

Important Planning Dates

August 1	UW application opens
October 2.....	WI Education Fair, EC Indoor Sports Center
October 2	Financial Aid Night 6 pm, Chi-Hi cafeteria
October 2 & 3	Minnesota National College Fair
October 23.....	Chi-Hi Academic & Career Planning Day
November 1	Early Action application deadline for UW-Madison & U of MN-Twin Cities
December 1.....	Priority deadline for UW-EC
January 1	Priority deadline for UW-Stout & U of MN-Twin Cities
February 1	Priority application deadline for UW-LaCrosse, UW-River Falls, UW-Whitewater and Regular Decision deadline for UW-Madison.
Feb. 1-March 1	Chippewa Falls Foundation scholarship application available (approximate dates)
May 20	Senior Awards Night 7 pm, HS Auditorium
May 4-15.....	AP Testing Window
June 3	Chi-Hi Graduation

College Reps and Tours

College representatives visit Chi-Hi in the fall on a regular basis. Dates and times that reps will be at Chi-Hi are posted outside of Student Services. We strongly advise students to tour campuses before making a decision on a college. Most college websites have on-line registration.

What if you don't meet admission requirements?

If a student does not meet entrance requirements as a high school senior, it does not mean that he/she cannot go to a four-year college or university. Students may have the option of enrolling at a technical college, a UW-two-year college or community college, and then transferring to a four-year college after a year or two.

Two-year colleges have a lot to offer including smaller classes, more personalized attention, are less competitive and have less academic pressure. Many times, students have the most difficulty during their first year of college. Not only is this a transition year, some of the general education coursework may be difficult, especially if it is in an academic area where the student has struggled in the past. By attending a smaller campus, students are likely to get the help they need while taking these requirements. It is also the perfect opportunity to gain academic confidence. More information about transfer options can be found on the college's website. The two campuses where most of our students participate in a transfer program are Chippewa Valley Technical College and UW-Eau Claire-Barron County.

Things to Know



Applying to a 4-year College or University



Nuts & Bolts

A four-year college education or bachelor's degree is necessary for approximately 20% of today's careers. All colleges and universities hope to attract bright, well-prepared students.

Four-year colleges and universities want students to have both a broad-based education, and education in a specific subject area or major. In order to ensure that a student receive a well-rounded education, most four-year colleges and universities require that students take 25-50% of their classes in general education courses like English, math, science, and social studies. Since many of the general courses are taken during freshman year, "undecided" students can use their first year of college to fulfill general education requirements and to decide on a major.

Entrance requirements vary greatly. Colleges and universities that have an open admission policy will accept most high school graduates who apply. At the other end of the spectrum are those that are highly selective. Regardless of the entrance requirements, most universities will be looking at high school preparatory coursework, ACT (or SAT) scores and other factors that show the applicant will be successful at their campus.

Xello (formerly Career Cruising)

Xello is a web-based career exploration program and is also the preferred method for requesting transcripts.

<https://login.xello.world> (there is also a link on the Chi-Hi student homepage). Student username and password is the same as student's school log-in. However, students will need to add CFA- before their username.

Admission Requirements

To qualify for admission to a UW System school (and most other 4-year colleges) you must graduate from high school and have 17 college preparatory credits. Universities confirm requirements by requesting your transcript and senior schedule. Minimum requirements include:

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of math (Alg., Geom., Alg. II)
*4 years of math at U of M schools
- 3 years of science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Many will accept Physical Science)
- 3 years of social studies
- 4 additional credits from academic core areas or possibly elective areas (depending on the college).

World Language?

A minimum of two years of the same world language is required for admission at UW-Madison, University of Minnesota schools and Minnesota State universities. Some universities may require more. Most universities recommend it. If you took your first year of world language in eighth grade and your second year in ninth grade, this counts as two years.

ACT, GPA and Class Rank

Admission may also depend on the student's ACT or SAT score and class rank, which is determined by grade point average. Specific requirements vary by college. The ACT is given as part of the state assessment in the spring of the junior year. Students may wish to re-test on a National Test Date. The cost is \$52.00 without the writing assessment and \$68.00 with writing. Some students may qualify for a fee waiver. For more information, see your school counselor. To register for the ACT go to: www.actstudent.org.

How to Apply

UW System application is available August 1. Although paper applications are available, most colleges and universities prefer that students apply online.

Checklist

- Go to the college's website and look for "Admissions" or "Apply online." For University of Wisconsin schools it is easiest to use <https://apply.wisconsin.edu/>.
- Fill out application and keep a record of the username and password you used for the application.
- Be prepared to pay online (approximately \$50 per application). If you choose to pay by check or money order you will need to remember to send that in or bring it to Student Services and we can send it for you.
- Print a copy of your completed application for your records.
- Request your transcript through Xello. If you are applying to a school that uses the "Common Application" see your counselor regarding this process.
- Make sure the Colleges that you are applying to have your ACT or SAT score. Most colleges want an "official" ACT/SAT score sent to them directly from the testing agency. When you sign up to take the ACT you are able to choose up to four colleges to receive your score. If you did not select the college you are applying to, log on to actstudent.org and make an official request. The approximate cost for this is \$15.00.