

# UW-Madison Summer Students Welcome Packet



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## Local Transportation

### Riding the Bus

UW-Madison Bus 80 will be your main bus line on campus; it is a free service. The campus bus routes (80, 81, 82 and 84) are free for all riders, so you will not have to present any bus pass for these buses. For all other bus routes, i.e. the Metro Transit routes, you will have to swipe your bus pass to get on the bus.

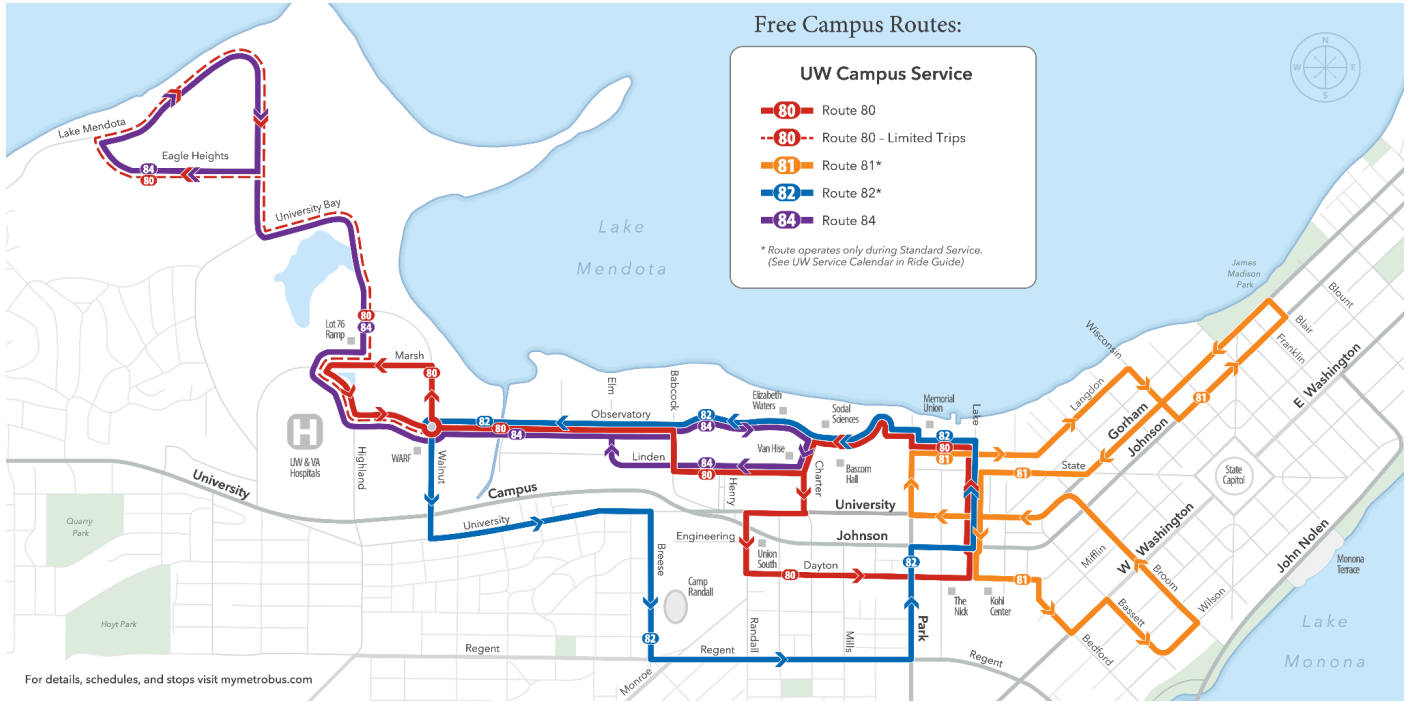
The best way to navigate around campus using bus transportation is by using *Google Maps*. Another app that you may find useful is *Moovit*. It presents real time bus stop information for the public and campus buses in Madison. On the “Lines” menu, you can scroll down to the 80, 81, 82, 84) buses and it will give you a list of all the stops. Another useful app is *Transit*. You can see in real time how far away or close buses are.

### Bus Route Maps

- Campus: <https://www.map.wisc.edu/>
- City of Madison: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/metro/routes-schedules>

### Bicycles

Madison is a bicycle friendly city and many people choose to ride bikes instead of walking or taking the bus. If you would like to purchase a bicycle, check out Budget Bicycle at 930 Regent Street. Alternatively, there are **B-Cycle** stations throughout Madison that have bikes for short term rentals (30 mins). You simply check out a bike at one station and return it to any station around the city.



## Campus Recreation & Wellness

### UW Recreation Locations and Hours

#### Bakke Recreation & Wellbeing Center

1976 Observatory Drive  
 Madison, WI 53706  
 (608) 262 - 8244

#### Nicholas Recreation Center

797 W Dayton Street  
 Madison, WI 53715  
 (608) 262-8244

#### Near East Fields

1926 Observatory Drive  
 Madison, WI

## Health Services

University Health Services (<https://www.uhs.wisc.edu/>) is the campus health clinic and is located at 333 East Campus Mall. You can make an appointment online using your UW-Madison NetID and password or by calling (608) 265-5600.

