WELCOME TO UW–MADISON!

Thank you for making a reservation for Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR). If you need to change or cancel your SOAR reservation, go to soar.wisc.edu to revisit the reservation system or contact the SOAR office at 608-262-4707 or soar@studentlife.wisc.edu.

The SOAR program consists of completing two required online courses in Canvas and an individual audio or video meeting with a professional academic advisor between January 5–21, 2021. You will need to follow the process outlined in this confirmation to complete the entire SOAR Program and be able to enroll in spring courses. The times listed below are an approximation of how long it will take you to complete each part. For more detailed information, visit soar.wisc.edu.

Preparing for SOAR Module in MyUW (30 min)
The information collected in the Preparing for SOAR module helps the SOAR staff and advisors personalize your SOAR experience and ensure you are connected with the appropriate advising group. To access the module, search ‘Preparing for SOAR’ in MyUW or go to my.wisc.edu/preparing-for-soar. You should complete the Preparing for SOAR module as soon as possible and no later than January 3, 2021, so you can receive access to the online SOAR Canvas courses.

Placement Testing (90 min per test)
The UW System will offer free online placement testing for Spring 2021 students. All placement tests must be completed on January 4. To confirm which test(s) you need to take, check your email from the Office of Admissions and Recruitment or contact their office at 608-262-3961 or onwiscin@admissions.wisc.edu. The next page explains how to register and complete your placement testing.
## JANUARY SOAR PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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**UW System Placement tests – Math, English, & World Languages (Spanish, French, German):** On January 4, 2021, please visit [go.wisc.edu/uw_testing](http://go.wisc.edu/uw_testing) to register and complete your UW System placement testing online. Shortly after registering, you will receive an email from candidatesupport@scantron.com with a password and instructions to access the online placement testing system. Contact the Testing and Evaluation Services office at frontdesk@exams.wisc.edu or (608) 262-5863 if you have questions during the registration process.

**English as a Second Language Assessment Test (ESLAT):** International students required to take the ESLAT will complete the test in Canvas, instead of the UW System English test. If you have registered for SOAR and activated your NetID, you will see the ESLAT exam appear on your UW Canvas dashboard at [canvas.wisc.edu](http://canvas.wisc.edu) on January 4, 2021.

**JANUARY 5-10: COMPLETE SOAR CANVAS CONTENT**

There are two components to SOAR — Academics & Course Enrollment and Student Life & Transition. The content of the SOAR program is designed to help you have a successful transition as a new Badger. You will complete the online SOAR program content in Canvas, the University’s online learning platform.

You will be able to complete both Canvas courses at your own pace and you do not have to complete them in one sitting. Canvas will save your progress as you go!
**Complete Required Content: Academic Advising Course**  
**Steps 1–4 (time varies per advising group)**
Your SOAR Academic Advising Canvas course will be specific to your advising group. In this course, your advising group will:
- Connect you with important information about the academic advising process
- Guide you through the course selection process.
- Provide instructions for scheduling your required one-on-one meeting with a professional advisor

**Complete Required Content: Student Life & Transition Course Unit 1 (120 minutes)**
One of the goals of SOAR is to help you become familiar with campus life and to provide information that will help with the transition to the University of Wisconsin–Madison. This content includes important information from many key departments on campus.

**Review Optional Content: Student Life & Transition Course Unit 2 (100 minutes)**
The ‘Connect With your Badger Community’ content in Unit 2 is filled with useful information for your first semester and making connections with our campus. You may move through this content at your own pace throughout January. Note: Unlike Unit 1, there will not be any green check marks to indicate completion for the Unit 2 modules.

**JANUARY 13-21: ACADEMIC ADVISING & COURSE ENROLLMENT**
**Meet with an Academic Advisor (30 minutes)**
Your SOAR advising appointment will be a scheduled video or audio call with a professional academic advisor.

During your advising appointment, you can expect to discuss degree requirements and course options for your first semester at UW–Madison. Before your appointment, please visit [guide.wisc.edu](http://guide.wisc.edu) to explore courses and requirements.

SOAR advising appointments will take place during January 13–21 (except Martin Luther King Jr. Day weekend). Dates and times available for advising appointments varies across the SOAR advising groups. In your SOAR Academic Advising Canvas course, you will receive specific instructions on how to schedule your advising appointment and the days your advising group is available for appointments.

**Review Optional Content: Academic Advising Course Step 5 (time varies per advising group)**
After meeting with an advisor, you will have explored courses and learned about major and degree requirements. You will be ready to enroll! Step 5 of your SOAR Academic Advising course will give you more guidance for enrolling in your first-semester courses. Step 5 can be completed at any time and at your own pace.

**Enroll in Courses (time varies per person)**
Students are responsible for enrolling in courses, and this is where it all happens. You will build a schedule and enroll in courses for your first semester. Campus has also worked over the past several years to make our enrollment tools easy to use and user friendly!
GET READY FOR ADVISING

☑ Know your Net ID and password. You will need this info to register for classes.

☑ Gather 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. Remember to send all final transcripts to the Office of Admissions & Recruitment!

☑ Don’t forget to visit guide.wisc.edu to explore courses and requirements.
PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Welcome to the Badger Family! The Center for the First-Year Experience (CFYE) is committed to providing you with the necessary support to help facilitate a successful transition for your student.

We also offer online content for parents and family members of incoming Badgers that covers a wide range of topics. Visit our January SOAR for Parents & Families page for more information: soar.wisc.edu/january-program/families.
**AFTER SOAR**

**Wiscard**
Visit wiscard.wisc.edu/online-photo for instructions on how to request a Wiscard (campus ID card). If you will be learning remotely and not coming to campus, you don’t need a Wiscard until you plan to be physically on campus in Madison.

**NetID Log-in Security**
All new students are required to enroll in multi-factor authentication from Duo Security (MFA-Duo). This is an additional step to your NetID login process. Visit it.wisc.edu/learn/#cybersecurity and click ‘Prove It’s You! Multi-factor Authentication for Students’ for a guide on setting up MFA-Duo.

*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.

**International Students Check-In Process**
If you are an international student preparing to come to campus on an F-1 or J-1 visa for the spring 2021 semester, please visit the International Student Services (ISS) website at iss.wisc.edu. This site has helpful pre-arrival guidelines, details about completing mandatory International Student Orientation (ISO) and ISS Check-in within your Terra Dotta portal, COVID-19 FAQs, and information for dependents. Transfer students from another U.S. institution as well as students changing their visa status to F-1 or J-1 must also complete the ISO and ISS Check-in requirement.

**CONTACTS**

**SOAR Office**
608-262-4707
The phone is answered 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. CST.
saar@studentlife.wisc.edu
soar.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
frontdesk@exams.wisc.edu

Contact Testing & Evaluation Services for disability accommodation questions for placement testing.
exams.wisc.edu/placement/uw-madison-students.php

**University Housing**
608-262-2522 (Voicemails only)
housing.wisc.edu/about/contact/
Housing offices typically reply to contact form submissions within two business days.

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

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