Welcome to UW-MADISON!

Thank you for making a reservation to attend Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR). Please see the enclosed confirmation letter to be sure that your SOAR session and date are correct. If you need to modify your SOAR reservation, please contact the SOAR office at 608-262-4707 or SOAR@studentlife.wisc.edu.

SOAR Expectations

UW-Madison has the following expectations of SOAR participants:

- Review your reservation confirmation materials and online information at soar.wisc.edu.
- Make any changes to your reservation at soar.wisc.edu more than one week in advance of your session. Because resources are committed in advance, the SOAR Program is not able to offer refunds less than one week ahead of the program date.
- Make any necessary travel plans.
- Pay your SOAR fees. Two weeks before your session, you will receive an email with your complete invoice and payment instructions. (No fees were collected at the time you made your reservation.)
- Refer to the testing email you received from the Office of Admissions and Recruitment regarding any placement exams you need to take. Placement testing must be completed prior to your SOAR date. Please see testing.wisc.edu for more information.
- Be open to new ideas and suggestions. At SOAR, you will work with professional academic advisors and peer advisors to help synthesize your thoughts into a schedule that meets your academic needs and interests.
- Get social. Connect with the Center for the First-Year Experience (CFYE) and Transfer Transition Program; facebook.com/uwmadisontransfer, facebook.com/ uwtransfersonline, instagram.com/uwmadisontransfer, twitter.com/uwmadisontransfer, and near campus.

SOAR Preperation

WHAT TO BRING

- A government-issued photo ID (i.e., passport, driver’s license, or state ID card). You’ll need this to obtain your Wiscard.
- Your campus ID number. (Memorize this number!)
- Your Net ID and password. (You will need this info to register for classes.)
- A pencil or pen.
- Any academic/scholarship information you have received from UW-Madison that relates to your course enrollment.
- Any AP/IB exams score report(s) (if available).
- Transcripts. Unofficial transcripts from your most recent institutions might be helpful for advising at SOAR.
- Essentials. Remember an umbrella, comfortable attire, and walking shoes.
- A small snack. To maintain energy during advising, pack a small snack.

COMPLETE PLACEMENT TESTS BEFORE SOAR

Students must complete placement tests prior to attending SOAR. There are no exceptions. For more information on placement testing, please visit testing.wisc.edu. The Office of Admissions and Recruitment sends an email to all incoming transfer students outlining placement testing requirements, if any. If you have questions about which placement tests you are required to take, contact the Office of Admissions and Recruitment at onwiscadmissions.wisc.edu or 608-262-3961.

FINALIZE YOUR ADMISSION

Verify you have completed all the steps necessary to finalize your admission. Check your status on your Student Center on MyUW, the same place you accepted your admission. Students who have not finalized their admission by either self-reporting their final grades or sending in their final official transcripts may not be able to enroll in their fall courses at SOAR. All students must submit their final transcripts to the Office of Admissions and Recruitment at 702 West Johnson Street, Suite 1101, Madison, WI 53715-1007.

PARTICIPANTS WITH DISABILITIES

Disability accommodations for SOAR are available for students and their parents/guests with either permanent or temporary disabilities. During the program, students will walk up to 2.1 miles per day on gentle (0–6 percent) and moderate (6–10 percent) grades. Students who may need assistance traveling this route should contact the SOAR Information Line at 608-262-4707.

ARRIVAL TIME & LOGISTICS

Please note that UW-Madison is a large campus, and it can take more time than you expect to move between program locations and parking. Plan your travel accordingly!

For recommended places to stay during SOAR, please visit soar.wisc.edu for a list of options on and near campus.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Visit soar.wisc.edu to view the SOAR checklist and to learn about:

- UW placement testing.
- Where to stay.
- Academic advising preparation.
- Preparing for SOAR (both students and parents/guests).
- Frequently asked questions, and more!
**IMPORTANT CONTACTS**

**SOAR Information**
608-262-4707
(8:30 a.m.–6 p.m. Central time weekdays)
soar.wisc.edu
soar@studentlife.wisc.edu

**McB burney Disability Resource Center**
608-263-2741 (voice) / 608-225-7956 (text) / 608-265-2998 (fax)
mcburney.wisc.edu
For disability accommodations during SOAR, please call the SOAR Information Line at 608-262-4707.

