## VISITING INTERNATIONAL

UW-Madison welcomes international undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate students to study at UW-Madison for one or more terms as a University Special student. University Special students take regularly scheduled courses for credit, which are displayed on an official student record but are not currently earning a degree from UW-Madison. There are four main categories with different learning goals and admissions pathways.

## FORMAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The program is available to students attending a university abroad which has a formal exchange agreement with UW–Madison. Students work directly with their home university's exchange/study abroad office for the admissions and enrollment procedures. The four exchange offices at UW–Madison are:

- Business Exchange (https://bus.wisc.edu/current-student-resources/ bba/study-abroad/incoming-exchange-students/)
- Engineering Exchange (https://www.engr.wisc.edu/academics/ student-experience/study-abroad/)
- International Academic Programs (https://studyabroad.wisc.edu/ exchange/)
- Law Exchange (http://www.law.wisc.edu/academics/international/ foreignex.htm)

All formal exchange students, except those pursuing law studies, are admitted by the Adult Career and Special Student Services (ACSSS) office, which also serves as the academic dean's office.

## VISITING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM (VISP)

The program is available to international students who wish to study at UW–Madison for one or more semesters or a summer term and are not part of a formal exchange program. The Visiting International Student Program (VISP) participants are admitted by ACSSS. Details about the program, admissions criteria, and student experience are provided at the VISP webpage (https://visp.wisc.edu/).

## CAPSTONE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Capstone certificates reflect a focused collection of graduate-level courses that allow students with a bachelor's degree to obtain additional professional skills and certification. Capstone programs do not lead to the conferral of a degree, but do appear on a student's UW–Madison transcript. The availability of a capstone certificate program to an international student varies as follows:

- The 100% online programs are available to international students who remain abroad.
- Students already in the U.S. on another visa type (e.g. J-1 scholar, J-2 dependent, H1B) may be eligible for admission to any of the capstone certificate programs.
- Full-time programs on the university campus require international students to hold an F-1 or J-1 visa to study legally in the United States. The programs approved by the U.S. government for F-1 or J-1 visas include Actuarial Science (http://guide.wisc.edu/nondegree/ capstone/actuarial-science-capstone-certificate/), Communication

Sciences & Disorders (http://guide.wisc.edu/nondegree/capstone/communication-sciences-disorders-capstone-certificate/),
Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Fundamentals (http://guide.wisc.edu/nondegree/capstone/gis-fundamentals-capstone-certificate/), and Computer Sciences. (http://guide.wisc.edu/nondegree/capstone/computer-sciences-professionals-capstone-certificate/)

A comprehensive list with details about program content, admissions criteria, and the application process is available at the Types of Study (http://quide.wisc.edu/nondegree/capstone/) page.