What are the College of Engineering Admitted Student Preview Days?

The UW-Madison College of Engineering Admitted Student Preview Days are invitation only events. All students directly admitted to the College of Engineering for Fall 2017 are invited.

Admitted Student Preview Days help newly admitted Badger Engineers preview the College and discover how they wish to shape their Wisconsin Experience. You will learn about undergraduate programs available to study, as well as the many engaging opportunities that exist, including undergraduate research experiences, study abroad, student organizations, internships and co-ops. Faculty, Deans, student services professionals, and current students are available throughout the day to welcome you, share information, answer questions, and address concerns of students who are making decisions between schools.

Registering early for these special events will help ensure you get your first choice.

When are Admitted Student Preview Days?

On three Fridays in the spring: February 10th, March 3rd, or March 31st.

Special events are Wisconsin Women in Engineering Day on Campus April 1st and Admitted Student Diversity Preview Day April 8th.

How do I sign up? Are there deadlines to keep in mind?

Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Registration information is clearly listed on your invitation. Invitations were sent via post and email in mid-January. The link to the online registration form is clearly listed on the invitation.

- Registration for Friday, February 10th CLOSES on Tuesday, February 7th
- Registration for Friday, March 3rd CLOSES on Tuesday, February 28th
- Registration for Friday, March 31st CLOSES on Tuesday, March 28th
- Registration for Saturday, April 1st CLOSES on Wednesday, March 29th
- Registration for Saturday, April 8th CLOSES on Wednesday, April 5th

If your invitation is missing, we recommend double-checking your email junk folder, or contacting us.

Questions about Admitted Student Preview Day registration can be addressed by Alexis Steinbach, asteinbach@wisc.edu or by calling 608-262-2473.

Questions about Admitted Student Diversity Preview Day or Wisconsin Women in Engineering Day on Campus registration can be addressed by Steven Mijajlovic, mijajlovic@wisc.edu or by calling 608-265-9042.

Can I bring a parent or guest?

Due to space constraints, attendance is limited. For most days, you are permitted to bring one guest. Sessions are being held in small spaces across the engineering campus. For the safety of all involved, maximum capacity will be strictly adhered to and registration will be closed when maximum capacity is reached.

The College of Engineering Admitted Student Diversity Preview Day will be held immediately following the Office of Admissions’ UW Student of Color Day. Students attending Admitted Student Diversity Preview Day or Wisconsin Women in Engineering Day on Campus are not limited to one guest, and are encouraged to bring their family members to these events.
Which event should I attend?

There are multiple dates for admitted students to visit the College. All of our events for admitted students will give you plenty of information as well as time to ask questions and meet faculty, staff, and current students. May 1st is National College Decision Day (the day you must commit to your school of choice), so you may want to attend the earliest day that fits your schedule, so you have the most time prior to decision day.

Students who want to learn more about diversity at the College of Engineering, including women, first generation students, and students of color, we invite you to attend our event on April 8th, scheduled in the late afternoon immediately following the UW Admitted Student of Color Day program. Students are not required to attend both UW Admitted Student of Color Day and Admitted Student Diversity Preview Day, but the two events complement one another. Registration for the UW Admitted Student of Color program must be completed separately.

Students who wish to learn more about the Society of Women Engineers and College programs targeted for women engineers may wish to attend the April 1st Wisconsin Women in Engineering Day on Campus.

Can I attend multiple events?

Most events have similar content, so you will only need to attend one event. An exception to this is students wishing to learn more about the Society of Women Engineers and College programs targeted for women engineers, you may register to attend both the March 31st Admitted Student Preview Day, followed by the April 1st Wisconsin Women in Engineering Day on Campus. Upon registration, you can also elect to be contacted by a SWE student to arrange overnight accommodations. This is a great opportunity for women to be immersed in what the College has to offer and form some great initial relationships with current women students.

Where do I check-in?

Check-in at the building specified below for the date of your event. You can use Google maps or the campus map to find your building:

- Friday, February 10th Admitted Student Preview Day - Engineering Centers Building
- Friday, March 3rd Admitted Student Preview Day - Mechanical Engineering Building
- Friday, March 31st Admitted Student Preview Day - Mechanical Engineering Building
- Saturday, April 1st Wisconsin Women in Engineering Day on Campus - TBD - Registered students should look out for an email with check-in and event details
- Saturday, April 8th Admitted Student Diversity Preview Day - TBD - Registered students should look out for an email with check-in and event details

What is the day’s agenda?

