# Information for Students

## A. University

**University of Wisconsin Madison**

http://www.wisc.edu/ | www.studyabroad.wisc.edu/exchange

## B. Location

Madison, Wisconsin, USA

## C. Academics

### i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer

Please ensure your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home School or Faculty before the exchange.

Modules approved in the past might not be offered by the host university or approved by your Faculty when it is time for your exchange. Please check the latest course offerings at the host universities while you are preparing your Study Plan.

### ii) Academic Calendar

**Semester 1 (Fall):** August to December  
**Semester 2 (Spring):** January to May

https://secfac.wisc.edu/academic-calendar/

### iii) Exchange Duration

One semester

### iv) Examination

Students should check the exam timetable at their host university, and ensure they can stay at their host university until after the end of the official exam period.

### v) Curriculum Structure

Full-time undergraduate students at UW-M have 12 or more credits.

### vi) Entry Requirements

CAP of 3.5 out of 5.0 with no grade below C

### vii) Language Proficiency Requirements

English

### viii) Modules Compatibility

Exchange students can browse course listings in the Class Search and Course Guide. You will be sent an email from the Office of the Registrar once you are officially accepted on the exchange programme, which will contain an invitation to enrol in courses and a date to enrol.

https://studyabroad.wisc.edu/exchange/academics/

### ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites

Exchange students are rarely, if ever, allowed to enrol in courses from UW-Madison professional schools (Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing, Law, Education, etc). Economics courses are available to exchange
students, but are very popular and fill quickly during enrolment time. Some courses in Journalism are also not open to exchange students.

D. Application

i) Procedures

All NUS students have to be nominated by NUS before they can apply for a fee-waiver exchange at the host university.

The application procedures and list of supporting documents needed by the host university can be found in the SharePoint.

Please look for the SEP coordinator at your Dean’s Office for the link to the SharePoint.

ii) Deadlines

All NUS students must abide by the internal application deadline set by their home Faculty for exchange participation in the following academic year. After clearing the internal application and selection process, students have to take note of the application deadline set by the host university.

Failure to submit a formal application to the host university by the stipulated deadline, may result in your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.

E. Accommodation

i) University Accommodation

On-campus housing is through the Division of University Housing. The University residence halls (also known as dormitories) are a short walk or short ride on the campus circular bus route (Route 80) to class. The University residence halls are single, double, or triple occupancy rooms without kitchens and with shared bathrooms. All University residence hall students have access to University residence hall dining rooms. Students can purchase food à la carte at a variety of University Housing dining locations. The Wiscard, your student ID, also serves as your primary way to pay for food in University Housing dining markets, coffee shops, and convenience stores with the Resident Food Account. Many halls also have a common kitchen for cooking occasional meals on your own. If you plan to study at UW-Madison for the Fall semester only, you can break your year-long contract, but will not receive your $300 deposit back. Many of our Fall students choose to do this, and it is no problem for the Division of University Housing.

For more information on specific residences, please refer here.

Once you are accepted to the UW-Madison exchange programme, the Division of University Housing will send you instructions on how to apply for on-campus housing. If you plan to live in the University residence halls, please pay attention to your email account. You will receive an email from the Division of University Housing (from AssignMe@housing.wisc.edu) a few weeks after your acceptance to our exchange program. This email will contain instructions on how to apply for on-campus residence hall housing.
We strongly recommend that you apply for on-campus housing as soon as you receive the email.

Any other housing situation is "off-campus". There are many private apartments, houses, and co-ops that are close to campus. Take care when arranging housing off-campus. Be sure to have a lease (rental agreement) and be sure to read your lease thoroughly. Verbal agreements on rentals are not normal in the United States. If you plan to study at UW-Madison for a semester but choose a year-long lease, you will generally be responsible for the remaining months’ rent unless another renter (subletter) can be found.

The UW-Madison student union (the Wisconsin Union) has a number of small cafes available on campus. Any student is welcome to purchase meals at these locations. The UW-Madison campus is in the center of the city of Madison, and there are a variety of restaurants available nearby, as well as grocery stores to purchase food for cooking.

If you plan to live in off-campus housing, it is up to you to find and arrange appropriate accommodations. Off-campus housing is owned and operated by private individuals or companies and therefore, our office in unable to make any commitment or advance arrangements for off-campus housing. Most off-campus housing opportunities require a yearlong lease. UW-Madison’s Campus Area Housing Listing Service has information and FAQs about renting in the Madison area, as well as rental listings for housing that is currently available. [https://campusareahousing.wisc.edu/](https://campusareahousing.wisc.edu/)

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<td>If you are interested in taking classes at UW-Madison, your visa status needs to allow you to study at this institution. With few exceptions—English as a Second Language (ESL) and formal exchange students—the Adult and Student Services Center is not authorized to issue the I-20 or DS-2019 for a student visa. Students who hold F-1 or J-1 student visas are not eligible to &quot;transfer&quot; this status to UW-Madison while holding a student visa issued from another school, except for the summer term.</td>
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<td>All registered NUS students are covered under the university health insurance and the blanket travel insurance. For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to the following link: <a href="https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/">https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/</a></td>
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Students are strongly encouraged to purchase a supplemental travel insurance to ensure they are adequately covered during their exchange semester.
In addition, students will be required to enrol in the compulsory health insurance policy or scheme at their SEP host university.

*All students who attend US universities on exchange are required to purchase the health insurance recommended by their host university as part of the registration process. In addition, they can also purchase additional optional insurance from a private insurer for their term of study overseas. These short term optional insurance plans cover events such as personal accident, accidental medical expenses, emergency medical evacuation etc.*

The SHIP office must receive a completed enrollment application and full payment or a Waiver Application, on or before the posted deadlines.

*Please refer to this link for more information: https://studyabroad.wisc.edu/exchange/insurance/*

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### H. Cost of Living

| i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses | Please refer to the following link: https://financialaid.wisc.edu/cost-of-attendance/ (Please note tuition fees are waived due to exchange status). |