Welcome! Are you in the right room? This room is for students hosted by…

Exchange and Visiting Student Orientation – Spring 2020

Wisconsin University of Wisconsin–Madison
Division of Continuing Studies
Visiting International Student Program
Exchange and Visiting International Student Orientation

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## Today’s Schedule

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<td>Nametag and Agenda pick up</td>
<td>Grainger Hall West Atrium</td>
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<td>Host Office Session</td>
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<td>9:45-10:15</td>
<td>Coffee/Tea Break</td>
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<td>12:10</td>
<td>Depart for Union South</td>
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<td>International Student Lunch and afternoon activities</td>
<td>Union South and other locations</td>
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Orientation Resources

**General Table:** General questions? We’ve got answers, or will know who can help! Staffed by Exchange Coordinators from all UW-Madison Host Offices.

**ISS Table:** International Student Services handles all questions and concerns regarding your F-1 or J-1 visa.

**SHIP Table:** Student Health Insurance Plan staff will be available to answer any SHIP coverage questions.

**UWPD Table:** A UW-Madison Police Office will be able to answer questions related to safety on campus.
The University of Wisconsin - Madison

- Established in 1848, when Wisconsin became a state
- Today, a top research university with thousands of course options
- Our mascot – Bucky Badger
- Over 45,000 students
  - Students from over 130 countries and all 50 US states
  - Over 2,000 Special Students (that’s you!)
- You’re not alone – other exchange and visiting students
Division of Continuing Studies-VISP

• DCS is your host office
• We’ll continue to support you during your time here on campus
• Need help, but not sure where to begin? Contact us!

visp@dcs.wisc.edu
Where is DCS located?
Advising Options

• **In-person advising**
  - 21 North Park Street, room 7101
  - Weekdays between 7:45am – 4:30pm
  - Walk-in advising and appointments available.

• **Online advising**
  - Email advising available either through your VISP advisor directly or to VISP@dcs.wisc.edu during business hours.
  - Video/chat advising appointments available! Email VISP@dcs.wisc.edu to set one up.
Online advising options

Facebook Chat
https://www.facebook.com/VISPatUW/

Blackboard Collaborate & Google Hangouts
Click to join
VISP Orientation Reminders

- You should have already completed the following online:
  - Academic Overview
  - Student Life
  - Getting Around
  - Health & Safety

If you haven’t, review them today or tomorrow!
https://visp.wisc.edu/orientation/

- Course Enrollment
  - If you haven’t enrolled yet, enroll in courses immediately!
  - Through Course Search & Enroll App at https://enroll.wisc.edu/
Academics Reminders

• Academic Calendar

• Credit Load
  12-18 for undergraduates
  8-15 for graduate students
  Grad students: 15 is a very heavy workload!

• ESL (English Language) Courses
  English for Academic Success: 328-05
  ESLAT Testing Information
  Final Test Date: Today at 1:00pm
  4281 Helen C White Hall (Entrance to left of library entrance, bring your Wiscard)

• Transcripts
  https://registrar.wisc.edu/transcript/
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<td>Tuition &amp; Fees Due Date</td>
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<td>Spring Break</td>
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<td>Last Day of Class</td>
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[https://registrar.wisc.edu/dates/](https://registrar.wisc.edu/dates/)
Event Reminders

• **Apply to join BRIDGE!**
  BRIDGE is an international mentorship program that helps students connect on campus.
  - Apply by 4:00pm today!

• **MFIS Capitol Reception, Jan 26**

• **Student Organization Fair, Feb. 11**
  5:00-8:00pm @ Kohl Center
  *Bring your Student ID*

• **Campus Tours offered, Daily**

• **Capitol Tours offered, Daily**
Event Reminders

- Bucks NBA Basketball game  
  Monday, January 20
- Chinese New Year celebration  
  Saturday, January 25
- VISP Welcome and Walk-in Advising  
  Tuesday, January 28
- UW Hockey game  
  Friday, January 31
Things to Do

• Update Your Contact Information in MyUW
  • Mailing Address (in Madison)
  • Home Address (in your home country)
  • Provide Emergency Contact information

• Immigration Check with International Student Services (ISS)
  • This afternoon, 2-6pm following lunch
  • Union South, Wisconsin Idea Room
  • Bring your passport, DS-2019/I-20, mailing address, emergency contact information, I-94 card, and NetID and password

• Enroll in the Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) or file a qualifying waiver by February 14.
Things to Get

- **WISCARD**
  - Student ID (identification) card
  - Photo ID Office - Union South, Room 149 (M-F, 8:30-5:00)

- **ASM Bus Pass**
  - Free for all students!
  - 333 E Campus Mall, Student Activities Center (SAC; 4th Floor) OR
  - Union South (Box Office, beginning of semester only)

- **Books and Materials**
  - Check your course materials through Student Center and syllabi
  - Purchase online, at the University Bookstore, or at other local shops and campus printing centers
Lunch and Activities Reminder

International Student lunch and activities

• Today, 12:15-4:30PM
• Union South
Advice from the Visiting International Student Program (VISP)

• Read monthly VISP Newsletters
  • Like & subscribe to our Facebook feed so you see our updates
• Review the ½ sheet with FAQs and advice from past students
• Final advice:
  • Go to office hours and introduce yourself to each professor
  • Join at least one student organization
  • If you need help, please ASK!
  • Be prepared to step out of your comfort zone
  • Have fun 😊
Questions?
Before you go, let’s take a group photo!