CONFIRMATION

January 2018

Read this brochure to help prepare for your campus visit.
Welcome to UW–MADISON!

Thank you for making a reservation to attend Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR). We look forward to seeing you in January. Please see your confirmation email to be sure your SOAR session and date are correct. If you need to modify your SOAR reservation, you can do so by returning to soar.wisc.edu, where you made your original reservation.

SOAR Expectations

UW–Madison has the following expectations of SOAR participants:

- **Review** your confirmation email and online information. Make any necessary changes online at soar.wisc.edu at least one week before your session. You will not be eligible for a refund for changes made less than one week in advance of your SOAR session.
- **Work** with your parents/guests to make any necessary travel plans.
- **Pay your SOAR fee.** Your payment is due one week prior to your attendance. Two weeks before you arrive, you will receive an email with your complete invoice and payment instructions. No fees were collected at the time you made your reservation.
- **Prepare.** Review the website: soar.wisc.edu for more information about preparing for SOAR.
- **Attend all activities** during SOAR. If you leave SOAR early, you won’t be able to enroll in courses.
- **Be open to new ideas.** At SOAR, you will work with academic advisors to create a course schedule that works for you!
- **Get social.** Connect with the Center for the First-Year Experience (CFYE) at facebook.com/ uwnewstudent, twitter.com/uwnewstudent, and instagram.com/uwnewstudent. Use the hashtag #uwsoar or #futurebadgers to share your experience at SOAR.
SOAR Preparation

WHAT TO BRING
- A government-issued ID (e.g., passport, driver’s license, state ID card). You need this to obtain your Wiscard.
- Your campus ID number. Memorize this number.
- Your login and password for your NetID. This is used to log in to MyUW and email. You will also need this info to register.
- Score reports. If you have taken any AP/IB or other college-level exams, please bring the score report(s) with you (if they are available). Reports must also be sent to the Office of Admissions and Recruitment from the exam company for official records.
- Final transcripts. Bring any completed college credits from other institutions. Official transcripts must also be sent to the Office of Admissions and Recruitment from each school you have attended.
- If you are required to take any placement tests, please bring a battery-operated, non-graphing calculator and a snack. Placement tests must be completed before your SOAR date.
- A pencil or pen.
- Appropriate attire for the weather. January in Madison is cold; be prepared!
- Complete the “Preparing for SOAR” module through MyUW. This module must be completed before you attend your SOAR session; the information you provide helps advisors give you the most appropriate course recommendations.

ARRIVAL TIME & LOGISTICS
Use the information below to help plan your arrival on campus. UW–Madison is a large campus, and it can take more time than you expect to move between program locations and parking. Please plan your travel—we don’t want you to miss anything!

PROGRAM CHECK-IN
Check in at the Annex (2214) of Memorial Union, 800 Langdon Street, between 7:45 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. the day of your SOAR session. At check-in, you will receive a detailed SOAR schedule and program materials. Plan to stay at the program until 3:45 p.m.

PARKING & GETTING AROUND
If you plan to drive to campus, the closest parking lot is the Helen C. White Garage (600 North Park Street). Parking costs $12 per day. You can pull a ticket when you enter the garage and pay on exit. If the Helen C. White Garage is full, there is a city-owned lot located at 400 North Lake Street that costs $1.30 per hour.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS & RESIDENCE HALL MOVE-IN
There is no temporary housing provided by SOAR. If you are living in a University Residence Hall, please consult the University Housing move-in website at www.housing.wisc.edu/residencehalls-moving.htm for more information, and review your housing contract for specific move-in dates. If you will be living off campus, you should consult your lease/contract for move-in dates.

Still looking for a place to stay in Madison for the school year? Don’t worry—Campus and Visitor Relations can help. Review campusareahousing.wisc.edu for housing ideas.

PARTICIPANTS WITH DISABILITIES
Disability accommodations are available for student participants and their parents/guests for both permanent and temporary disabilities. In order to best serve you, we request advanced notice. If you did not indicate your need for disability accommodations for SOAR when you made a reservation, please call the SOAR Information Line at 608-262-4707.

RESERVATION CHANGES & CANCELLATIONS
Because resources are committed in advance, any changes to your SOAR reservation must be made at least one week prior to your attendance. SOAR will not grant refunds for changes or cancellations made less than one week prior to your attendance, except in extreme circumstances.

NEW STUDENT FEE
You will be assessed a New Student Fee your first semester on campus. This fee will appear on your spring tuition bill. More information about the fee can be found at newstudent.wisc.edu/about-us/funding.

