

Institution

280

Graduate & professional programs (fall 2021)

112

Countries represented by students

A Leader in Higher Education Since 1848

11,663

Degrees awarded (2020–21)

292

Undergraduate majors/certificates (fall 2021)

50

States represented by students

47,932

Total students (fall 2021)

467,227

Living alumni (fall 2021)

32

Average class size

Academics

A Top-Ranked Public University

#1: National public university (Washington Monthly, 2021)

#1: Best hospitals in Wisconsin (U.S. News & World Report, 2021)

#14: America's Best Colleges among public universities (U.S. News & World Report, 2021)

#25: Best university worldwide (Center for World University Rankings, 2021)



Affordability

A Promise to Make College Attainable

#11

Kiplinger's Best College Values among public universities (2019)

57.2%

Students graduating debt-free (2021)

3.89

Years to earn a degree on average (2020–21)

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

UW-MADISON

POINTS OF PRIDE

Outreach

A Commitment to Public Service

#4

Study abroad participants among U.S. universities (2021)

#1

Peace Corps volunteers (2020)

92%

Student participation in service learning/high-impact practice (2020–21)

\$30.8B

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

20

Nobel Prize winners (faculty/alumni)

Research

A World-Class Research Enterprise

\$1.3B

Research expenditures (2020)

#5

Most doctorates granted among U.S. universities (2019)

#7

Patents granted among U.S. universities (2020)

#8

National research ranking among U.S. universities (2020)

400+

Startups formed from UW research

Badger Athletics • A Big Ten Athletics Powerhouse

800

Student-athletes

226

Individual NCAA championships

23

NCAA Division 1 teams

32

Team NCAA national championships

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