



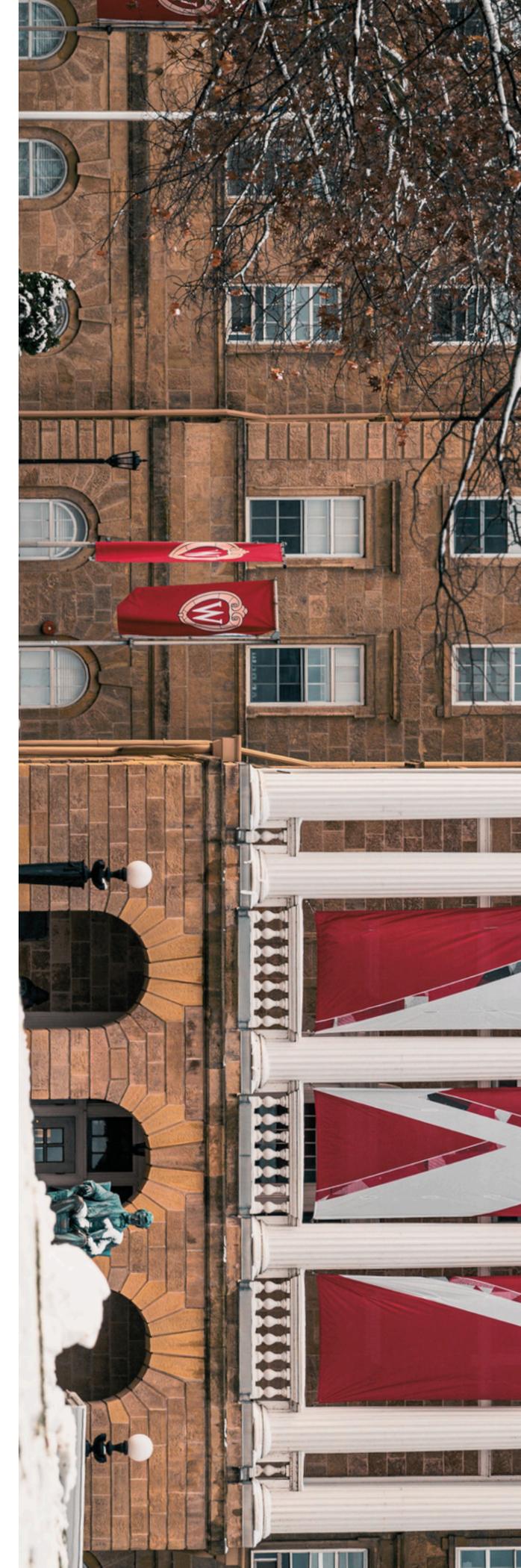
International Student Services

INTERNATIONAL DIVISION

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

EXPLORE THE MADISON AREA

2024-25
EDITION





EXPLORE THE MADISON AREA

1. Madison Fun

- Around Campus
- In the Community
- Outdoors

2. Nearby Cities

3. Advice from fellow international students



THINGS TO DO

Madison Fun - Campus

Student Organizations

- Attend the Student Org Fair! There is one in the Fall and one in the Spring.
- Completely voluntary but highly recommended to join a student org
- Around 1000 student orgs!

Badger Sports Community

- Enjoy Football, Basketball, and Volleyball games with other Badgers!
- Check out student ticket discounts



