

2025 Universities of Wisconsin Fall Workshop Frequently Asked Questions

	UW-Meuau Claire	UW-Green Bay	UW-La Crosse	UW-Madison	UW-Milwaukee	UW-Oshkosh	UW-Parkside	UW-Platteville	UW-River Falls	UW-Stevens Point	UW-Stout	UW-Superior	UW-Whitewater
Application and Admission													
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Campus Visits	uwec.edu/visit	uwgb.edu/visit	uwlax.edu/visit	visitbucky.wisc.edu	uwm.edu/visit	uw.osh/visit	uwp.edu/apply/visits/campus/ours.cfm	uwpplatt.edu/visit	uwrf.edu/admissions/visit	uwsp.edu/visit	uwstout.edu/visit	uwsuper.edu/admissions/visit-campus/	uww.edu/admissions/tour
Apply via Common App	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Apply via UW Admission Pathway Portal	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Is the universal essay required?	Yes, Second essay also required.	Optional essay	Yes, Second essay also required.	Yes, Second essay also required.	Optional essay	Optional essay	No essay	Optional essay	No essay	No essay	No essay	Optional essay	Optional essay
Application Fee	\$25	No fee	\$25	\$80	No fee	No fee	No fee	No fee	No fee	No fee	No fee	No fee	No fee
Begin Reviewing Application	8/1/2025	8/1/2025	8/15/2025	9/1/2025	8/1/2025	8/1/2025	8/1/2025	8/1/2025	8/1/2025	8/1/2025	8/1/2025	8/1/2025	8/1/2025

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Application and Admission

Admissions Priority Deadline	2/1/2026	Rolling Admission	N/A	Early Action: 11/1/2025	3/1/2026	Rolling Admission	Rolling Admission	Rolling Admission	Rolling Admission	Rolling Admission	Rolling Admission	Not Applicable	Rolling Admission
Admissions Regular Deadline	2/1/2026	Rolling Admission	2/1/2026	Regular: 1/15/2026	8/1/2026	Rolling Admission	Rolling Admission	Rolling Admission	Rolling Admission	Rolling Admission	Rolling Admission	8/24/2026	Rolling Admission
Application Review Process Length	2 weeks	2 weeks	3-4 weeks	Early Action: Decision on or before 1/31/2026 Regular: Decision on or before 3/31/2026	7-10 days	2 weeks	1-2 week(s)	1-2 week(s)	1-2 week(s)	1 week	1 week	1-3 days	1-2 week(s)

Admission Guidelines and College Prep Requirements

At least 3 years required in composition and literature?	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Statistics and/or AP Statistics count as 3 rd year of math?	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
World language required for admission?	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
World language required to graduate from your institution?	Will vary by degree program.	No	No	No	Yes	Will vary by degree program.	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Will vary by degree program.	Will vary by degree program.

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FAFSA and Affordability

FAFSA Code	003917	003899	003919	003895	003896	003920	005015	003921	003923	003924	003915	003925	003926
FAFSA Preferred Filing Date	3/15/2026	1/15/2026	2/1/2026	12/1/2025	3/1/2026	1/1/2026	5/1/2026	2/1/2026	3/15/2026	3/1/2026	2/1/2026	2/1/2026	1/1/2026
Is the UW Application used for scholarship consideration?	No	No	Yes, for merit scholarships awarded by Admissions	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Do you have a scholarship-specific application process?	Yes. Students will complete one Admissions Scholarship Application after acceptance	Yes. Students should apply for scholarships via the UWGB Scholarship website	Yes, for scholarships awarded by the UWLA Alumni & Friends Foundations	Students have the option to use the application or the Wisconsin Scholarship Hub	Yes, students can be considered for merit-based scholarships by applying in the Panther Scholarship Portal	Yes, students must apply through Academic Works	Yes, students can access the scholarship application on UW-Parkside's website	Yes, students complete a separate scholarship application	Some are automatic based on GPA, others need a separate application	Yes	For foundations scholarships, there is an additional scholarship application	Yes	No
Midwest Tuition Rate	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No, but offers the Tuition Advantage, a discount on out-of-state tuition for eligible residents of Illinois and Iowa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
MN Reciprocity	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tuition Promise programs	23' & 25' Wisconsin Tuition Promise	23' & 25' Wisconsin Tuition Promise	23' & 25' Wisconsin Tuition Promise	Bucky's Tuition Promise, Bucky's Poll Pathway, Badger Promise, and WI Tribal Educational Promise	Milwaukee Tuition Promise	23' & 25' Wisconsin Tuition Promise	Parkside Promise	Platteville Promise	23' & 25' Wisconsin Tuition Promise	23' & 25' Wisconsin Tuition Promise	23' & 25' Wisconsin Tuition Promise	23' & 25' Wisconsin Tuition Promise	23' & 25' Wisconsin Tuition Promise

