



Parent and Family Program
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

2019-2020
CALENDAR FOR BADGER FAMILIES

IMPORTANT DATES 2019–2020

University Residence Halls move-in (as assigned)	August 31–September 1, 2019
Labor Day (no classes)	September 2, 2019
Instruction begins	September 4, 2019
Tuition due for fall term	September 13, 2019
Fall University Housing payment due	September 13, 2019
Family Weekend	October 18–20, 2019
Thanksgiving recess	November 28–December 1, 2019
Last day of classes	December 11, 2019
Study day	December 12, 2019
Exams begin	December 13, 2019
Winter Commencement (no exams)	December 15, 2019
Exams end	December 19, 2019
University Residence Halls close (at noon)	December 20, 2019
University Residence Halls open	January 18, 2020
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 20, 2020
Instruction begins	January 21, 2020
Tuition due for spring term	January 31, 2020
Spring University Housing payment due	January 31, 2020
Spring recess	March 14–22, 2020
Last day of classes	May 1, 2020

Study day	May 2, 2020
Exams begin	May 3, 2020
Exams end	May 8, 2020
Commencement Weekend	May 8–10, 2020
University Residence Halls close	May 10, 2020
Four-week summer session	May 18–June 12, 2020
Three-week summer session	May 26–June 12, 2020
Eight-week summer session	June 15–August 7, 2020
Tuition due for summer term	June 19, 2020

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) or call 1-877-262-3977.

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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 18–20, 2019

Connect with campus.
Experience tradition.
Make memories.



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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@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, 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
Associate Director for Family Programs 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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Red and white flowers form the letters U and W in front of Agricultural Hall, home to the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

AUGUST 2019

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

Did You Know?

Madison was ranked as the eighth-best bike city by *Bicycling* in 2018. Both the city of Madison and the UW campus are equipped with bike lanes, bike repair stations, and bike racks. Madison also has scenic bike trails along lakes Mendota and Monona.



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Study Abroad applications open (fall, summer, and academic year programs)
** Date based on lunar calendar and may vary*

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Hajj begins at sundown*
Eight-week summer session ends
Eid al-Adha begins at sundown*

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Tuition eBills available for students and authorized payers

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

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Financial aid refunds begin next week; is your student enrolled for eRefund?

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Move-in for University Housing student employees and approved groups
Financial aid begins applying to student tuition accounts
eRefunds begin processing daily for students
McBurney Orientation and Service Training (MOST) program (Aug. 27-28)

Wisconsin Welcome events begin
Checks begin processing weekly for Parent PLUS refunds and for students not enrolled for eRefund
Deadline for first-year/transfer students to complete AlcoholEdu: Part 1 before registration hold

Move-in for all University Residence Halls (Aug. 31-Sept. 1, as assigned)
Taste of Madison (Aug. 31-Sept. 1)
Summer health fee eligibility ends at University Health Services
Islamic New Year begins*

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.



JULY 2019							SEPTEMBER 2019						
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Fall colors cover tree-lined Bascom Hill on a bright autumn afternoon.

SEPTEMBER 2019

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

1 Sunburst Festival Photo shoot with Bucky Move-in for all University Residence Halls (Aug. 31–Sept. 1, as assigned)	2 Labor Day	3 Chancellor's Convocation Deadline for students to cancel fall enrollment and have no fall-term record on transcript	4 Instruction for fall term begins Multicultural Orientation and Reception (MCOR)	5	6 Multicultural Student Org Resource Fair (WayUp) Deadline for initial fall-term enrollment without late fee Badger Volunteers registration opens	7 Home football game UW vs. Central Michigan
8 Wisconsin Ironman Competition	9 Public Service Fair Transfer Fest	10 Study Abroad First-Year Student Welcome Event	11 Fall Student Organization Fair (Sept. 11–12) Deadline to drop fall-term class and have no record of it on transcript	12	13 Tuition due for fall term 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 initial fall-term enrollment with fee Fall Housing payment due	14 SHIP (Student Health Insurance Plan) fall/annual open enrollment deadline
15 Latinx Heritage Month begins (Sept. 15–Oct. 15)	16	17 Career and Internship Fair Career Exploration Center Open House	18 Study Abroad Fair	19	20 Deadline for first-year/transfer students to complete U Got This! online violence prevention program before registration hold	21 Home football game UW vs. Michigan
22	23 First day of fall	24	25	26	27 Deadline to change number of credits for a fall-term class Deadline to request pass/fail or credit/audit options for a fall-term class Deadline to drop a fall-term class and receive 50% tuition adjustment	28 Home football game UW vs. Northwestern

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. Have an honest conversation with your student 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.



