



WHAT TO EXPECT AT UW-MADISON?

3 things you may wish you knew
before coming to Madison

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1.1// ABOUT SCHOOL

ACADEMIC

Attending your very first class...

> You may meet **diverse groups** of classmates from freshmen to graduate students in your first class at **UW-Madison**. Sometimes you don't get to enroll the ideal course/section/schedule at first. Don't panic! It's common to add and drop courses in the first week. **Check Course Search** for available seats & **Canvas** for materials and assignments everyday!



1.2// ABOUT SCHOOL

CAMPUS

- **Student Organizations**
 - Attend the Student Org Fair on September 13 +14
 - Completely voluntary but highly recommended to join a student org!
- **Badger Community**
 - Enjoy Football, Basketball, and Volleyball games with other Badgers!



BEST COLLEGE TOWN

MADISON FUN

2.1// FREE
TIME



- **Memorial Union**

- Lake Mendota, live jazz,
- Daily Scoop (Ice Cream Shop)

- **State Street & Capitol**

- Farmers' Market (Sat mornings) & Night market (Sept 9)

- **Shopping**

- Hilldale Mall, West/East Towne Mall, Costco

- **Cycling in Summer**

- Lake Monona (~2.5hr), Lake Wingra (~1hr)
- **BCycle promo code: WISCSTUDENT

- **Hiking in Summer**

- e.g. Devil's Lake State Park

- **Skiing in Winter**

- e.g. Tyrol Basin

(*Also check <[How to get involved at UW-Madison](#)>)

NEARBY CITIES

2.2// FREE
TIME



- **Chicago** (Downtown)
 - *How to get there:*
 - O'Hare Intl. Airport (ORD)
 - Approx. 3hr bus ride by *CoachUSA**
- **Milwaukee**
 - *How to get there:*
 - Mitchell Intl. Airport (MKE)
 - Approx. 1.5hr ride by *BadgerBus**
 - MKE Intermodal // Public Market
- **Minneapolis** (Mall of America, UMN Campus)
 - *How to get there:*
 - Approx. 4.5hr ride by *BadgerBus**

(*All aboard at N Lake St. Stop)

(**Also check <Commuting in Madison>)

3.// ADVICE

Socialize

- Say hi to your classmates & meet friends

Balance

- Manage your time in studying, working, and “living”

Utilize

- Make the best out of the campus resources

Plan ahead

- Consult Advisors or Profs about your plans & be active

Adapt

- Consider these suggestions
- Enjoy your time at UW-Madison at your OWN PACE!



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Arrive in Madison early to explore this city in a wonderful summer!

