consider their interests, values, strengths, and personalities.



Deadline to drop a spring-term class and receive 100% tuition adjustment

Deadline for spring-term enrollment with fee

Deadline to add or change sections in a spring-term class

University Housing summer resident application available

## What's Happening with Your Student

Students begin planning for spring break. They may feel pressured by friends to take a trip. 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 a 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.

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. It's important to ask students about how they are handling the weather and what they are doing to get involved and stay healthy this term.

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



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		Lunar New Year Chinese New Year UW Founders' Day				
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				Valentine's Day SHIP (Student Health Insurance Plan) spring/summer open enrollment deadline	Deadline for new students (spring term) to complete violence prevention program online before registration hold Deadline to drop a spring-term class and receive 50% tuition adjustment Deadline to request pass/fail or credit/audit options for a spring-term class Deadline to change number of credits for a spring-term class	
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International Internship Program summer deadline	Presidents' Day				Fourth-quarter University Housing bill published	
24	25	26	27	28		
	Peace Corps Week					



A capacity crowd of Badger faithful packs the Kohl Center to watch the Wisconsin men's basketball team play the Xavier Musketeers on November 16, 2017.

# MARCH 2019

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

## Did You Know?

Associate Professor Ellen Damschen (center) empowers botany students to be independent thinkers through active learning and research. Her teaching methods also address gender and other inequalities in education and science, earning her a UW teaching award in 2018.



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					Admissions Summer Course Equivalency Service begins (March 1–May 15)	
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			Ash Wednesday		Deadline for new students (spring term) to complete AlcoholEdu: Part 2 before registration hold	
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Daylight Saving Time begins					University Housing returning resident contracts due	Spring recess (March 16–24)
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
St. Patrick's Day			Purim begins at sundown First day of spring Fourth-quarter University Housing payment due			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
					Deadline to drop a spring-term class (without academic dean approval)	
31	Classes resume				Deadline to add a spring-term class (with department permission)	
Can now withdraw without repayment of aid for spring term	Enrollment appointment times for summer term assigned to students (throughout week)					

## What's Happening with Your Student

There are more midterms and papers this month. This is a great time to let 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 student, 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](http://parent.wisc.edu) for more information.

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

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

Students will start to receive information about class enrollment for summer and fall terms. Encourage your student to meet with an advisor. Student Center will show any holds that should be cleared before a student can enroll.



FEBRUARY 2019							APRIL 2019						
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A solitary *Mycena* mushroom grows among moss on the bark of an oak tree in Wisconsin's Yellowstone State Park. The photo, taken by graduate student Francisco Barros, was named a winner of UW-Madison's 2018 Cool Science Image Contest.

# APRIL 2019

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

	1 Students begin enrolling for summer-term classes according to their appointment times Enrollment appointment times for fall term assigned to students (throughout week)	2	3	4 Wisconsin Film Festival (April 4–11)	5 UW Science Expeditions (April 5–7) Engineering Expo (April 5–6)	6 BADGER FAMILY SPRING VISIT (ALL MONTH)
7 Students begin enrolling for fall-term classes according to their appointment times	8	9	10	11	12 Undergraduate Symposium	13 SIBS DAY
14 Baisakhi	15 Tax Day	16	17	18	19 Good Friday Passover begins at sundown Deadline to withdraw from spring term Deadline to change honors class status	20
21 Easter	22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26	27

### Did You Know?

Student organizations build community and help make a large campus feel like home. There are some 1,000 active student organizations at UW–Madison. Visit [win.wisc.edu](http://win.wisc.edu) to explore the wide breadth of interests and opportunities.



### What's Happening with Your Student

Students may begin to think about declaring (or changing) majors, pursuing summer jobs, and finding summer housing. University Housing is a great housing option when taking summer classes. Learn more about summer term at [summer.wisc.edu](http://summer.wisc.edu).

If your student is in the process of exploring majors and careers, encourage your student to utilize the Cross-College Advising Service and Career Exploration Center. These offices serve students in all eight undergraduate schools and colleges.

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 how your student is 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 the All-Campus Party, a weeklong alcohol-free celebration sponsored by the Wisconsin Alumni Association.

April is the last full month of school for students who are graduating this year. Encourage your student to take time to enjoy Madison. Graduating families can find important information at [commencement.wisc.edu](http://commencement.wisc.edu).



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Chancellor Rebecca Blank addresses new graduates during UW–Madison's spring commencement ceremony at Camp Randall Stadium on May 13, 2017.

# MAY 2019

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<p><b>Did You Know?</b> The spring commencement ceremony returned to Camp Randall Stadium in 2014. Recent speakers include former Wisconsin quarterback Russell Wilson, TV personality and journalist Katie Couric, and comic actor (and UW alumnus) Anders Holm.</p>			1	2	3 Last day of classes  Deadline for new students (spring term) to complete violence prevention program in person before registration hold  Financial aid refunds begin next week; is your student enrolled for eRefund?	4   Study day
5  Ramadan begins at sundown* Cinco de Mayo Exams begin	6	7	8	9  Last day to accept financial aid for spring term and/or academic year	10  Commencement Weekend (May 10-12) Exams end	11  Commencement ceremony for bachelor's, master's, and law degree candidates
12  Mother's Day University Residence Halls close	13	14	15  Summer tuition eBills available for students and authorized payers	16	17  Financial aid begins applying to student tuition accounts	18  End of spring-term eligibility for University Health Services
19  Summer health-fee eligibility begins at University Health Services	20  Four-week summer session begins	21	22	23	24	25
26  Memorial Day	27	28  Three-week summer session begins	29	30	31	

## What's Happening with Your Student

Stress levels often increase as students are completing papers and projects and taking final exams. Encourage your student to take advantage of study groups and tutoring services. This is a great time to send your student a note of encouragement.