Did You Know?

Wisconsin Welcome orients students to campus through social and academic events. Events include the Terrace Paintacular and Lakeside Cinema at the Memorial Union Terrace, and the Chancellor's Convocation.

* Date based on lunar calendar and may vary



AUGUST 2019							OCTOBER 2019						
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Navaratri begins*
Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown




UW Mascot Bucky Badger makes his entrance onto the field at Camp Randall Stadium for the 2018 football season opener. The Badgers went on to defeat the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers 34-3.

OCTOBER 2019

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<p>Did You Know? Professor Michael Leckrone retired in 2019 after completing his 50th year as the director of the UW Marching Band. Leckrone has received a myriad of awards, is a member of the UW Athletic Hall of Fame, and has had over 200 of his arrangements and compositions published.</p>		1	2	3	4	5
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Diwali begins*				Halloween		

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.

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 and to attend the Student Housing Fair. 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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An aerial view of the downtown Madison isthmus shows Lake Mendota and Lake Monona with the Wisconsin State Capitol at the center of it all.

NOVEMBER 2019

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

Did You Know?

UW–Madison was named by *Princeton Review* in the 2019 edition of “The Best Value Colleges: 200 Schools with Exceptional ROI for Your Tuition Investment.” Schools on the list offer stellar academics and strong career prospects for graduates at an affordable cost.



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Native American Heritage Month begins

Deadline to drop a fall-term class (without academic dean approval)

Deadline to add a fall-term class (with department permission)

Admissions Winter Course Equivalency Service begins (Nov. 1–Dec. 1)

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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. Encourage your student to take advantage of study groups and tutoring services. 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 (wisc.academicworks.com). Scholarships are generally based on academic merit, outstanding ability in a particular field, and, in some cases, financial need.



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Daylight Saving Time ends

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Enrollment appointment times for spring term assigned to students (throughout week)

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Election Day
UW Diversity Forum (Nov. 5–6)

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University Housing returning resident room selection begins

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Can now withdraw without repayment of aid for fall term

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Home football game UW vs. Iowa

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Madison Marathon

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Veterans Day
Students begin enrolling for spring-term classes according to their appointment times

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Deadline for first-year/transfer students to complete AlcoholEdu: Part 2 before registration hold

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Deadline to withdraw from fall term

Deadline to change honors class status

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Home football game UW vs. Purdue

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International Education Week

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Thanksgiving Day
Thanksgiving recess (Nov. 28–Dec. 1)

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Early morning frost covers the trees and bushes of Alumni Park outside the Red Gym on a sunny winter morning.

DECEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 2020-21 FAFSA priority deadline	2 Classes resume	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Last day of classes	12 Study day	13 Exams begin Deadline for first-year/new transfer students to complete Get Wlse in-person violence prevention program before registration hold	14
15 Winter Commencement (no exams) SHIP (Student Health Insurance Plan) spring/summer open enrollment begins	16 Last day to accept financial aid for fall term	17	18	19 Exams end	20 University Residence Halls close at noon	21 First day of winter
22 Hanukkah begins at sundown	23	24	25	26 Kwanzaa begins	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve	<p>Did You Know?</p> <p>The Wisconsin women's hockey team was once again on top of the collegiate hockey world after defeating Minnesota 2-0 to claim the 2019 NCAA National Championship.</p>			

What's Happening with Your Student

Students may be feeling pressure as they are finishing papers and preparing for final exams. This is a great 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 studentjobs.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.

Visit studyabroad.wisc.edu and internships.international.wisc.edu.



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Students walk on a fresh coat of snow at the top of Bascom Hill during the first week of spring semester classes.

JANUARY 2020

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

Did You Know?

University Health Services has been named the #1 college health center in the United States by *Princeton Review* for the last three years. In 2018–19, UHS had more than 100,000 student visits.



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New Year's Day

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Tuition eBills available for students and authorized payers
Financial aid refunds begin next week; is your student enrolled for eRefund?

