CONFIRMATION
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Read this brochure to help prepare for your campus visit.
Welcome to UW–MADISON!

Thank you for making a reservation to attend Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR). We look forward to seeing you in January. Please see your confirmation email to be sure that your SOAR session and date are correct. If you need to modify your SOAR reservation, you can do so by returning to soar.wisc.edu, where you made your original reservation.

SOAR Expectations

UW–Madison has the following expectations of SOAR participants:

- **Review** your confirmation email and online information. Make any necessary changes online at soar.wisc.edu at least one week before your session. (You will not be eligible for a refund for changes less than one week in advance of your SOAR session.)
- **Work** with your parents/guests to make any necessary travel plans.
- **Pay your SOAR fee.** Your payment is due one week prior to your attendance. Two weeks before you arrive, you will receive an email with your complete invoice and payment instructions. (No fees were collected at the time you made your reservation.)
- **Prepare.** Review the website: soar.wisc.edu.
- **Attend all activities** during SOAR. If you leave SOAR early, you won’t be able to enroll in courses.
- **Be active and open to new ideas.** At SOAR, you will work with professional academic advisors and peer advisors to help create a course schedule that works for you!
- **Get social.** Connect with the Center for the First-Year Experience (CFYE) at facebook.com/uwnewstudent and twitter.com/uwnewstudent. Ask SOAR questions using the hashtag #uwsoar or #futurebadgers.
Prepare for Your SOAR Experience

What to Bring
- A government-issued ID (i.e., passport, driver's license, or state ID card). You need this to obtain your Wiscard.
- Your campus ID number. (Memorize this number.)
- Your login and password for your NetID. (This is used to log in to My UW and email.)
- Score reports. If you have taken any AP/IB exams, please bring the score report(s) with you (if they are available). Reports must also be sent to the Office of Admissions and Recruitment from the exam company for official records.
- Final transcripts. Bring any completed college credits from other institutions. Official transcripts must also be sent to the Office of Admissions and Recruitment from each school you have attended.
- If you are required to take any placement tests, please bring a battery-operated, non-graphing calculator and a snack.
- A pencil or pen.
- Appropriate attire for the weather. January in Madison is cold. Be prepared!

Arrival Time & Logistics
Use the information below to help plan your arrival on campus. UW–Madison is a large campus, and it can take more time than you expect to move between program locations and parking. Please plan your travel — we don’t want you to miss anything!

Program Check-In
Check in at the Alumni Room of Union South, 1308 West Dayton Street, between 7:30 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. the day of your SOAR session. At check-in, you will receive a detailed SOAR schedule and program materials. Plan to stay at the program until 4:30 p.m.

Parking & Getting Around
If you plan to drive to campus, the closest parking lot is the Union South Garage (1308 West Dayton Street). Parking costs $12 per day. You can pull a ticket when you enter the garage and pay on exit. If the Union South Garage is full, parking is also available in Lot 17 (1525 Engineering Drive). (See map.)

Overnight Accommodations & Residence Hall Move-In
There is no additional or temporary housing provided by SOAR. If you are living in a University Residence Hall, please consult the University Housing move-in website at housing.wisc.edu/residencehalls/moving for more information and to review your housing contract for specific move-in dates. If you will be living off campus, you should consult your lease/contract for move-in dates.

Still looking for a place to stay in Madison for the school year? Don’t worry — Campus and Visitor Relations can help. Review campusareahousing.wisc.edu for housing ideas.

Participants with Disabilities
Disability accommodations are available for student participants and their parents/guests for both permanent and temporary disabilities. In order to best serve you, we request advanced notice. If you did not indicate your need for disability accommodations for SOAR when you made a reservation, please call the SOAR Information Line at 608-262-4707.

Reservation Changes/Cancellations
Because resources are committed in advance, any changes to your SOAR reservation must be made at least one week prior to your attendance. SOAR will not grant refunds for changes or cancellations made less than one week prior to your attendance, except in extreme circumstances.

