Individuals who wish to enroll in a credit course, have at least a baccalaureate degree, and are not currently in a degree program at UW–Madison are eligible for admission as a University Special student in one of the two classifications listed below. These students are assessed tuition at the undergraduate student rate (Wisconsin resident or nonresident) unless a course has a nonstandard tuition rate. Note: Grades earned as a University Special student will not change a previous cumulative undergraduate or graduate degree GPA earned at UW–Madison, including if a course is repeated.

PROFESSIONAL OR PERSONAL ENRICHMENT (UNDS) — THIS INCLUDES:
- teachers, social workers, and others seeking enrollment for professional development
- graduate students from other US colleges and universities
- individuals seeking personal enrichment
- individuals wishing to explore an interest for further study
- students graduating and who wish to enroll in a course in the next term

PREPARATION FOR ADMISSION TO GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL (UNRS)—THIS INCLUDES:
- individuals needing to complete required courses prior to applying to a graduate or professional school
- individuals who have been advised by the graduate program to begin their studies as a University Special student. (Consult with the graduate coordinator regarding the policy on whether the credits earned may apply eventually toward a graduate degree.)