Content in the Nondegree/Visiting Student Guide applies to all University Special (nondegree) students. University Special students enroll in UW–Madison credit courses but are not in degree status.

There are several categories of Special students, each with distinct educational goals, admission criteria, enrollment policy, and fee structures. All University Special students establish an official UW–Madison student record and are responsible for adhering to the university’s academic policies and procedures, and to the student code of conduct.

Adult Career and Special Student Services (https://acss.s.wisc.edu/) (ACSSS), a unit in the Division of Continuing Studies (https://continuingstudies.wisc.edu), is the admitting, advising, and academic dean’s office for University Special students.