THINGS TO DO

Madison Fun - Community

Memorial Union

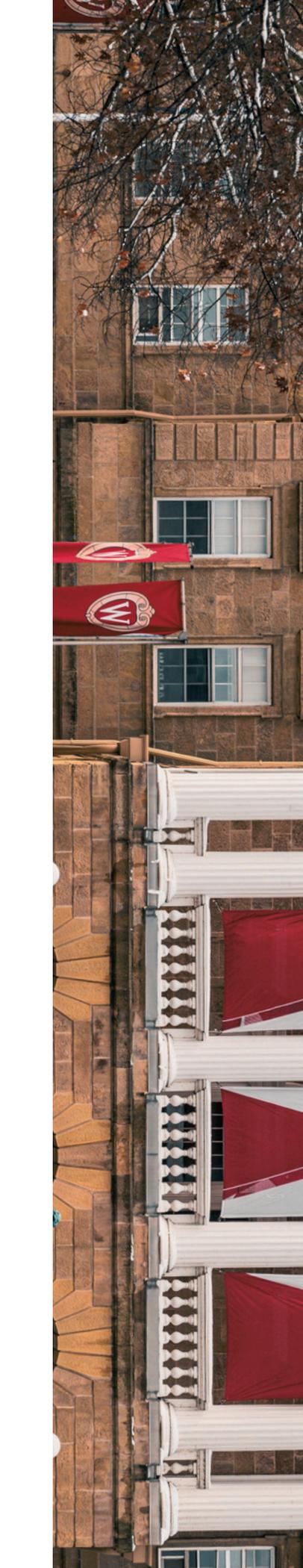
- Terrace on Lake Mendota, live jazz, movies and shows, open mic nights, art classes
- Daily Scoop (Ice Cream Shop), restaurants, coffee shop

State Street & Capitol

- Farmers' Market (Sat mornings) & Night Market (special days)
- Many stores and restaurants

Shopping

- Hilldale Mall, West/East Towne Mall, Costco



THINGS TO DO

Madison Fun - Outdoors

UW Arboretum & Madison Parks

Outdoor UW - Memorial Union

- Year-round outdoor fun! Many rentals available

Cycling in Summer

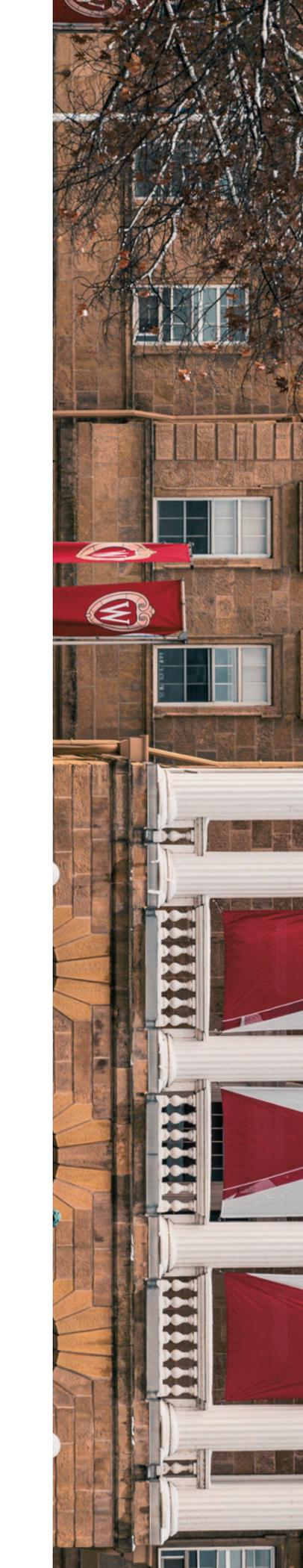
- Lake Monona (~2.5hr), Lake Wingra (~1hr)
- **BCycle promo code: WISCSTUDENT

Hiking in Summer

- e.g. Devil's Lake State Park

Skiing in Winter

- e.g. Tyrol Basin



THINGS TO DO

Nearby Cities

Chicago (Downtown)

- How to get there:
 - O'Hare Intl. Airport (ORD)
 - Approx. 3hr bus ride by CoachUSA*

Milwaukee

- How to get there:
 - Mitchell Intl. Airport (MKE)
 - Approx. 1.5hr ride by BadgerBus*
 - MKE Intermodal // Public Market

Minneapolis (Mall of America, UMN Campus)

- How to get there:
 - Approx. 4.5hr ride by BadgerBus*

(*All aboard at N Lake St. Stop)

(**Also check <Commuting in Madison>)



