Qualified high school juniors or seniors may apply for admission as University Special students to become eligible to enroll in a course at UW–Madison. A minimum high school GPA of 3.000 overall and in the most recent semester is required. Additional requirements include recommendations from high school personnel and academic qualification for the course(s) of interest. Students planning to participate in Wisconsin's Early College Credit Program must meet the program’s eligibility rules, deadlines, and procedural requirements.

Enrollment in a course is contingent on satisfaction of course prerequisites and the availability of space after the needs of all degree-seeking students are fully satisfied. This is determined at the start of the semester.

Interested students should review the details regarding the options for high school students provided on the ACSSS website (https://acsss.wisc.edu/high-school/) and meet with their high school guidance counselor to determine if taking a university course is a sound academic choice.