

SOAR

STUDENT ORIENTATION ADVISING & REGISTRATION

Center for the First-Year
Experience

Transfer Student
Confirmation



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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

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.)
- **Complete your placement tests prior to attending SOAR.** See testing.wisc.edu for more information.
- **Prepare for SOAR.** Complete the online module in MyUW prior to your SOAR session.
- **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.
- **Get social.** Connect with the Center for the First-Year Experience (CFYE) and the Transfer Transition Program on social media. (See next page for more information.)
- **Attend all activities during SOAR.** If you leave SOAR early, you won't be able to enroll in courses, and you'll miss important information.

SOAR Preparation

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 onwisconsin@admissions.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.

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!

View the online campus map at map.wisc.edu prior to arrival to help navigate campus. For recommended places to stay during SOAR, please visit soar.wisc.edu/hotels for a list of options on and near campus.

PARKING & GETTING AROUND

If you plan to drive to campus, you should have indicated a need for a parking space during the SOAR reservation process. If you requested parking, enclosed in this packet is your gate code and specific parking instructions. If you didn't reserve a parking space and anticipate needing to park on campus, a list of available lots with real-time vacant stall counts can be found at transportation.wisc.edu/parking/lotinfo_occupancy.aspx. Parking costs \$12 per day. If you reserved a space, the cost will be billed with your SOAR fees; otherwise, you can pay when you exit the parking ramp.

PROGRAM CHECK-IN

7:45–8:30 a.m.
1308 West Dayton Street
Union South, Alumni Room

You should check in at this site on the day of your SOAR session. At check-in, you will receive a detailed SOAR schedule and program materials.

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 (6–9 percent) grades. Students who may need assistance traveling this route should contact the SOAR Information Line at 608-262-4707.

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 within one week of your attendance**, except in extreme circumstances.

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.
- SOAR program overview (both students and parents/guests).
- Frequently asked questions, and more!

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

SOAR Information

608-262-4707

8:30 a.m.–6 p.m. CDT, Monday–Thursday

8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. CDT, Friday

soar.wisc.edu

soar@studentlife.wisc.edu

McBurney 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 2018-19 Transfer Class”



twitter.com/uwnewstudent

Ask SOAR questions on Twitter using the

hashtags #uwsoar and #uwtransfers



instagram.com/uwnewstudent

instagram.com/transferuwmadison

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.

STUDENT PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SOAR Program Check-In

See “Program Check-In” section for details.

Welcome & Introduction to the Wisconsin Experience

(Students & Parents/Guests)

9–9:45 a.m.

Advising and Enrollment

(Students)

9:45 a.m.–3 p.m.

Students will begin enrolling in classes after lunch. Once enrolled, students will then participate in a social in the Transfer Engagement Center (Middleton Building, Room 110). There will be a break for lunch.

Transfer Student Social

(Students)

2:30–4:30 p.m.

Come preview the Transfer Engagement Center (opening fall 2018), get crafty with Wheelhouse Studios, and meet other new and current transfer students.

PARENT/GUEST PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SOAR Program Check-in

See “Program Check-In” section for details.

Welcome & Introduction to the Wisconsin Experience

(Students & Parents/Guests)

9–9:45 a.m.

Understanding Advising, Transfer Transitions, and Health and Safety

9:50 a.m.–11:45 a.m.

Lunch

11:45 a.m.–1 p.m.

Technology, Career and Internship Services, Wiscard, Housing, and Managing Finances at UW–Madison

1–4 p.m.

CAMPUS TOURS 4:15–5:15 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 or visit go.wisc.edu/soar2018.



SOAR Sites

- 1 Program welcome & parent/guest program: Union South**
1308 West Dayton Street
- 2 Recommended Parking: Lot 46 (no permit)**
301 North Lake Street
- 3 Parking: Lot 17 (permit)**
1525 Engineering Drive
- 4 SOAR Advising (students only): College Library (in Helen C. White Hall)**
600 North Park Street
- 5 Transfer Engagement Center**
Middleton Building, 1305 Linden Drive

Transportation

- Bike Trails & Footpaths
- Bus Route 80 (Free)
- Bus Stop
Complete bus schedule: mymetrobus.com

Interactive online map available at map.wisc.edu

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.



Center for the First-Year Experience

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