At a Glance

FOUNDED: 1848 (First class: February 1849)

CAMPUS: 936 acres (main campus)

BUDGET: $2,922,700,000 (2014–2015)

CHANCELLOR: Rebecca M. Blank

ENROLLMENT (FALL 2015):

Undergraduate students: 29,580
Graduate, special and professional students: 13,809
U.S. states represented: 50
International students: 5,718
Countries represented: 124

2014 FRESHMAN CLASS PROFILE:

Applicants: 32,780
Admit rate: 49.2
Yield rate: 38.9

FACULTY AND STAFF: 21,796

LIVING ALUMNI (2014): 428,257

FEES AND TUITION

2015–16  resident  nonresident
Undergraduate..........................$10,416*  $29,665*
Graduate.................................$11,870  $25,197

* There is an additional fee of $275 for new freshmen, $200 for transfer students, and additional fees for business and engineering students.

ATHLETICS

NCAA Division I, Big Ten Conference

THE WISCONSIN IDEA

The Wisconsin Idea is the principle that the university should improve people’s lives beyond the classroom. It spans UW–Madison’s teaching, research, outreach and public service.

November 2015
Our Rankings

#1 Best Hospitals in Wisconsin (U.S. News & World Report, 2014)
#1 Twitter account in U.S. higher education (2015)
#2 Top producer of Peace Corps volunteers (2015)
#4 Total research expenditures among U.S. universities (2013)
#7 Patents among U.S. universities (2014)
#7 Doctorates granted among public universities (2012)
#8 Kiplinger’s 100 best values in public colleges (2015)
#11 Best public U.S. colleges (Forbes, 2015)
#11 America’s Best Colleges among public universities (U.S. News & World Report, 2015)
#24 Academic Ranking of World Universities (2015)

UW–Madison Firsts

1875: Nation’s first Scandinavian studies department
1890: First test of butterfat content in milk
1910: Country’s first genetics department
1913: Discovery of vitamin A
1916: Discovery of vitamin B
1919: Oldest educational radio station
1924: Discovery of methods to enrich food with vitamin D
1926: First university dance program
1933: Synthesis of blood-thinner dicumarol, paving way for Warfarin
1930s: Discovery of methods to iodize salt
1936: First university artist-in-residence program
1939: First university department of wildlife management
1959: First space-based weather camera
1966: First poverty-research center
1968: First bone marrow transplant
1968: First graduate program in arts administration
1970: Creation of the first synthetic gene
1987: Development of Wisconsin Solution, used in transplant surgery
1998: First cultivation of embryonic stem cells in a lab
2005: First National Stem Cell Bank
2007: First human skin cells genetically reprogrammed to create cells indistinguishable from embryonic stem cells
2007: First “naming gift” given to UW business school to preserve school’s name
2014: First endowed fellowship in feminist biology
2014: First master’s program in energy conservation