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 student 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. Joining Badger Bridge ([badgerbridge.com](http://badgerbridge.com)), a professional networking site for the UW community, is an easy way for recent graduates to connect with experienced alumni and seek career advice.



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\* Date based on lunar calendar and may vary



Cool blue views and warm-color chairs: it's easy to see why the Memorial Union Terrace is a top summer destination in Madison.



# JUNE 2019

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

## Did You Know?

The UW's Division of Recreational Sports (Rec Sports) offers intramural and club sports; fitness, personal training, and yoga classes; a pool, ice rink, and tennis courts; and open recreation across 60 acres of outdoor spaces.



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2	3	4 Eid al-Fitr begins at sundown*	5	6 Summer refunds begin next week; is your student enrolled for eRefund?	7	8 Shavuot begins at sundown
9	10	11	12	13	14 Three-week summer session ends Four-week summer session ends	15
16 Father's Day	17 Eight-week summer session begins	18	19 Juneteenth	20	21 First day of summer Tuition due for summer term	22
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## What's Happening with Your Student

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 how your student is planning to stay in touch with college friends.

Students who take summer classes at UW-Madison will find that the condensed timeframe means that classes are more intense than in the fall and spring terms, 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 student about goals for the year ahead. Encourage your student 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 student is unable to attend, keep your student in the loop before and after these events.



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Open tables, calm waters, clear skies, and anchored sailboats make for a serene morning scene at the Memorial Union Terrace.

# JULY 2019

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14	15 SHIP (Student Health Insurance Plan) fall/annual open enrollment begins	16	17	18 Dane County Fair (July 18-21)	19	20
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28	29	30	31	<p><b>Did You Know?</b> Professor Michael Thornton received a UW teaching award in 2018. Students say his Afro-American studies classes have challenged their assumptions and changed their lives, noting that he creates a classroom environment where diverse ideas can be openly, honestly debated.</p> 		

## What's Happening with Your Student

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 student to explore Madison and the surrounding community. You may also want to plan a trip to Madison to visit your student.

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, which wraps around Capitol Square, 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 student is becoming more independent. Keep lines of communication open, tell your student that you love them, and continue to build upon your new adult-to-adult relationship.

If your student is 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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A contemplative, eight-foot Bucky, known as *Well Red*, stares off into the distance over Lake Mendota. The statue is part of Alumni Park, which opened in fall 2017 between Memorial Union and the Red Gym and features 50 exhibits.

# AUGUST 2019

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

## Did You Know?

Go Big Read is the UW's common book program. Each year, students are invited to read and discuss a selected book that covers a topical issue. A number of prominent authors have visited campus, including Bryan Stevenson, Matthew Desmond, and Ruth Ozeki.



*\* Date based on lunar calendar and may vary*

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Eight-week summer session ends

Fall-term eligibility begins for University Health Services  
SHIP (Student Health Insurance Plan) fall/annual coverage period begins

Eid al-Adha begins at sundown\*

Tuition eBills available for students and authorized payers

Tuition due for fall term

Summer health-fee eligibility ends at University Health Services



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DECEMBER 2019						
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## 2019-20 DATES

Fall tuition due	Aug. 30, 2019
Labor Day	Sept. 2, 2019
Fall instruction begins	Sept. 4, 2019
Thanksgiving recess	Nov. 28–Dec. 1, 2019
Last day of fall classes	Dec. 11, 2019
Fall exams begin	Dec. 13, 2019
Winter Commencement	Dec. 15, 2019
Fall exams end	Dec. 19, 2019
Spring tuition due	Jan. 17, 2020
Spring instruction begins	Jan. 21, 2020
Spring recess	March 14–22, 2020
Last day of spring classes	May 1, 2020
Spring exams begin	May 3, 2020
Spring exams end	May 8, 2020
Commencement Weekend	May 8–10, 2020

Academic calendar dates are subject to change. Visit [secfac.wisc.edu/academic-calendar](http://secfac.wisc.edu/academic-calendar) for the most up-to-date academic calendar.



# IMPORTANT DATES 2018–2019

University Residence Halls move-in (as assigned)	August 28–30, 2018	Study day	May 4, 2019
Tuition due for fall term	August 31, 2018	Exams begin	May 5, 2019
Labor Day (no classes)	September 3, 2018	Exams end	May 10, 2019
Instruction begins	September 5, 2018	Commencement Weekend	May 10–12, 2019
First-quarter University Housing payment due	September 12, 2018	University Residence Halls close	May 12, 2019
Family Weekend	October 12–14, 2018	Four-week summer session	May 20–June 14, 2019
Second-quarter University Housing payment due	October 23, 2018	Three-week summer session	May 28–June 14, 2019
Thanksgiving recess	November 22–25, 2018	Eight-week summer session	June 17–August 9, 2019
Last day of classes	December 12, 2018	Tuition due for summer term	June 21, 2019
Study day	December 13, 2018		
Exams begin	December 14, 2018		
Winter Commencement (no exams)	December 16, 2018		
Exams end	December 20, 2018		
University Residence Halls close (at noon)	December 21, 2018		
Tuition due for spring term	January 18, 2019		
University Residence Halls open	January 19, 2019		
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 21, 2019		
Instruction begins	January 22, 2019		
Third-quarter University Housing payment due	January 30, 2019		
Spring recess	March 16–24, 2019		
Fourth-quarter University Housing payment due	March 20, 2019		
Last day of classes	May 3, 2019		

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 and Family Program website ([parent.wisc.edu](http://parent.wisc.edu)) or call 1-877-262-3977.

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