


STUDENT
ADMISSION

 UNIVERSITIES OF WISCONSIN	TRADITIONAL ADMISSION	DIRECT ADMIT WISCONSIN	THE WISCONSIN GUARANTEE
Participating Universities	All	All except UW-Eau Claire, UW-La Crosse & UW-Madison	All
Eligibility	Holistic Review of Multiple Student Factors	High School Courses & GPA	Class Rank Determined by GPA on 11th Grade Transcript Top 5% Admitted to ALL UWs Top 10% Admitted to All UWs Except UW-Madison
Admission Decision Timeframe	Applications Open August 1. Decision times vary by UW.	July Before Senior Year	Applications Open August 1. Decision times vary by UW.
High School Opt-In Requirement	No	Yes	No
Student Opt-In Requirement	No	Yes	No
Application Required	Yes	No	Yes
Required Application Fees to Apply	Yes, if charged by the UW university	No	Yes, if charged by the UW university
Available to Out-of-State Students	Yes	No	No
Guaranteed Admission	No	Yes*	Yes
Guaranteed Admission to Program or Majors	No	No	No



LEARN MORE ABOUT
ALL 3 PATHWAYS

WISCONSIN.EDU/STUDENTS/WIPATHWAYS
OR CALL 800.442.6459

** Students who receive Direct Admit Wisconsin offers of admission must successfully complete required academic courses, maintain (or raise) their GPA, graduate from a recognized high school and submit an official final high school transcript.*

FIRST YEAR STUDENT
PATHWAYS TO



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DIRECT ADMIT WISCONSIN

All Universities of Wisconsin except for UW-Eau Claire, UW-La Crosse and UW-Madison are participating in Direct Admit Wisconsin.

Direct Admit Wisconsin offers early and proactive admission to participating UW universities to high school juniors at participating Wisconsin high schools. The UWs collaborate with high schools to review student academic records (high school courses and GPA) at the end of their junior year and make offers of admission without the need for students to submit a traditional admission application.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

If you attend a high school participating in Direct Admit Wisconsin, connect with your school counselor to sign up!

WHAT DO I DO IF THE UW UNIVERSITY I'M INTERESTED IN IS NOT PARTICIPATING?

Follow the traditional admission pathway for that UW university. Students interested in UW-Eau Claire, UW-La Crosse, and/or UW-Madison should submit a traditional application.

[WISCONSIN.EDU/DIRECT-ADMISSIONS](https://www.wisconsin.edu/direct-admissions)

TRADITIONAL ADMISSION

The traditional admission process requires students to complete an application. Applications are available on August 1 prior to the year of intended enrollment. Students must submit the application and all required materials according to the UW university application deadline. Applicant materials will be reviewed holistically considering multiple factors.

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Universities of Wisconsin offer three paths to first-year student/freshman undergraduate admission for Wisconsin high school students. All three paths require students to meet the minimum admission criteria. Direct Admit Wisconsin and The Wisconsin Guarantee provide admission to University of Wisconsin universities; they do not provide guaranteed admission into a specific major, program, school, or college.

BEING A STRONG CANDIDATE FOR ALL UW ADMISSION PATHWAYS

Pursuing the most rigorous courses available to you throughout your high school experience is the best way to prepare for a successful college experience.

Students who engage in rigorous coursework typically adapt more easily to college-level demands and often achieve higher grades compared to their peers who do not.

Additionally, enrolling in early college credit programs or college courses and completing Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate tests can provide the opportunity to earn college credit while in high school. The more college credit you earn in high school, the more flexibility you have in shaping your college experience. Earning college credit while in high school may allow you to graduate early and save money.

THE WISCONSIN GUARANTEE

The Wisconsin Guarantee offers guaranteed admission to all Universities of Wisconsin except UW-Madison to first-year applicants from Wisconsin high schools who are in the top 10% of their class at the end of 11th grade, or Wisconsin residents who are homeschooled and receive an ACT score in the national 90th percentile ranking or higher or are a National Merit Scholarship finalist.

First-year applicants from Wisconsin high schools who are in the top 5% of their class at the end of 11th grade, or Wisconsin residents who are homeschooled and receive an ACT score in the national 98th percentile ranking or higher or are a National Merit Scholarship finalist will be guaranteed admission to UW-Madison through The Wisconsin Guarantee.

Students must still complete a traditional application to access The Wisconsin Guarantee. Applicants pursuing guaranteed admission to UW-Madison must submit their application and all required materials by the Early Action application deadline. Applications to all other UWs must be submitted by individual UW university regular application deadlines.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

All you need to do is apply to a UW! Your class rank must be posted on your high school transcript when you apply.

[WISCONSIN.EDU/WISCONSIN-GUARANTEE](https://www.wisconsin.edu/wisconsin-guarantee)

