NONDEGREE/VISITING
STUDENT GUIDE

HOW TO GET IN

ADMISSIONS

Admission as a University Special student is available for all terms: fall, spring, and summer. Applying at least one month before the start of the term is recommended as it can take one to three weeks to review, approve, and process an application. Timely admission is important in order to take advantage of the student’s earliest enrollment date. Capstone certificates, programs with preselected or international students, and high school classifications will have earlier application deadlines, as an admission decision depends on input from departments or other units. Additional information about University Special student admission can be found at ACSSS (https://acsss.wisc.edu/).

University Special students should read the details and more specific application information provided for each student type at Types of Study (p. ) to prepare for the required steps.

- Apply via the University Special Student application (https://acsss.wisc.edu/apply/)

SUMMER TERM

Each summer, more than 13,000 undergraduate students enroll in summer courses offered on campus or online. They may choose from more than 1,000 credit classes in sessions lasting from one to 13 weeks. UW-Madison undergraduates enroll for summer courses the same way as for fall and spring courses. Students not in degree status at UW-Madison should apply for University Special student admission in the appropriate classification by early spring in order to be eligible to enroll in April. For more information on course offerings, sessions, and summer term, see Summer Term (http://summer.wisc.edu).