**Testing & Evaluation Services**
Placement Testing
608-262-5863
testing.wisc.edu

**Undergraduate Admissions**
608-262-3961
onwisconsin@admissions.wisc.edu

**University Housing**
Academic year: 608-262-2522
AssignMe@housing.wisc.edu
SOAR housing: 608-262-5576
soar.housing@housing.wisc.edu

**Campus Area Housing**
608-263-2400
campusareahousing.wisc.edu

**Get Connected**
Connect with new Badgers: youatuw.com,
#YouatUW

facebook.com/uwmadisontransfertransition
facebook.com/uwnewstudent

Join the Facebook group
“UW–Madison 2017 Fall Transfer Class”

twitter.com/uwnewstudent

Ask SOAR questions on Twitter using the hashtags #uwsoar and #uwtransfers

instagram.com/uwnewstudent

---

**SOAR OVERVIEW**

Students and parents/guests will receive a detailed itinerary during SOAR check-in. Please use the following schedule to arrange your arrival and departure logistics. You are required to remain at SOAR for the entire program. Please do not plan to arrive late or leave early, or you will not be able to register for courses. The Parent and Guest Program is independent from the Student Program and takes place in separate locations, so please plan accordingly. Visit soar.wisc.edu for more information.

---

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>STUDENT PROGRAM SCHEDULE</th>
<th>PARENT/GUEST PROGRAM SCHEDULE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>SOAR Program Check-In</strong></td>
<td><strong>SOAR Program Check-in</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>See “Program Check-In” section for details.</td>
<td>See “Program Check-In” section for details.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Welcome &amp; Introduction to the Wisconsin Experience</strong>&lt;br&gt;(Students &amp; Parents/Guests)</td>
<td><strong>Welcome &amp; Introduction to the Wisconsin Experience</strong>&lt;br&gt;(Students &amp; Parents/Guests)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8:45–9:10 a.m.</td>
<td>8:45–9:10 a.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Advising and Enrollment</strong>&lt;br&gt;(Students Only)</td>
<td><strong>Understanding Advising, Transfer Transitions, Health and Safety, &amp; Housing</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9:10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.</td>
<td>9:20 a.m.–12:10 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>There will be a break for lunch.</td>
<td>Lunch</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>12:10–1:10 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Student Life Information Sessions &amp; Closing Session from the Dean of Students</strong>&lt;br&gt;(Students Only)</td>
<td><strong>Technology, Career and Internship Services, Wiscard, and Managing Finances at UW–Madison</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1:45–4:30 p.m.</td>
<td>1:10–3:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Students will begin enrolling in classes after lunch. Once enrolled, students will participate in small-group sessions lead by New Student Leaders to learn about campus resources and connect with other transfer students. The SOAR program will conclude with a message from the Dean of Students. Once students are finished with the program, they will return to Union South to pick up their Wiscard.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

**CAMPUS TOURS** 4–5 p.m.
Students and parents/guests will have the opportunity to participate in a 60-minute campus walking tour in the afternoon.

---

**UW GUIDE APP**
For more detailed information about SOAR schedules, construction updates, and other program details, download the UW Guide app by Guidebook Inc. from the App Store or the Google Play Store.
SOAR TIPS

UW–Madison has been hosting SOAR for many years, and in that time, we have heard from previous attendees about what they wish they had known before arriving. Here are a few tips!

- Keep an open mind! UW–Madison has more than 150 majors and more than 1,000 student organizations; take some time to explore!
- Summer weather in Wisconsin can be unpredictable; check the forecast before arriving, and bring umbrellas or any other relevant gear. SOAR takes place rain or shine!
- The SOAR program happens all over campus. Over the course of the day, students will walk up to 2.1 miles (0.8 miles at a time) outside. Wear comfortable shoes! If you need accommodations for this travel, please contact the SOAR front desk at 608-262-4707.
- The temperature in campus buildings varies. We recommend bringing a sweatshirt or light sweater to help keep you comfortable!
- Bring a snack to help keep you focused during advising.