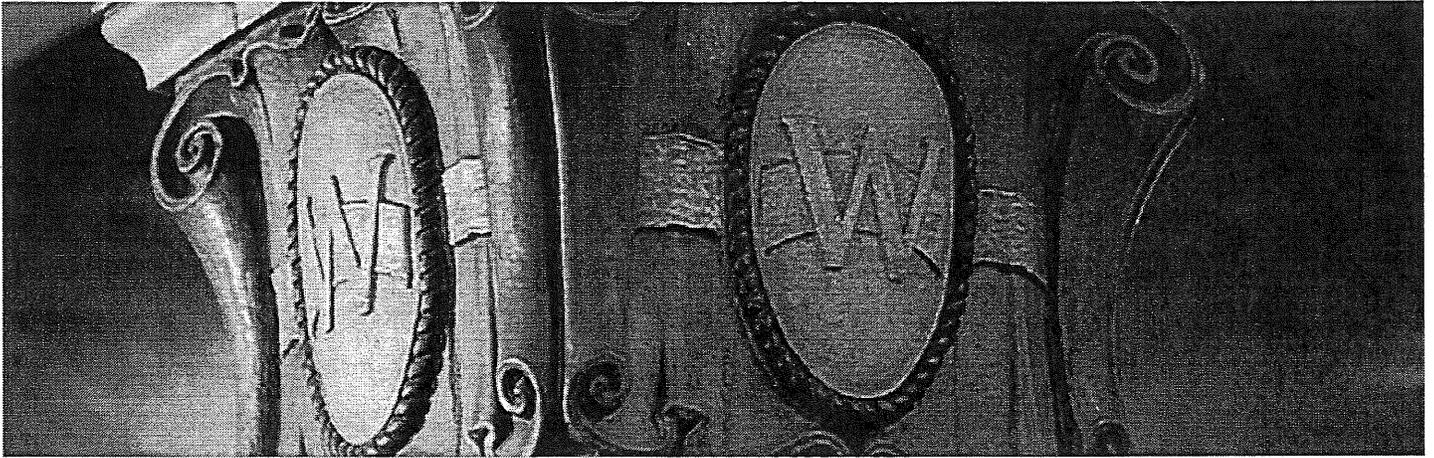


# Office of Admissions and Recruitment | Applying



## APPLICATION DEADLINES AND DECISIONS

The fall and spring term applications open August 1. The following deadlines pertain to both domestic and international applicants. Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. Pacific time on the noted deadline dates.

Decision Plan	Application Deadline	Decision
Spring 2019 Regular Decision	October 1	End of December
Fall 2019 Early Action	November 1	End of January
Fall 2019 Regular Decision	February 1	End of March

## APPLICATION DECISIONS

We cannot begin to review your application until all required materials are received. Review our requirements ([requirements.php](#)) to ensure you submit a complete application.

Types of admission decisions applicants can receive in our Early Action competition:

- **Admit:** Admission to UW–Madison is competitive and selective, and we review applications using a holistic process. We admit students based on academic strengths who will thrive in our rigorous curriculum and who also add unique perspectives to our student body. We consider essays, extracurricular involvement (both in and outside of school), letters of recommendation, talent, and interests to consider how students may contribute to our campus community.



- **Defer:** Applicants who are deferred are neither admitted nor denied upon initial review. Deferred applicants have the potential for success at UW–Madison, however, we would like to review midyear grades and other supporting material prior to making a final decision. Decisions on deferred students will be made by the end of March.
- **Deny:** Students who are not competitive for admission or who fail to complete their application are denied admission.

Types of admission decisions applicants can receive in our Regular Decision competition:

- **Admit:** Admission to UW–Madison is competitive and selective, and we review applications using a holistic process. We admit students based on academic strengths who will thrive in our rigorous curriculum and who also add unique perspectives to our student body. We consider essays, extracurricular involvement (both in and outside of school), letters of recommendation, talent, and interests to consider how students may contribute to our campus community.
- **Wait List:** Students who are offered a spot on our wait list are neither admitted nor denied. If space becomes available after May 1, admission may be extended to some students who have accepted the wait list offer. Every effort will be made to inform students if there is space for them or not by the end of June.
- **Deny:** Students who are not competitive for admission or who fail to complete their application are denied admission.

## APPEALING A DECISION

Every application denied has already been through an extensive review. For an appeal to have merit, it must bring to light new compelling academic and/or personal information, as well as details pertaining to extenuating circumstances that were not addressed in the initial application. Essentially, the appeal must present information that clearly shows the student to be stronger than had been earlier evidenced.

Appeal letters must be written and submitted by the applicant within 30 days of the deny decision to the Office of Admissions and Recruitment. Email is an acceptable format for submission. Be sure to clearly outline the reasons for appealing and present new and compelling information. Do not simply repeat information that was presented at the time of application. At the time of appealing, the letter should accompany any other appropriate documentation as needed.

Defer and wait list decisions cannot be appealed. Any application that is incomplete will not be eligible for an appeal. Applicants can only appeal once and decisions resulting from an appeal are final. We will not accept appeals filed on behalf of the student by a parent, counselor, teacher, friend, etc.