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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
SHIP (Student Health Insurance Plan) spring/summer coverage period begins
New Student Social
University Residence Halls open
End of fall-term eligibility for University Health Services

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Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Deadline to cancel spring enrollment and have no spring-term record on transcript
Deadline for new students (spring term) to complete AlcoholEdu: Part 1 before registration hold
Instruction for spring term begins
Deadline for initial spring-term enrollment without late fee
Badger Volunteers registration opens
Chinese New Year
Lunar New Year

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Tuition due for spring term
Deadline to add or change sections in a spring-term class
Deadline for initial spring-term enrollment with fee
Deadline to drop a spring-term class and receive 100% tuition adjustment
Spring Housing payment due
Deadline to drop spring-term class and have no record of it on transcript
Public Service Fair

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 is interested in a summer job or internship, 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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An inflated replica of the Statue of Liberty is set up during the Wisconsin Union's Winter Carnival on Lake Mendota near the Memorial Union.

FEBRUARY 2020

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

Did You Know?

Put on by the Wisconsin Union since 1940, the Winter Carnival is a long-standing tradition of providing opportunities to take part in outdoor recreation and celebrate winter. The festival includes free events and activities, such as ice golf on Lake Mendota.



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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.

The UW offers films, talks, performances, and more to celebrate Black History Month. Encourage your student to check out these events on campus.

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. Ask your student how they are handling the weather and what they are doing to get involved and stay healthy this term.

Black History Month begins

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University Housing summer resident application available

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UW Founders' Day

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Deadline for new students (spring term) to complete U Got This! online violence prevention program before registration hold (by Feb. 14)

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Valentine's Day

Deadline to change number of credits for a spring-term class

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

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

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International Internship Program summer deadline

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Presidents' Day

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Wisconsin Spring Primary

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A glow-in-the-dark fitness class is held by Recreational Sports at the Natatorium. Students can also participate in cinema spin, Zumba, and yoga classes.

MARCH 2020

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

1 Middle Eastern North African (MENA) Heritage Month begins Peace Corps Week Admissions Summer Course Equivalency Service begins (March 1–May 15) Study Abroad applications open (winter-term programs)	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Daylight Saving Time begins	9 Purim begins at sundown	10	11	12	13	14 Spring recess (March 14–22)
15 University Housing returning resident contracts due	16 Deadline for new students (spring term) to complete AlcoholEdu: Part 2 before registration hold	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 First day of spring	20	21
22	23 Classes resume Enrollment appointment times for summer term assigned to students (throughout week)	24	25 Friends of UW–Madison Libraries Book Sale (March 25–28)	26	27 Deadline to drop a spring-term class (without academic dean approval) Deadline to add a spring-term class (with department permission)	28

29 Can now withdraw without repayment of aid for spring term Students begin enrolling for summer-term classes according to their appointment times Enrollment appointment times for fall term assigned to students (throughout week)	30	31
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Did You Know?
The Campus Food Shed is a UW–Madison student organization that aims to address food insecurity and sustainability. Research produce and other fresh produce that would otherwise be thrown away is available for free to all students, faculty, and staff.



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 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.



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A flowering magnolia frames the Carillon Tower in April.

APRIL 2020

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<p>Did You Know? Professor Cathy Middlecamp received the George C. Pimentel Award in Chemical Education for teaching college chemistry in a manner that reflects the issues of people, their communities, and the planet. Her research and classroom offerings promote sustainable practices on campus and throughout society.</p>			1	2	3	4
		* Date based on lunar calendar and may vary	Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Heritage Month begins	Wisconsin Film Festival (April 2-9)	Undergraduate Symposium	BADGER FAMILY SPRING VISIT (ALL MONTH)
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	Students begin enrolling for fall-term classes according to their appointment times	Wisconsin Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary	Passover begins at sundown		Good Friday	
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Easter	Baisakhi		Tax Day		Deadline to withdraw from spring term Deadline to change honors class status	
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			Earth Day	Ramadan begins at sundown*		Crazylegs Run/Walk
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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.

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 students and families can find important information at commencement.wisc.edu.



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Chancellor Rebecca Blank addresses graduates and their families in Camp Randall Stadium during UW-Madison's spring commencement ceremony.

MAY 2020

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

Did You Know?