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ACT/SAT													
ACT/SAT scores for admission	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
ACT/SAT scores in place of placement testing	Subscores may be used as part of the placement process, but generally, no.	Subscores may be used in place of placement tests for some subjects	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
ACT/SAT scores for scholarships	Will be considered if available, but is not required	May be utilized for some, but generally no.	Yes	No	If provided during the application process, and the applicant requested consideration	May be utilized for some private scholarships, although most do not	No	May be used in the scholarship review process, but is not required.	Only for a few selective awards as an optional submission	Yes	Yes	Yes, but not required. A test score can only help a student and can be used as an additional tool to gauge academic achievements	Yes, in some but not all cases

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Enrollment and Housing													
Enrollment fee	\$100	None	\$100	\$200	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	\$100	\$100
Residence halls provided	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Housing deposit	None	\$75	\$150	\$300	\$50	\$75	\$50	None	\$100	No	\$125	None	\$125
Are first-year students required to live on-campus during their first year?	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Universities of Wisconsin ACT/SAT Test-Optional:

The Universities of Wisconsin is test-optional for students applying for undergraduate admission for Spring 2025 through Summer 2027 term. This applies to current high school students (Class of 2026) applying for the Fall 2026 term.

This includes admission to the following terms: Spring 2026, Summer 2026, Fall 2026, Spring 2027, and Summer 2027 terms. The last term that students will be able to opt out of submitting an ACT/SAT score will be for admission to Summer 2027 term unless the Universities of Wisconsin Board of Regents takes additional action regarding test score requirements before that time.

Are Direct Admit Wisconsin and The Wisconsin Guarantee the same program?

No. These are two distinct programs that both offer pathways to first-year student/freshman admission at any UW university, but that operate differently and have unique eligibility criteria.

Ten of 13 Universities of Wisconsin are currently participating in Direct Admit Wisconsin. Direct Admit Wisconsin offers early and proactive admission to participating Universities of Wisconsin to high school seniors at participating Wisconsin high schools. The Universities of Wisconsin collaborate with participating high schools to review student academic records (high school courses and GPA) at the end of their junior year and make offers of admission to participating UW universities without the need to submit a traditional admission application.

The Wisconsin Guarantee offers guaranteed admission to all Universities of Wisconsin except UW-Madison to first-year applicants from Wisconsin high schools who are in the top 10% of their class at the end of 11th grade, or Wisconsin residents who are homeschooled and receive an ACT score in the national 90th percentile ranking or higher or are a National Merit Scholarship finalist. First-year applicants from Wisconsin high schools who are in the top 5% of their class at the end of 11th grade, or Wisconsin residents who are homeschooled and receive an ACT score in the national 98th percentile ranking or higher or are a National Merit Scholarship finalist will be guaranteed admission to the UW-Madison through The Wisconsin Guarantee.

www.wisconsin.edu/students/wipathways

Supports for students with IEPs and 504 plans

Students do not have an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan in college. Additionally, accommodations and services do not "automatically transfer" from high school to college. Students seeking services at the college level should seek accommodations before the end of senior year. Students must identify as a student who needs services, apply for services, and submit appropriate documentation.

After a student has determined which UW they will be attending, they will need to self-identify with the Accessibility/Disability Services office. Students will want to make an appointment/meet with the Accessibility/Disability Services office at the UW for an intake appointment before the first semester begins. This appointment provides students with the opportunity to discuss documentation and accommodations, how to request and use accommodations, and get any questions answered. Students will receive accommodations through the accommodation plans they create with their Accessibility/Disability Services advisor.

Accessibility/Disability Services offices do not share student accommodation needs with instructors. Students are responsible for sharing their accommodations and may choose which instructors to inform, as accommodation needs can vary by course. Accommodations need to be submitted to/shared with instructors before the start of each semester. Accommodation needs may change over time, and students can revisit their previously approved accommodation plans.

www.wisconsin.edu/students/disability-resources

What is the essay prompt for the Universities of Wisconsin application for admission?

The Universities of Wisconsin application for admission asks the following question of new first-year/freshman applicants: "Each student is unique. Please tell us about the particular life experiences, talents, commitments, and/or interests you will bring to our campus."

The following UWs require a secondary essay:

UW-Eau Claire: Tell us why you are interested in attending UW-Eau Claire and what aspects of the campus (academics, activities, experiences, etc.) are especially important to you.

UW-La Crosse: Please respond to ONE of the following: (1) Tell us about any circumstances that may have had an impact on your academic performance.
OR (2) Tell us why you are interested in attending UW-La Crosse and what aspects of the campus are especially important to you.

UW-Madison: Tell us why you would like to attend the University of Wisconsin–Madison. In addition, please include why you are interested in studying the major(s) you have selected. If you selected undecided, please describe your areas of possible academic interest.