Admitted Student Preview Day

12:15pm-1:00pm: Check-in and College of Engineering Resource Fair
Enjoy light refreshments while learning more about engineering majors, student organizations, and resources such as Engineering Career Services and the Undergraduate Learning Center.

1:00pm: Dean’s Welcome

1:30pm-4:00pm: Department Demonstrations
Each engineering department will host a presentation about their discipline. You will see labs/classrooms, meet faculty, and get an inside look at what it means to be an engineering student in your chosen major. All students will have the opportunity to attend four distinct presentations. Students receive an itinerary based on the department rankings they provide when registering for the event.

This event promotes exploration. You may be assigned to visit with departments not previously considered as a way to show the many connections and opportunities that overlap between engineering disciplines.
4:00pm-4:30pm: Current Student Panel (for admitted students only; parents and guests attend the reception)

Current engineering students from a variety of majors will be present to answer any questions you have. Get real opinions about student life, classes, involvement, and more.

4:00pm-5:00pm: Closing Reception in ECB lobby

A final opportunity to connect with Deans, faculty, advisors, and current students from the College of Engineering over refreshments and hors d’oeuvres.

Admitted Student Diversity Preview Day and Wisconsin Women in Engineering Day on Campus

Agendas will sent via email. They will be similar to those shown above, but will include additional opportunities to learn about the Diversity Affairs Office, women in engineering resources, and the Society of Women Engineers.

What materials should I bring?

You may wish to bring a backpack or bag to carry your folder and handouts. You may wish to bring a notebook and writing utensils or a laptop if you wish to take notes.

Will I be inside the full day?

You and your guest will be moving between buildings on the engineering campus, so we suggest you dress for the weather.

Do I need to attend the entire scheduled time?

To make the most of this experience, we recommend that you attend all of the scheduled sessions.

What if I am in need of special access accommodations?

We seek to make your experience as safe and enjoyable as possible. When completing your online registration, we will ask you to about any accommodations for any health, mobility, or other conditions/disability for your or your guest.

Will there be a meal served?

Admitted Student Preview Day - A meal will not be served, but there will be light refreshments at the resource fair, and hors d’oeuvres and beverages at the reception.

Admitted Student Diversity Preview Day - A meal will be served at the end of scheduled events.

Wisconsin Women in Engineering Day on Campus - Lunch will be served.

Do you take food allergies and/or dietary restrictions into account?

Yes. Please let us know if you or your guest have any food allergies and/or dietary restrictions when completing the online registration form.

Will more Admitted Student Preview Days be offered if I cannot make any of the three dates?

No, the College is only able to offer programming on the dates that are currently scheduled. There will not be any additional days added.

Admitted students unable to attend may choose to attend the College of Engineering Prospective Student Program or Your UW Days, hosted by the Office of Admission and Recruitment. Information about the College of Engineering Prospective Student Programming may be found at the Visit Bucky website.

Please contact the Office of Admissions and Recruitment to learn about Your UW Days.
Where is the best place to park, and is there a cost involved?

Note that prime parking locations fill up quickly for large events, so have a backup plan of where to park in case your primary choice is full. We strongly suggest guests allow at least 30-45 minutes to find parking arrangements and should plan to park for a few hours at a time. There are various campus and public parking lots and ramps near or on campus. All require you to take a ticket and pay by credit card upon exit. All UW buildings can be found on the campus map.

Recommended parking lots by proximity to the engineering campus include:

- Lot 17 (Engineering Drive Ramp)
- Lot 80 (Union South Garage)
- Lot 20 (University Avenue Ramp)
- Lot 83 (Fluno Center Garage)
- Lot 7 (Grainger Hall Garage)
- Lot 29 (North Park Street Ramp)
- Lot 36 (Observatory Drive Ramp)
- Lot 46 (Lake & Johnson Ramp)
- City of Madison State Street Campus Ramp

Please check Visitor Parking Availability to see in real-time the number of spaces available in parking lots before arriving on campus.

If you need time to find parking, you are welcome to drop off family members or guests at your ASPD building and regroup later inside.

Are there recommendations for staying and/or dining in Madison?

Wisconsin's capital city, Madison tops many "best" lists, including best place to live and work, best college sports town, one of America's safest cities, and a top green city. Visit the Greater Madison Convention and Visitors Bureau for more information on what to do, where to stay, and what to eat while you are in town.

Places to Stay

- Wisconsin Union Hotel at Union South
- Lowell Inn and Conference Center
- Wisconsin Innkeepers Association
- Wisconsin Bed and Breakfast Association

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