



# Student Schedule

## DAY 1

- 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**      **Check-In**  
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Memorial Union
- 12:45 p.m.–1:15 p.m.**      **Welcome**  
Current students and staff members will welcome you to SOAR, provide an overview of the two-day program, and introduce the Wisconsin Experience.  
Humanities Building, Room 3650 (8/24–8/25 session)  
Memorial Union, Shannon Hall (8/28–8/29 & 8/29–8/30 sessions)
- 1:15 p.m.–1:45 p.m.**      **Starting Your Wisconsin Experience Today: Introduction to Academic Advising**  
Begin your UW–Madison academic career by learning about the purpose of a college education and how a UW degree prepares you for the future. Get an overview of undergraduate advising resources and learn how they can help you achieve your academic and career goals. The session will conclude with an overview of SOAR advising and the selection of your advising group. Students will then depart for advising; parents/guests will depart for their program.  
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- 1:45 p.m.–5:10 p.m.**      **Academic Advising (students only)**  
Throughout the afternoon, you will work in your advising group to explore academic interests, previous academic work and placement test scores, UW–Madison degree requirements, and first-semester course options.  
College Library, Helen C. White Hall
- 4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.**      **Campus Resources Fair**  
Students and parents/guests will have the opportunity to learn about campus resources, including departments and programs that will help you with tomorrow's course enrollment. This is also an opportune time to discuss what you and your parents/guests have learned at the separate SOAR programs.  
Memorial Union, Main Lounge (2nd floor)
- 5:30 p.m.–6:20 p.m.**      **Dinner**  
A buffet dinner will be served in Great Hall. Participants with dietary concerns/needs should contact a SOAR staff member for assistance. Following dinner, parents/guests and students will depart to separate programs.  
Memorial Union, Great Hall (4th floor)
- 6:20 p.m.–7:00 p.m.**      **Student Large Group Presentation**  
A presentation by student staff members who will discuss the transition and challenges new students may face as well as share campus resources to support your transition.  
Humanities Building, Room 2650
- 7:00 p.m.–8:15 p.m.**      **Student Small-Group Discussion**  
A New Student Leader will facilitate a small-group conversation on the transition to college and life at UW–Madison.  
Humanities Building (locations vary)

**8:15 p.m.–9:15 p.m.**      **Evening Fun and Entertainment at Memorial Union**  
Enjoy a relaxing time playing games, crafting in our art studio, sailing Lake Mendota, and more with your future classmates and SOAR student staff.  
Memorial Union, Lower level

## **DAY 2**

**8:30 a.m.–11:15 a.m.**      **Academic Advising and Course Enrollment (students only)**  
Academic advising, exploration, and planning continues. Once you are ready, you will enroll for your fall semester courses with the assistance of the SOAR advising staff. You will join Student Life Small Group Sessions on a rolling basis as you finish advising.  
College Library, Helen C. White Hall  
(Location varies by advising group; return to same room as Day One)

**9:45 a.m.–11:30 a.m.**      **Student Life Small Group Sessions**  
A New Student Leader will facilitate a small group session on maximizing campus resources and how to be a successful student at UW–Madison.  
Humanities Building (locations vary)

**11:30 a.m.–11:45 a.m.**      **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.  
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Humanities Building, Room 3650

**11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.**      **Break for Lunch**  
After the Dean of Students' session, students and parents/guests have an hour to eat lunch before heading to the ISS Orientation sessions (mandatory for international students). We recommend heading to Gordon Dining and Event Center, where a variety of lunch options are available for purchase.  
Gordon Dining and Event Center

**1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.**      **International Student Services Orientation**  
ISS Orientation is mandatory and is designed to address the needs of international students. Additionally, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security requires international student visa holders to register with their university before starting their academic program in the United States. By checking in and attending ISS Orientation, you will be completing this mandatory obligation.  
Grainger Hall, 1100 Morgridge Auditorium

**3:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.**      **Optional: Campus Walking Tour**  
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- 1:45 p.m.–1:55 p.m.**      **Break**
- 1:55 p.m.–2:05 p.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.  
Humanities Building, Room 3650
- 2:05 p.m.–2:35 p.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.  
Humanities Building, Room 3650
- 2:35 p.m.–2:45 p.m.**      **Break**
- 2:45 p.m.–3:00 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.  
Humanities Building, Room 3650
- 3:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.**      **Managing Finances—Paying Tuition**  
Staff from the Bursar's Office will share details about the cost of attendance, tuition billing process, and payment methods and refunds.  
Humanities Building, Room 3650

- 3:30 p.m.–3:45 p.m.**      **Break**
- 3:45 p.m.–4:25 p.m.**      **Concurrent Session**
- **Living in University Housing**  
Learn about the experiences, programs, and resources University Housing provides to create an environment built for student success.  
Humanities Building, Room 3650

OR

  - **Building Community for Students Living Off Campus**  
Learn how the university supports students living off campus.  
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- 6:35 p.m.–7:35 p.m.**      **Understanding Family Transition and Life with a College Student**  
A presentation and conversation with UW staff members to discuss the significant transition facing new students and their families. A panel of New Student Leaders will also share stories and advice from their personal experiences.  
Education Building, Room L196
- 7:35 p.m.–7:45 p.m.**      **Break**
- 7:45 p.m.–8:30 p.m.**      **Parent/Guest Small Group**  
New Student Leaders will facilitate a small group conversation and provide an opportunity for parents/guests to connect through shared experiences and concerns.  
Education Building (locations vary)

# Guest Schedule (continued)

## DAY 2

8:45 a.m.–9:15 a.m.

### Concurrent Session 1

- **Careers 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.

Humanities Building, Room 1651

OR

- **Making the Most of Getting Involved on Campus**

Involvement is an integral part of a student's experience at UW–Madison and the transition to campus. The Center for Leadership & Involvement staff will guide you through the following topics: benefits of getting involved, balancing involvement with academic responsibilities, the different types of involvement, finding involvement opportunities, online tools and resources, and a brief overview of the Leadership Certificate Program.

Humanities Building, Room 1217

9:15 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

### Break

9:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

### Concurrent Session 2

- **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.

Humanities Building, Room 1651

OR

- **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.

Humanities Building, Room 1217

10:00 a.m.–10:15 a.m.

### Break

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### Concurrent Session 3

- **Enhancing the Wisconsin Experience through Recreational Sports Programs**

Rec Sports provides programs, services, and facilities that promote and inspire the social, mental, and physical well-being of the campus community. In this session, you will learn about the many ways your student can play hard, get fit, and live well on campus, including: employment opportunities, open recreation, intramural sports, group fitness classes, sport clubs, personal training, tennis and swim lessons, and more.

Humanities Building, Room 1651

OR

- **Service: For Education, for Career, for Life**

The Morgridge Center for Public Service connects the UW campus to local and global communities through service-learning opportunities. These experiences are specifically designed to enhance your students' Wisconsin Experience, help them develop real-world skills, and instill within them a lifelong ethic of civic engagement. In this session, you will learn more about service learning as well as volunteer programs, community fellowships, and more.

Humanities Building, Room 1217

- 10:45 a.m.–11:00 a.m.**      **Break**
- 11:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.**      **Academic Success at UW–Madison**  
Faculty and UW Libraries staff will highlight the faculty perspective and academic support resources available on campus.  
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The International Student Services (ISS) Parent and Guest Orientation is open to all accompanying parents and guests of new international students to the UW campus. You will have the opportunity to learn more about child immigration status in the U.S., eligibility for employment, as well as campus and community resources to promote a healthy academic and social transition during their time at UW–Madison.  
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