University of Wisconsin–Madison

POINTS OF PRIDE

RANKINGS

#1 National public university (Washington Monthly, 2021)

#1 in Peace Corps volunteers (2020)

8th In nation for research expenditures (2020)

#5 Doctorates granted among U.S. universities (2019)

11th Kiplinger’s Best Value Public Colleges In-State (2019)

14th Best public college (U.S. News & World Report, 2021)

25th Center for World University Rankings (2021–2022)

STRENGTH
IN NUMBERS

1,000+ CEOs who are UW–Madison alumni

$30.8B Economic impact to the state

10 Academy Award–winners who are UW alumni

20 Nobel Prizes won by faculty or alumni

41 Pulitzer Prizes won by faculty or alumni

400+ Startups formed from UW–Madison research

461,996 Living alumni

STUDENT
SUCCESS

Awarded a record 11,663 degrees in 2020–21

7,671 bachelor’s

2,537 master’s

1,455 doctorates

3.89 Average years to degree (2020–2021)

89.2% Six-year graduation rate, top 10 among public universities in the U.S.

95.2% Freshman retention rate

47,932 Total students

33,506 Undergraduates

23,781 WI resident students

14,426 Grad, professional, & special

24,151 Nonresident students

32 Average class size

13 Schools and colleges

119 Countries are home for UW students

50 U.S. states represented by our students

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