

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Spending the summer

at a top-ranked university
in a beautiful city.

Welcome to Wisconsin



Visiting International
Student Program
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

*"This is my home away from home.
UW-Madison is the combination of a world-class
academic institution while at the same time an
incomparable college experience."*

Top-ranked university

The Visiting International Student Program (VISP) welcomes nondegree international students for short-term study on our campus. As a VISP participant, you are an official UW–Madison student taking courses with our university’s distinguished, world-class faculty.

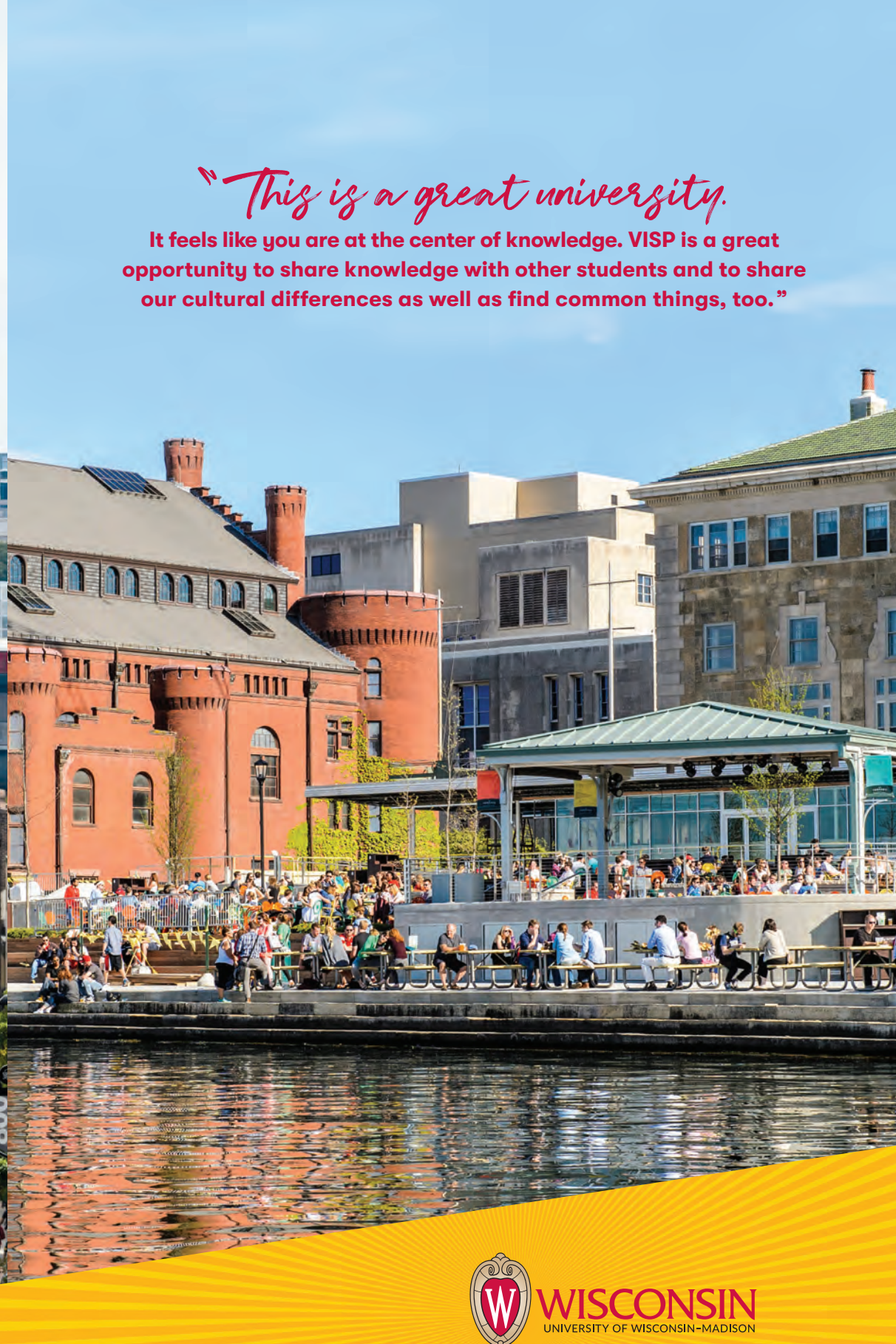
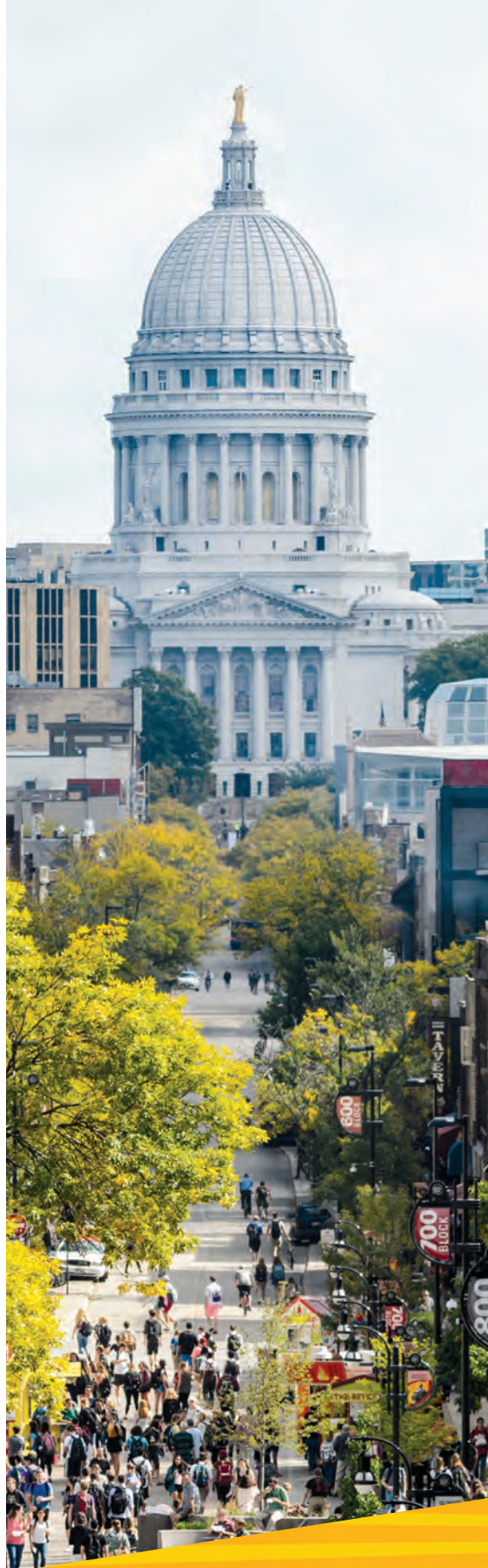
VISP staff provides personalized advising as well as a variety of cultural and social events to help you feel welcome and enjoy your time on campus and in the surrounding communities.

