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SOAR
JANUARY
Thank you for making a reservation to attend Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR). Please see your MyUW account to ensure that your SOAR session and date are correct. If you need to modify your SOAR reservation, please contact the SOAR office at 608-262-4707 or soar@studentlife.wisc.edu.

**PRE-ARRIVAL**

**Get Ready**
- Complete your scheduled placement tests prior to attending SOAR.
- Review your SOAR session selections and date at soar.wisc.edu. Make any necessary changes online at least one week prior to your session.
- Pay your SOAR fees. 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 SOAR reservation.
- Complete the “Preparing for SOAR” module in MyUW prior to your SOAR session.
- Plan to attend all activities during SOAR. If you leave SOAR early, you won’t be able to enroll in courses.
- Get social. Connect with the UW on social media, #uwnewstudent.
- Review information about MFA-Duo in this confirmation. At SOAR, you will select and activate your chosen device.

**Bring with You**
- A government-issued photo ID (passport, driver’s license, or state ID card). You’ll need this to obtain your Wiscard (student ID).
- Know your Net ID and password. (You will need this info to register for classes.)
- A pencil or pen and a notebook to take notes.
- Any academic/scholarship information you have received that relates to your course enrollment.
- Score reports for AP, IB, A-levels or other college-level tests and unofficial transcripts of college classes in which you have participated.

**What to Wear**
- SOAR programming takes place at several different campus locations; please wear comfortable walking shoes
- Check the weather forecast before attending. SOAR will include brief walks outside.

**ARRIVAL @ SOAR**

Please note that UW-Madison is a large campus, and it can take more time than you expect to move between program locations and parking. Plan your travel accordingly!

**Where to Park**
You are encouraged to park in State Street Campus Garage (415 N. Lake Street). Cost is $1.50 per hour.

**Where to Check in**
Arrive between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. at the Memorial union Annex Room, located on the second floor (800 Langdon Street). A continental breakfast will be served, and various campus offices will be present at tables to answer your questions on the fourth floor.

**Where to Stay**
Need to stay overnight in Madison? We encourage SOAR participants to stay at the Lowell Center Hotel (610 Langdon Street) using our discount rate link.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Participants with Disabilities
Disability accommodations for SOAR are available for students and their parents/guests with either permanent or temporary disabilities. During the program, students will travel 0.1 miles from Memorial Union to College Library. Parents and guests will stay in Memorial Union for the duration of the program. Students and guests who may need assistance should contact the SOAR Information Line at 608-262-4707.

Changes/Cancellations
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 within one week of your attendance, except in extreme circumstances.

CONTACTS

SOAR Office Contact Information
608-262-4707
The phone is answered 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. CDT, Monday–Friday.
soar.wisc.edu
soar@studentlife.wisc.edu

McBurney Disability Resource Center
608-263-2741 (voice) / 608-225-7956 (text), mcburney.wisc.edu
For disability accommodations during SOAR, please call the SOAR Information Line at 608-262-4707.

Testing & Evaluation Services (Placement Testing)
608-262-5863, testing.wisc.edu

Undergraduate Admissions
608-262-3961, onwisconsin@admissions.wisc.edu

University Housing
608-262-2522, AssignMe@housing.wisc.edu

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MFA-DUO
All students are required to enroll in multi-factor authentication from Duo Security (MFA-Duo). This is an additional step to your NetID login process. Here are your device options (i.e. smartphone, tablet, token/fob or security key) for logging into MFA-Duo and a guide for Prove It’s You! Multi-factor Authentication for Students.

Please note: You are not allowed to share your NetID, password or MFA-Duo login information with anyone per the Acceptable Use of Information Technology Resources. Failure to comply may result in suspension or loss of access to UW System IT resources.
STUDENT PROGRAM
Check-In
8–9 a.m.

New Student Social & Resource Fair
8–9:30 a.m.
Learn about resources available to spring start students and meet other incoming students. Continental breakfast will be available.

Welcome and Introduction to the Wisconsin Experience
9:30–9:45 a.m.
Current students and staff members will welcome you to SOAR, provide an overview of the program, and introduce the Wisconsin Experience.

Academic Advising
9:45 a.m.–2 p.m.
Throughout the day, you will work with your advising group to review transfer credits and previous coursework, learn about academic course requirements, and work to develop a first-semester course plan. You will work with a variety of individuals, including peer and professional academic advisors. Starting in the afternoon, once you are ready, you will be able to enroll in your fall courses with the assistance of the SOAR advising staff. Lunch is provided as part of the program.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
Students attending UW on a F-1 or J-1 visa are also required to complete the International Student Orientation (ISO) in addition to SOAR. During ISO, students will complete the mandatory check-in process required by the US Department of Homeland Security, understand the rules and regulations related to international scholars, and learn about the resources provided by International Student Services. More information can be found at iss.wisc.edu/orientation-2020. There is no registration required for ISO.

PARENT & GUEST PROGRAM
Parents and guests are strongly encouraged to attend our program in order to learn about campus resources available to your student. Registration is required and is part of the student’s SOAR reservation process. While younger siblings are welcome at the program, we do not offer any programming for younger Badger family members. Schedule is subject to change.

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Morning Sessions Include:
• Understanding Academic Advising at UW–Madison
• Campus Safety
• Supporting Your Student Through Transition

Lunch is provided as part of the program

Afternoon Sessions Include:
• University Health Services
• Managing Finances–Financial Aid and Paying Tuition
• Campus Area Housing
• Living on Campus in University Housing

PLACEMENT TESTING
Students receive their placement testing requirements via email shortly after they have been admitted to the University. You are required to complete the any required placement tests prior to your SOAR date. On-campus testing will be available during the week of January 13. For more information visit go.wisc.edu/spring-testing. Questions about placement testing can be directed to the SOAR office.