New Student Fee
You will be assessed a New Student Fee your first semester on campus. This fee will appear on your spring tuition and fees bill. More information about the fee can be found at newstudent.wisc.edu/fees.

Previous College Credit
Send any college transcripts to the Office of Admissions and Recruitment, 702 West Johnson Street, Suite 1101, Madison, WI 53715-1007.
Get Ready To SOAR

You will receive a detailed itinerary when you check in at SOAR. Please use the following schedule to arrange your arrival and departure logistics. You are required to remain at SOAR for the entire program. Please do not plan to arrive late or leave early. Most of the parent and guest program is independent from the student program and takes place in separate locations, so please plan accordingly.

Before

UW Placement Testing
Be sure to take your placement tests before your SOAR session. (See Placement Testing Section or visit testing.wisc.edu/residualplacementtestingschedule.html.) If you do not complete your placement testing before SOAR, your ability to enroll in courses will be limited.

Day of SOAR All SOAR activities will take place at Union South, 1308 West Dayton Street.

Check-in: 7:30–8:45 a.m.,
Union South, Alumni Room. (Plan to be at the program until 4:30 p.m.)

Students
Academic Advising & Course Enrollment at UW–Madison
Students will learn about their school or college, meet with academic advisors, and enroll in spring courses. At the end of the SOAR session, current UW–Madison students will answer remaining questions as part of the check-out process. Lunch is included!

Parents and Guests
SOAR Program Sessions
SOAR includes information for parents and guests in separate sessions from the student program. Parents and guests will learn more about the transition to college and the resources at UW–Madison. Participants will hear from representatives from financial aid, bursar, housing, health services, and campus safety. Lunch is included!

Optional Events for everyone
Campus Resources Fair
Campus Tours

Questions? Visit soar.wisc.edu to review information about:
• UW Placement Testing
• Arrival and Parking Logistics
• Academic Advising Preparation Tips
• Information on the SOAR Program (both student and parent/guest programs)
• Frequently Asked Questions and much more!
Placement Testing

Freshmen
All incoming freshmen are required to complete placement testing in English and mathematics, regardless of previous coursework. Students are strongly encouraged to test in a foreign language as well.

Transfer Students
Some transfer students are required to take placement tests in English, mathematics, and/or a foreign language. The Office of Admissions and Recruitment will email you shortly after your admittance, outlining the test(s) you need to take, if any.

If you have questions about which placement tests you are required to take, contact the Office of Admissions and Recruitment at transfer@admissions.wisc.edu or 608-262-3961.

Testing Schedule
Students needing to complete placement testing must do so prior to your SOAR session. Students who have not completed their placement testing prior to SOAR will be severely limited in their ability to enroll in courses.

Bring a snack, especially if you are taking all three tests. Although no food or drinks are allowed while students are testing, there will be a fifteen-minute break between each exam.

Test Dates and Locations
Please refer to the following websites for details about testing:
- English as a Second Language Assessment Test (ESLAT): english.wisc.edu/esl/international-students-placement.htm
- UW Mathematics Placement Test, UW English Placement Test (UWEPT), and Foreign Language Placement Test (Spanish, French, German, Hebrew, and Latin): testing.wisc.edu/residualplacementtestingschedule.html

Parents and Guests
Looking for something to do while your student is placement testing? Waiting for your student to finish academic advising? Parents/guests are encouraged to stop at the Campus and Community Information Welcome Desk on the first floor of Union South for information about interesting places on campus and in downtown Madison.

Welcome Desk:
1308 West Dayton Street
608-263-2400
info.wisc.edu
The University of Wisconsin–Madison does not discriminate in its employment practices and programs and activities on a variety of bases including: race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age. For information on other covered bases, and the names of the Title IX and Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinators, contact the Office for Equity and Diversity at 179A Bascom Hall, Madison WI 53706, 608-263-2378, WTRS 7-1-1.

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