For the third year in a row, UW-Madison was ranked the number one producer of Peace Corps volunteers among large schools in 2019. There are 75 Badgers currently volunteering in countries around the world.



					1 Last day of classes Deadline for new students (spring term) to complete violence prevention program in person before registration hold Study Abroad applications open (spring and calendar year programs)	2 Study day
3 Exams begin	4 Last day to accept financial aid for spring term and/or academic year	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8 Commencement Weekend (May 8-10) Exams end Summer refunds begin next week; is your student enrolled for eRefund?	9 Commencement ceremony for bachelor's, master's, and law degree candidates
10 Mother's Day University Residence Halls close	11	12	13 Summer tuition eBills available for students and authorized payers	14	15 Financial aid begins applying to student tuition accounts	16
17	18 Four-week summer session begins End of spring-term eligibility for University Health Services	19 Summer health fee eligibility begins at University Health Services	20	21	22	23 Eid al-Fitr begins at sundown*
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31 * Date based on lunar calendar and may vary	Memorial Day	Three-week summer session begins		Shavuot begins at sundown		

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), 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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“Blooming Bucky” from the Bucky on Parade public art project is pictured on Henry Mall. This statue was created by Wisconsin artists Paula Hare and Dr. Diane Heatley.

JUNE 2020

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	Eight-week summer session begins				Juneteenth Tuition due for summer term	First day of summer
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Father's Day						

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. Taking summer-term classes can also help students lighten their course load during fall or spring.

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.

Did You Know?

Located between Lake Mendota and Langdon Street, Alumni Park tells the stories of the UW and its alumni and the ways they've changed the world. Alumni Park offers green spaces and gardens, artful exhibits, engaging programs, and a visitor center.



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Rainwater sits atop terrace chairs and tables after a summer thunderstorm at the Memorial Union Terrace.

JULY 2020

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<p>Did You Know? UW-Madison tied for 15th among public institutions in <i>U.S. News & World Report's</i> "America's Best Colleges" for 2019. The rankings measure undergraduate academic reputation, student excellence, faculty resources, graduation and retention rates, and more.</p>			1	2	3	4
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						Art Fair on the Square (July 11-12)
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			SHIP (Student Health Insurance Plan) fall/annual open enrollment begins	Dane County Fair (July 16-19)		
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				Eid al-Adha begins at sundown*		

* Date based on lunar calendar and may vary

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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The annual "Fill the Hill" event places a plastic pink flamingo on Bascom Hill for each donation received. This tradition started in 1979 when the student government, the Pail and Shovel Party, placed over 1,000 flamingos on the hill as a prank.

AUGUST 2020

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

Did You Know?

The Dane County Farmers' Market is the largest producer-only farmers' market in the country, and takes place around the Capitol Square in downtown Madison.



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Eight-week summer session ends

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Wisconsin Partisan Primary

SHIP (Student Health Insurance Plan) fall/annual coverage period begins

Fall-term eligibility begins for University Health Services

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Tuition eBills available for students and authorized payers

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Summer health fee eligibility ends at University Health Services



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2020-21 DATES

Fall instruction begins	Sept. 2, 2020
Labor Day	Sept. 7, 2020
Fall tuition due	Sept. 11, 2020
Thanksgiving recess	Nov. 26–29, 2020
Last day of fall classes	Dec. 10, 2020
Fall exams begin	Dec. 12, 2020
Winter Commencement	Dec. 13, 2020
Fall exams end	Dec. 18, 2020
Spring instruction begins	Jan. 19, 2021
Spring tuition due	Jan. 29, 2021
Spring recess	March 27–April 4, 2021
Last day of spring classes	April 30, 2021
Spring exams begin	May 2, 2021
Spring exams end	May 7, 2021
Commencement Weekend	May 7–9, 2021

Academic calendar dates are subject to change. Visit secfac.wisc.edu/academic-calendar for the most up-to-date academic calendar.





A Welcome from the Chancellor

Welcome to the UW–Madison family! As the mother of a very recent college graduate, I remember well the mixed emotions that come with sending a child off to college. As parents, we want to make sure that our young scholars are safe and happy, while also growing as people and being challenged in the classroom. It is likely that you will be living apart from your child for the first time, and it can be difficult to know how to help.

Luckily, at UW–Madison you have a strong partner in this process—the Parent and Family Program. 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

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