



International Student Panel:

I wish I could have known this before school starts

University of Wisconsin – Madison

International Student Orientation

Introduction

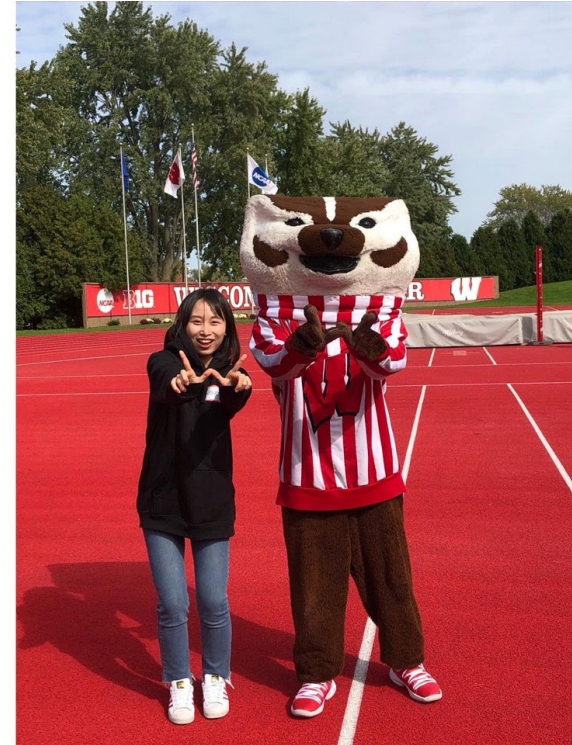


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US Culture

For many students in the audience, this may be one of their first days in Madison or even in US. Do you recall what your first few days in Madison were like? What were your first impressions of Madison? Were there any issues you faced?



US Culture

What were some American customs that you had to learn to get used to? What surprised you the most about American culture? How did you overcome the difficulties you were facing during that period of time? What is your advice to international students who are navigating U.S. culture?



Campus Involvement

Being away from home means that you'll also be spending some time making new friends. What advice can you give new students on how to make new friends?



Campus Involvement

For many in the audience, English may not be their native or first language. If English is not your native language, how have you improved your English skills since you have arrived here?



Campus Involvement

UW-Madison is a huge campus with so many resources. It can be overwhelming at times to locate where to go for what you need. What resources on campus have you found helpful during your time here? They can be related to academic life, social life, or career life.



Life in Madison

Not only will new students be figuring out how to interact and communicate with faculty, they may also be living with a roommate for the first time, whose background/upbringing may be different from theirs. What were your experiences like living with a roommate? What advice would you give to other students who may be living with a roommate?



Life in Madison

Studying in the U.S. means that it may be difficult to visit home.

During your time here thus far, did you miss home or experience homesickness? What helped you most when you were/are homesick? How often do you talk to your parents/family back at home and what do you share with them?



Life in Madison

How do you balance studying while also having fun and making the most out of your experience here?



Life in Madison

Fun question: what are your recommendations for favorite restaurants or grocery stores in Madison?



Final Piece of Advice

Before we move into audience questions, can you share one final piece of advice you'd like new international students to leave with today?





Thank you!

Q & A

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