



**SUMMER
2022
ONLINE
PROGRAM**





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 a required online course in Canvas and an individual audio or video meeting with a professional academic advisor. You will need to follow the process outlined in this document to complete the entire SOAR Program and be able to enroll in 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 mywisc.edu/preparing-for-soar. You should complete the Preparing for SOAR module as soon as possible, so you can receive access to the online SOAR Canvas course.

Placement Testing (90 min per test)

The UW System offers free online placement testing for incoming students. All placement tests must be completed two weeks prior to your SOAR session. 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 onwisconsin@admissions.wisc.edu. The next page explains how to register and complete your placement testing.

SOAR PROGRAM OVERVIEW

TASK	DUE DATE
Complete Preparing for SOAR Module in MyUW	Two Sundays before your SOAR Advising week begins
Complete Placement Testing	Two weeks before your SOAR Advising week begins
Complete required Canvas content - Academic Advising (Steps 1-4)	By the Sunday before your scheduled SOAR Advising appointment
Meet with your academic advisor	During your SOAR week
Enroll in courses	As soon as possible
Review optional Canvas content - Academic Advising (Step 5)	None; at your own pace

UW System Placement tests – Math, English, & World Languages (Spanish, French, German): Please visit 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.

COMPLETE SOAR CANVAS CONTENT

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 (online) 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

ACADEMIC ADVISING & COURSE ENROLLMENT

Meet with an Academic Advisor (30–60 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 to explore courses and requirements.

Dates and times available for advising appointments vary across the SOAR advising groups. 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 worked over the past several years to make our enrollment tools easy to use and user friendly!

AFTER SOAR

Wiscard

To obtain a university ID card (Wiscard) please visit the Wiscard Office in Union South. A government issued ID is required for identification purposes.

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, 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.

GET READY FOR ADVISING

- ✓ Know your NetID and password. You will need this info to register for classes.
- ✓ Gather academic/scholarship information you have received that relates to your course enrollment.
- ✓ Gather 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 SOAR for Parents & Families page for more information: soar.wisc.edu/family

CONTACTS

SOAR Office

608-262-4707

The phone is answered
8 a.m.–6 p.m. CST.

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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.

University Housing

608-262-2522

housing.wisc.edu/about/contact/

Housing offices typically reply to
contact form submissions within
two business days.

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](http://exams.wisc.edu/placement/uw-madison-students.php)

Undergraduate Admissions

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wisc.edu/admissions

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