

UW-MADISON

POINTS OF PRIDE



124

Countries represented by students

Institution

12,534

Degrees awarded (2023-24)

A Leader in Higher Education Since 1848

328

Undergraduate majors/certificates (spring 2025)

50

States represented by students

277

Graduate programs (spring 2025)



501,534

Living alumni (July 2025)

49,844

Total students (spring 2025)

34

Average class size

Outreach

A Commitment to Public Service

#8

Study abroad participants among U.S. universities (2022-23)

Research

A World-Class Research Enterprise

\$1.7B

Research expenditures (2024)

66%

Students graduating debt-free (2023-24)

#1

Peace Corps volunteers (2025)

91%

Student participation in service learning/high-impact practice (2023-24)

#7

Most doctorates granted among U.S. universities (2023)

#12

Patents granted among U.S. universities (2024)



3.86

Years to earn a degree on average (2023-24)

\$30.8B

Economic impact to the state (9% of economy; 2021)

20

Nobel Prize winners (faculty/alumni)

#6

National research ranking among U.S. universities (2024)

400+

Startups formed from UW research

Badger Athletics • A Big Ten Athletics Powerhouse

775

Student-athletes

229

Individual NCAA championships

23

NCAA Division 1 teams

33

Team NCAA national championships

Academics

A Top-Ranked Public University

#1: National public university (Washington Monthly, 2024)

#1: Best hospitals in Wisconsin (U.S. News & World Report, 2024-25)

#13: America's Best Colleges among public universities (U.S. News & World Report, 2024-25)

#30: Best university worldwide (Center for World University Rankings, 2025)

Affordability

A Promise to Make College Attainable

#7

Best Schools for Financial Aid among public universities (Princeton Review, 2025)

Innovation

A University of Firsts

- Bone marrow transplant (UW Hospital)
- Academic dance program
- Department of wildlife management
- Poverty research center
- Projection world map that reflects true continent size

A Legacy of Discovery

- Vitamins A and B and use of Vitamin D
- Blood-thinner Warfarin
- *Homo naledi* human ancestor
- Cosmic neutrinos at South Pole
- Creation of synthetic genes
- Cultivation of embryonic stem cells in a lab



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