

University of Wisconsin-Madison Fall 2023 Tuition Increase FAQs

How much is tuition going up?

	CURRENT RATES	AMOUNT OF INCREASE	NEW RATES
FULL-TIME RESIDENT TUITION & FEES	\$9,273.70	\$372.30	\$9,646.00
FULL-TIME NON-RESIDENT TUITION & FEES	\$39,473.88	\$1,137.12	\$40,611.00
SEGREGATED FEES	\$1,523.04	\$46.00	\$1,569.04

For Wisconsin-resident undergraduate students, University of Wisconsin–Madison’s tuition will increase by 4%, or \$372.30, during the 2023-24 academic year to \$9,646.

Tuition for non-resident University of Wisconsin-Madison undergraduates will increase by 3%, or \$1,137.12, during the 2023-24 academic year to \$39,041.52.

Both increases will be in effect for Fall 2023 and were approved by the UW System Board of Regents at their March meeting.

When is the last time tuition was increased for Wisconsin-resident undergraduates?

The last tuition increase for in-state undergraduates was 2012.

Will there also be a change in segregated fees?

Segregated fees for all students will increase by \$46, a 3% change over the current academic year. Put together, tuition and fees at UW-Madison for resident undergraduates will increase by \$418, a 3.88 percent increase that is well below the current inflation rate.

Will there be any differential tuition increases?

The Board of Regents has approved increases to undergraduate tuition differential charges in the Wisconsin School of Business and the College of Engineering. Both will increase their differential charges to \$2,000 for the 2023-2024 academic year.

In addition, the Board of Regents also established an undergraduate tuition differential charge for the School of Nursing, which will be \$1,000 for the 2023-24 academic year.

Tuition differentials for the Wisconsin School of Business, College of Engineering, and School of Nursing directly support expanded curricular offerings, additional faculty and instructors, as well as enhanced support services such as advising, career services, and tutoring.

How much revenue will the undergraduate tuition increases generate for UW-Madison?

The adjustments to undergraduate tuition will generate about \$21.5 million in additional revenue to support the teaching and research mission across UW–Madison. The additional revenue will fund the university’s 30% share of the 2023-24 pay plan and be invested in expanding access to high-demand courses, growing need-based aid and providing new teaching and student services positions.

Are adjustments in financial aid planned to ensure the tuition increases don’t impact UW-Madison’s lower-income students?

Yes. Students in UW-Madison’s commitment programs, like Bucky’s Tuition Promise and Bucky’s Pell Pathway, will have their financial aid offers adjusted to accommodate these changes. Impacted students will be emailed in the coming weeks when their updated financial aid offer is available to review.

UW–Madison is committed to making tuition affordable for students in need. [Bucky’s Tuition Promise](#) provides free tuition and fees for all Wisconsin residents whose household is at or below the state median (\$65,000). Currently, 3,500 Wisconsin high school residents from 70 of Wisconsin’s 72 counties are represented within Bucky’s Tuition Promise.

For Wisconsin residents who are Federal Pell grant-eligible, the University will meet their full financial need through [Bucky’s Pell Pathway](#).

Students who are the beneficiaries of either Bucky’s Tuition Promise or Bucky’s Pell Pathway have all tuition and fees covered by these programs, so this increase will not impact their costs to attend UW-Madison.

Sixty three percent of UW-Madison’s 2022 graduating seniors did not take out student loans while pursuing their undergraduate degree, the sixth straight year the figure has been well over half. Among those who did borrow, the average student loan debt (\$25,513) is below the most recent national and statewide data available and the default rate for UW–Madison borrowers is among the lowest in the nation at 0.2%.

Who can I contact for additional support or guidance?

Students who are receiving financial aid that would like to better understand the impacts this may have on their financial situation are encouraged to contact the Office of Student Financial Aid via email (finaid@finaid.wisc.edu), phone (608.262.3060), or by scheduling an appointment with a financial aid advisor using Starfish.

For more information on applying for and receiving financial aid, visit the [Office of Student Financial Aid](#).

For specific questions regarding a tuition account or how to pay tuition, please visit the [Bursar’s Office](#) or contact via email (tuition@bussvc.wisc.edu).

According to U.S. News & World Report, UW–Madison is the 10th ranked public university in the U.S. #2 among Big 10 public universities), offering students access to the highest quality education with a breadth of academic and co-curricular activity. The current (2022-23) resident tuition and fees rate places UW-Madison 10th in the Big Ten; the nonresident tuition and fees rate places UW-Madison fourth in the Big Ten.