PREVIOUS COLLEGE CREDIT
Send existing college transcripts to the Office of Admissions and Recruitment, 702 West Johnson Street, Suite 1101, Madison, WI 53715-1007.
SOAR Overview

You will receive a detailed itinerary when you check in at SOAR. Use the following schedule to arrange your arrival and departure logistics. You are required to remain for the entire program. Please do not plan to arrive late or leave early. The locations of the parent/guest program and the student program vary in the morning and afternoon, so please review the itinerary you receive at check-in.

BEFORE

UW PLACEMENT TESTING
Be sure to take your placement tests before your SOAR session. (See Placement Testing Section of soar.wisc.edu or visit exams.wisc.edu/placement/uw-madison-students.php.) If you do not complete your placement testing before SOAR, your ability to enroll in courses may be limited.

DAY OF SOAR All SOAR activities will take place at Memorial Union, 800 Langdon Street.

Check-in: 7:45–8:45 a.m.
Memorial Union, Annex (2214). (Plan to be at the program until 3:45 p.m. An optional campus tour is available after formal programming concludes.)

STUDENTS
During SOAR, students will receive their placement testing scores, learn about degree requirements for their intended major, meet with academic advisors, and enroll in spring courses. Following advising, participants will join the parent/guest program to learn more about life on campus. Lunch is included!

PARENTS/GUESTS
SOAR includes information specific for parents/guests in the morning, learning about the transition to UW–Madison and advising. After lunch (included), parents/guests will attend the Student Life sessions to continue learning about campus life.

OPTIONAL EVENT
(STUDENTS & PARENTS/GUESTS)
• Campus Tour

QUESTIONS? VISIT SOAR.WISC.EDU TO REVIEW INFORMATION ABOUT:
• UW placement testing
• Arrival and parking logistics
• Academic advising preparation tips
• Information on the SOAR program (both student and parent/guest programs)
• FAQ and much more!
Important Contacts

SOAR INFORMATION
608-262-4707
9 a.m.–4 p.m. central time
Monday–Friday
soar@studentlife.wisc.edu
soar.wisc.edu

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS AND RECRUITMENT
608-262-3961
onwiscconsin@admissions.wisc.edu
admissions.wisc.edu

MCBURNEY DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER
608-263-2741
608-263-6393 (TTY)
mcburney.wisc.edu
For disability accommodations during SOAR, please call the SOAR Information Line at 608-262-4707.

UNIVERSITY HOUSING
608-262-2522
AssignMe@housing.wisc.edu
www.housing.wisc.edu

TESTING & EVALUATION SERVICES
608-262-5863
testing.wisc.edu
For Placement Testing, click link on the left for “UW–Madison entering students only…”

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES (ISS)
608-262-2838
iss@studentlife.wisc.edu
iss.wisc.edu

CENTER FOR THE FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE (CFYE)
608-263-0367
newstudent.wisc.edu
transfer.wisc.edu
Social Channels:
facebook.com/uwnewstudent
twitter.com/uwnewstudent
twitter.com/uwtransferpeer
instagram.com/uwnewstudent

Parents and Guests
Looking for something to do while your student is placement testing? Parents/guests are encouraged to stop at the Campus and Community Information Welcome Desk on the first floor of Memorial Union for information about interesting places on campus and in downtown Madison.

Welcome Desk:
800 Langdon Street
608-263-2400
info.wisc.edu

PLACEMENT TESTING
Be sure to take your placement tests before your SOAR session. See more about placement testing on soar.wisc.edu. If you do not complete your placement testing before SOAR, your ability to enroll in courses may be limited.

FRESHMEN
All incoming freshmen are required to complete placement testing in English or English as a second language and mathematics, regardless of previous coursework. Students are strongly encouraged to test in a world language as well.

TRANSFER STUDENTS
Some transfer students are required to take placement tests in English, English as a second language, mathematics, and/or a world language. The Office of Admissions and Recruitment will email you shortly after your admittance, outlining the test(s) you need to take, if any. If you have questions about which placement tests you are required to take, contact the Office of Admissions and Recruitment at transfer@admissions.wisc.edu or 608-262-3961.

TESTING SCHEDULE AND LOCATIONS
Students needing to complete placement testing must do so prior to your SOAR session.

Please refer to the following websites for details about testing:
- English as a Second Language Assessment Test (ESLAT): esl.wisc.edu/international-students/placement/
- UW Mathematics Placement Test, UW English Placement Test (UWEPT), and Foreign Language Placement Test (Spanish, French, and German): exams.wisc.edu/placement/uw-madison-students.php

Bring a snack, especially if you are taking multiple tests. Although no food or drinks are allowed while students are testing, there will be a 15-minute break between each exam.
Also be sure to bring a battery-operated, non-graphing calculator if you are planning to take the math placement exam.