International students can study at UW–Madison during the fall, spring or summer terms.

Stunning location

Madison, Wisconsin, is a picturesque city located among four lakes. It’s consistently selected as one of the best places to live in the U.S. Summertime is the perfect time to enjoy Madison and the surrounding areas by exploring lakeshores, abundant parks, numerous cultural venues and sporting events.

Madison is also the capital of the state of Wisconsin, bustling with activity and located only about two hours northwest of Chicago, Illinois.



“This is a great university.

It feels like you are at the center of knowledge. VISP is a great opportunity to share knowledge with other students and to share our cultural differences as well as find common things, too.”



World-class academics

During Summer Term, students can choose from more than 1,000 thought-provoking courses in a wide variety of subjects, including engineering, business, political science, psychology, statistics and much more.

Your courses, credits and grades will all be included on your official UW–Madison transcript.

Popular summer sessions*

8-week session — June 20–August 12

4-week session — June 20–July 15

4-week session — July 18–August 12

*There are additional sessions. Check the full summer calendar at summer.wisc.edu.

Popular summer subjects

- Accounting
- Art
- Civil & Environmental Engineering
- Communication Arts
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Electrical & Computer Engineering
- English as a Second Language
- Finance
- Math
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Statistics

Visit our **VISP summer page** to see the **2022 Summer Course Preview**: visp.wisc.edu/summer



Impressive university rankings

#8

U.S. Research Expenditures

— National Science Foundation, 2019

#13

U.S. Public University

— U.S. News & World Report, 2021

#19

U.S. University for International Students

— Center for World University Rankings, 2019

Estimated cost of attendance*

Costs vary by number of credits and length of program. Here are examples from our most common session options:

4-week summer session

Most students enroll in a 3-credit class, which costs approximately \$5,000

8-week summer session

Most students enroll in 6–9 credits (2–3 classes), which costs approximately \$10,000

*Based on summer 2021 rates. Summer 2022 tuition and other cost information will be released spring 2022.

Estimated living expenses

Students should plan on approximately \$2,000 per month. This includes an estimate for housing, meals, SHIP health insurance and other incidentals.

Extra opportunities

UW–Madison offers an exciting and vibrant campus and surrounding community. In addition to coursework, VISP participants explore extracurricular activities to meet other students and learn about life as a U.S. college student.

You can volunteer in the community, walk on a lakeshore path or go boating, among many other options. VISP students go on excursions to have locally made ice cream on the Union Terrace, visit one of the best farmers' markets in the country or cheer at a baseball game.



"People here are very kind."

And the environment is very good, especially in the summer. Everything is green. It's sunny with lots of lakes. And this experience really helped me improve my English, my academics, and my knowledge of the U.S. This program opened the door to the world for me."

Apply

We recommend applying by mid-March for the most flexibility with housing and class selection, but we accept applications on a rolling basis after that. Summer Term course enrollment starts in April.

Visit visp.wisc.edu/summer to start your application process.

Your VISP path



Now

Research our program to be sure that VISP is right for you.



Next

Receive permission to attend VISP from your university if you are currently enrolled.



Soon

Apply by mid-March for the most flexibility with housing and class selection.



4-6 weeks after admission

Receive your welcome packet with visa information.



April-May

Enroll in your summer class(es).



Summer

Arrive before classes start and get ready for an amazing Summer Term experience.



Summer