ADVICE

from fellow International Students

Socialize

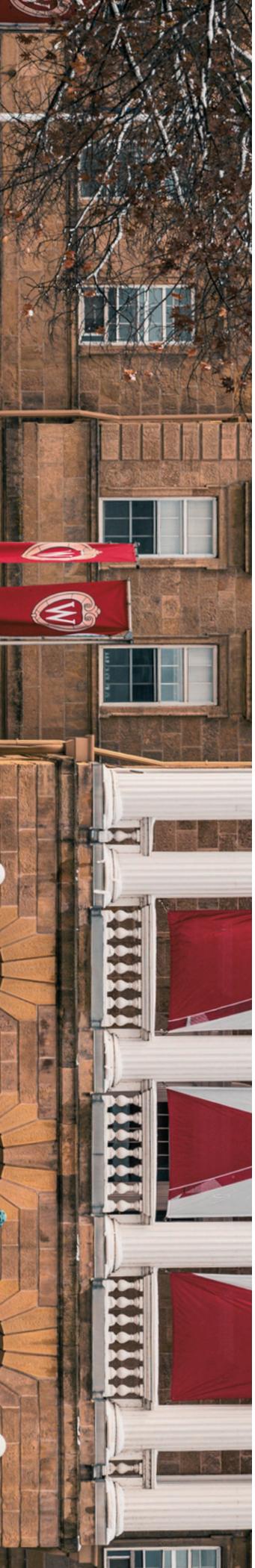
- Say hi to your classmates & meet friends - start with a simple conversation

Balance

- Manage your time in studying, working, and “living”

Utilize

- Make the best out of the campus resources
- Sign up for newsletters, join groups online, look at event calendars to see what’s going on in the area
- Get involved on campus!



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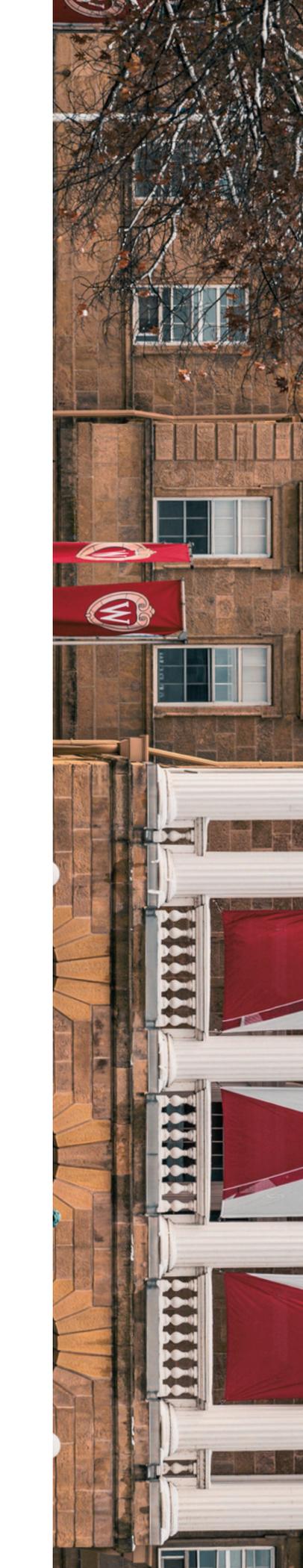
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Plan Ahead

- Consult Advisors or Profs about your plans & be active

Adapt

- Consider these suggestions
- Enjoy your time at UW-Madison at your OWN PACE! There is no “one-size-fits-all” approach



ADVICE

from fellow International Students

Attending your very first class...

- You may meet diverse groups of classmates from freshmen to graduate students in your first class at UW-Madison. Sometimes you don't get to enroll in the ideal course/section/schedule at first. Don't panic! It's common to add and drop courses in the first week.
- Check Course Search for available seats & Canvas for materials and assignments everyday!



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Arrive in Madison early to explore
this city in a wonderful summer!

Welcome,
Badgers!



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