

UW-MADISON

POINTS OF PRIDE



129

Countries represented by students

332

Undergraduate majors/certificates
(fall 2025)

503,039

Living alumni (January 2026)

Institution

13,733

Degrees awarded (2024-25)

50

States represented
by students

51,822

Total students (fall 2025)

*A Leader in Higher
Education Since
1848*

279

Graduate programs
(fall 2025)

34

Average class size

Outreach

*A Commitment
to Public
Service*

#6

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

#1

Peace Corps
volunteers
(2025)

91%

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

\$30.8B

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

20

Nobel Prize
winners (faculty/
alumni)

Research

*A World-Class
Research
Enterprise*

\$1.9B

Research expenditures
(2024)

#2

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

#12

Patents granted among
U.S. universities
(2024)

#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)

66%

Students graduating
debt-free (2024-25)

3.78

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

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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