

UW-MADISON

POINTS OF PRIDE



129

Countries represented by students

Institution

13,733

Degrees awarded (2024-25)

A Leader in Higher Education Since 1848

332

Undergraduate majors/certificates (fall 2025)

50

States represented by students

279

Graduate programs (fall 2025)

503,039

Living alumni (January 2026)

51,822

Total students (fall 2025)

34

Average class size

Outreach

A Commitment to Public Service

#6

Study abroad participants among U.S. universities (2023-24)

Research

A World-Class Research Enterprise

\$1.9B

Research expenditures (2024)

66%

Students graduating debt-free (2024-25)

3.78

Years to earn a degree on average (2024-25)

#1

Peace Corps volunteers (2025)

91%

Student participation in service learning/high-impact practice (2024-25)

#2

Most doctorates granted among U.S. universities (2024)

#12

Patents granted among U.S. universities (2024)

\$30.8B

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

20

Nobel Prize winners (faculty/alumni)

#5

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

34

Team NCAA national championships

Academics

A Top-Ranked Public University

#2: Best public university in the U.S. (Time magazine, 2026)

#12: America's Best Colleges among public universities (U.S. News & World Report, 2025-26)

#1: Best hospitals in Wisconsin (U.S. News & World Report, 2025-26)

#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
- Regenerative medicine paving the way for better health



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