### **Hospitals near Kronshage Residence Hall**

UW Hospital and Clinics, 600 Highland Ave - \*SHIP insurance preferred

(1 mile from Kronshage Residence Hall)

Meriter Hospital, 1 South Park Street

(1.2 miles from Kronshage Residence Hall)

St. Mary's Hospital, 700 South Park Street

(1.7 miles from Kronshage Residence Hall)

## Departments for Student Support

**Multicultural Student Center (MSC):** The MSC is a welcoming and comfortable place supporting students of color on campus. Being a student of color on campus can unfortunately be rather isolating at times. But the MSC, home to many orgs such as the Wisconsin Black Student Union, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, and Chinese American Student Association, is a great way to meet people with similar backgrounds and have a physical space where you can feel comfortable:

<https://msc.wisc.edu/>

**Gender and Sexuality Campus Center (GSCC):** Supporting and welcoming LGBTQ+ students and their communities, the GSCC is a great place full of allies on campus. They have their own library in the office where you can rent out queer books, literature, and DVDs, not to mention they bring awesome speakers to campus. Many students hang out in the open space with couches to study, eat lunch, or chat, and it's a great resource for support and crisis situations: <https://lgbt.wisc.edu/>

**Black Cultural Center (BCC):** The BCC supports Black students (including African American, Caribbean, Afro-Latinx, and African Diaspora) by facilitating academic and social support and is a great way to build community. The BCC puts on Black events, such as Soul food cookouts, invites Black guest speakers to campus, and hosts session discussing hard topics that Black students on campus face:

<https://msc.wisc.edu/black-cultural-center/>

## Grocery Stores

**Target**, 610 State St, Madison, WI 53703 +

**Trader Joe's**, 1810 Monroe St

**Fresh Madison Market**, 703 University Avenue +

**Capitol Centre Market**, 111 North Broom Street +

**Whole Foods Market**, 3313 University Avenue

**Pick 'N Save**, 1312 S Park St +  
**Metro Market**, 3650 University Avenue +  
**Metcalfe's Market**, 726 North Midvale Boulevard +  
**Target**, 750 Hilldale Way +

+These grocery stores deliver.

## Summer in Madison Activities

[Terrace at the Memorial Union](#) - The terrace has many events throughout the summer including art, live music, outdoor music and yoga. Kayak, paddleboards, and canoe rentals are located at the terrace as well. See summer list of events at the Union:  
<https://union.wisc.edu/events-and-activities/event-calendar/>

[Union South](#) - A nice place for coffee, Babcock ice-cream, food, or drinks. Union South also has a movie theater, bowling, pool, and rock climbing. Visit for more information.

[Sett Recreation](#) - Bowling and games

[Picnic Point](#) - Mile long peninsula within the Lakeshore Nature Preserve that has a walking path lined with fire pits that can be reserved. Visit to reserve a fire pit.

[Downtown Madison](#) - Diverse variety of restaurants, coffee shops, bars, and shopping.

[Dane County Farmers' Market on the Capitol Square](#) - Every Saturday 6:00am - 2:00pm around the Capitol Square (at the end of state street). The Dane County Farmers' Market is the largest producer-only market in the country. There is also the [Hilldale Farmers Market](#) and [Westside community farmers](#) market.

[UW-Madison Arboretum](#) - Open 7:00am - 10:00pm. Botanical research garden which recreates the original ecosystems of southern Wisconsin as well as maintains more traditional horticultural collections.

[Henry Vilas Zoo](#) - A 28-acre public zoo with free admission.

[Wingra Lake](#) - Rent Canoes, single and tandem kayaks, stand up paddle boards, paddle boats, water mats, fishing boats and pontoon boats from Wingra Boats.

[Olbrich Gardens](#) - Olbrich Botanical Gardens is a 16 acre outdoor botanical garden and 10,000-square-foot conservatory.

[Tour of the Capitol](#) - It is free to the public all year round. Tours start on the hour from 8-5pm, but check the schedule before you head over.

[Marquee Cinema & Film at Unions](#) (Free Movies)

[Madison Night Market - Celebrate Pride](#) - June 11, 2026

[Willy Street](#) (aka Williamson Street) - Locally famous for its wide variety of restaurants, diverse and friendly residents, numerous shops and salons, and fun nightlife bars.

[Maxwell Street Days](#) - July 16-19, 9am-6pm

See other upcoming festivals and fairs:

<https://www.visitmadison.com/events/festivals-and-fairs/>

[Chazen Art Museum](#) - The Chazen's expansive two-building site holds the second-largest collection of art in Wisconsin, and is the largest collecting museum in the Big 10.

[Madison Museum of Contemporary Art](#) - Museum exhibitions and most education programs at MMoCA are free to the public.

[Devils Lake](#) - Devil's Lake State Park is a state park located in the Baraboo Range in eastern Sauk County, just south of Baraboo, Wisconsin. It is around thirty-five miles northwest of Madison, and is on the western edge of the last ice-sheet deposited during the Wisconsin glaciation.

**Distance to other cities (via car):**

Wisconsin Dells, WI (1 hr, 5 min) [Summer in The Dells](#)

Milwaukee, WI (1 hr, 22 min) [Summer in Milwaukee](#)

Chicago, IL (2 hr, 22 min) [Summer in Chicago](#)