

SOAR

Center for the First-Year Experience

Transfer Student/Guest Schedule



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Student Schedule

- 7:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.** **Check-In**
After completing check-in, feel free to explore Union South. Seating for the Welcome Session will begin at 8:15 a.m.
Alumni Room, Union South (2nd floor)
- 8:45 a.m.–9:10 a.m.** **Welcome**
Current students and staff members will welcome you to SOAR, provide an overview of the program, and introduce the Wisconsin Experience. Students and parents/guests depart for separate programs at the end of this session.
Varsity Hall, Union South (2nd floor)
- 9:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.** **Academic Advising and Course Enrollment (students only)**
Throughout the day, you will work with your advising group to review transfer credits and previous coursework, learn about academic course requirements, and work to develop a first-semester course plan. You will work with a variety of individuals, including peer and professional academic advisors.

Lunch will be provided around the noon hour at Rheta's Market.

Starting in the afternoon, once you are ready, you will be able to enroll in your fall courses with the assistance of the SOAR advising staff. After you have completed enrollment with your advisor, you will head to the Humanities Building to connect with current students and learn about campus resources.
Helen C. White Hall, College Library
- 1:15 p.m.–3:15 p.m.** **Student Life Sessions**
A New Student Leader and Transfer Ambassador will facilitate a small group session on maximizing campus resources and how to be successful at UW–Madison.
Humanities Building, Room 2650
- 3:15 p.m.–3:30 p.m.** **Closing Message from your Dean of Students**
Your Wisconsin Experience has started—what will your legacy be? Vice Provost and Dean of Students Lori Berquam will talk through elements of the Wisconsin Experience and the hope for UW–Madison students to engage in the following areas of intellectual and personal growth: Empathy and Humility; Relentless Curiosity; Intellectual Confidence; and Purposeful Action.

Before you leave campus today, there are three take-home points to consider:
Are you ready? Be Open. What do you stand for?
Humanities Building, Room 2650
- 4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.** **Optional: Campus Walking Tour**
Students and guests are invited to go on a 60-minute walking tour of campus. Tours depart from the Campus and Visitor Relations Welcome Desk at Union South.
Campus and Community Welcome Desk, Union South (1st floor)
- Don't Forget: Pick up Your Wiscard**
Wiscard is UW–Madison's official student photo ID card. You need to present a government-issued photo ID to receive your Wiscard. *Available until 5:00 p.m.*
Wiscard Office, Union South (1st floor)

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- 9:20 a.m.–9:30 a.m.** **Parent/Guest Program Welcome**
Center for the First-Year Experience staff will formally welcome you to SOAR and provide an overview of the parent/guest program.
The Marquee, Union South (2nd floor)
- 9:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.** **Understanding Academic Advising at UW–Madison**
UW advising staff will share details about SOAR advising, the enrollment process, the structure of academic advising, and how advising contributes to student success.
The Marquee, Union South (2nd floor)
- 10:00 a.m.–10:15 a.m.** **Break**
- 10:15 a.m.–10:50 a.m.** **The Transfer Transition: Supporting your Student**
Learn about academic and social transitions that transfer students often experience. Explore ways to support your student during the adjustment to life on a new campus.
The Marquee, Union South (2nd floor)
- 10:50 a.m.–11:20 a.m.** **Your Student's Health and Safety**
University Health Services and University Police will discuss campus health and safety resources and recommend conversations you should have with your student about these topics.
The Marquee, Union South (2nd floor)
- 11:20 a.m.–11:30 a.m.** **Break**
- 11:30 a.m.–12:10 p.m.** **Concurrent Session**
- **University Housing**
Learn about the experiences, programs, and resources University Housing provides to create an environment built for student success.
Fifth Quarter Studio, Union South (2nd floor)
OR
 - **Building Community for Students Living Off Campus**
Learn how the university supports students living off campus.
The Marquee, Union South (2nd floor)

Guest Schedule (continued)

- 12:10 p.m.–1:10 p.m.** **Lunch**
Parents/guests will be provided with a meal card that can be used to purchase food in Union South.
Union South (1st floor)
- 1:10 p.m.–1:25 p.m.** **What is the Wiscard and How Do Students Use It?**
The Wiscard is UW–Madison’s campus photo ID card. This session will highlight the many ways students can use it throughout campus.
The Marquee, Union South (2nd floor)
- 1:25 p.m.–1:55 p.m.** **Managing Finances—Financial Aid and Paying Tuition**
Staff from the Bursar’s Office and the Office of Student Financial Aid will share details about the cost of attendance, tuition billing process, and payment methods and refunds, as well as provide an overview of the financial aid process and resources.
The Marquee, Union South (2nd floor)
- 1:55 p.m.–2:10 p.m.** **Break**
- 2:10 p.m.–2:40 p.m.** **Tech Made Easy: A Student Perspective**
Current students share what they wish they had known about their first year at the UW, including essential technology products and resources provided by the Division of Information Technology, to help your student connect, engage, and learn on campus.
The Marquee, Union South (2nd floor)
- 2:40 p.m.–3:10 p.m.** **Career and Internship Success**
Your student’s career development and exploration should start during the first semester at UW–Madison. Learn how you can help your student achieve career success.
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- 3:10 p.m.–3:30 p.m.** **Message from the Division of Student Life Leadership Team**
Members from the Division of Student Life will talk through elements of the Wisconsin Experience and the hope for UW–Madison students to engage in the following areas of intellectual and personal growth: Empathy and Humility; Relentless Curiosity; Intellectual Confidence; and Purposeful Action.

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