

FRESHMAN

ADMISSION

REQUIREMENTS

Below are the minimum requirements for admission to any UW campus. Most schools require more. Select your UW below to find out the specific requirements for admission to your UW. But remember, if you're applying to a competitive school, these are just the minimum requirements — you'll probably want to do a little more.

SELECT YOUR UW...

Select a campus

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL UW SYSTEM CAMPUSES

College preparatory or a “college prep” program is made up of four core studies: English, math, social studies/history, and natural science. These are the foundation of your success in college.

Now, all UW System schools require you to complete at least 13 credits in the core subjects, plus four credits in subjects you choose (foreign language, art, music, computer science, etc.). Technical and career courses may also be accepted for a portion of your elective credits.

360° ADMISSIONS POLICY

All parts of your application are considered during the review process. While there’s an emphasis put on academics, our campuses understand there’s more to you than just grades and test scores. They look at how your academics are interconnected with other aspects like work experience and leadership qualities. This allows for a more comprehensive review of your application.

ACADEMIC FACTORS

- Quality of high school coursework
- Class rank
- Grade Point Average (GPA)

OTHER FACTORS CONSIDERED



For example, the study of the English language and literature. Courses include Freshman English, composition, literature, rhetoric, and others. Most regular and advanced courses are accepted.



For example, the study of mathematics, including algebra, geometry, and other mathematics courses with algebra or geometry prerequisites.



For example, the study of the theory and practice of natural sciences, including ecology, biology, chemistry, physics, astronomy, earth science, geology, and others. Courses often include a lab.

- Work experience
- Leadership qualities
- Motivation, creativity, resourcefulness, etc.
- Community service
- Special talents
- Status as a nontraditional or returning adult student
- Status as a veteran of the U.S. military
- Socioeconomically disadvantaged



For example, the study of culture, history, political science, economics, sociology, and psychology, including world studies, United States history, economics, civics, and others.



Classes in your personal interests, including world languages, fine arts, computer science, and other areas.



Study of language and literature. For example: French, Spanish, Japanese, American Sign Language, and others.

*UW-Madison only