

# VISITING INTERNATIONAL

## HOW TO GET IN

### FORMAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Students who wish to come to UW–Madison on a formal exchange program must work directly with their home school's exchange/study abroad office to review application deadlines and admissions requirements (including TOEFL score). The exchange coordinator will provide participating students with a direct link to the application which is appropriate for the UW–Madison program. Students seeking admission in the three programs listed here will be admitted as a University Special student with the designation of UNIS on the application and the class roster.

- International Academic Programs (<http://www.studyabroad.wisc.edu/incoming.html>)
- International Programs at the School of Business (<https://bus.wisc.edu/degrees-programs/international-programs/exchange-students/>)
- International Engineering Studies & Programs (<https://studyabroad.wisc.edu/exchange/>)

### VISITING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM (VISP)

Any international student who has completed at least one semester of college/university study and meets language proficiency requirements (TOEFL: minimum 80 iBT/550 PBT; IELTS: minimum of 6.5) may apply. Applicants do not need to be currently enrolled in an educational institution. Students should apply at least three months before the intended start date at UW–Madison in order to complete the entire admission process and visa application (which may require many months to complete). A limited number of spots are available in VISP each semester, so applying early provides the best consideration.

Students are admitted in one of three levels which determines the minimum credit load requirements:

**Undergraduate level students:** completed at least one semester of college/university study and will not have completed their degree before arriving in Madison. Students must be in good academic standing with a minimum grade point average (GPA) equivalent at home university of a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. *UIUL* is the designation on the admissions application and course roster.

**Graduate level students:** completed an undergraduate degree and may or may not have started a graduate program. *UIGL* is the designation on the admissions application and course roster.

**Dissertator-level students:** completed all graduate coursework and are currently working on a dissertation, or have completed a Ph.D. No additional requirements apply for students in these classifications. *UIDL* is the designation on the admissions application and course roster.

**To apply:** Students must review eligibility requirements and then follow the application process outlined at the VISP website (<http://www.visp.wisc.edu/apply.htm>). VISP coordinators will assist with each step of the process. The coordinators will send an email to confirm the application has been received and to provide details on next steps.