Completing the UW Systems Application: For Incoming US Freshman

The UW System application is designed to make applying to any University of Wisconsin campus simple. The application guides you through the initial process and then your information can be copied onto an application for any additional UW schools. Alternatively, you can apply to some UW schools via the Common App or on their own platforms, but these platforms may not be able to transfer your information to other applications. Completing your application using the UW System application is the quickest way to submit multiple applications. If you need help while completing the application, use the chat feature in the bottom right-hand corner. You can also reach out to your guidance counselor, college access coach, or the admissions department at your campus of choice.

Before you apply:

- Research UW schools and their feeder campuses. Make a list of schools you would like to apply to.
- Select a major program or plan to apply undecided.
- Locate your current class schedule and a PDF of your unofficial transcript.
- Gather your social security number, personal phone number and email, and your parent(s) phone number(s) and email(s).

Accessing the Application and creating an account

1. Go to https://practiceapp.wisconsin.edu/homepage
2. If you have not created an UW System account, click **Create an Account and Get Started**

   Or

   Click **Log In** and enter your log-in information.

3. Enter your email, first name, last name, phone number, and create a 12-character password.
4. Indicate whether you would like to receive text notifications regarding your application.
5. Read and select the box to agree to terms and conditions.

Selecting an application type

1. Once you create an account or log in, you will be brought to an application dashboard. This will show any in progress or submitted applications. Click **Start Application**. See figure 1.
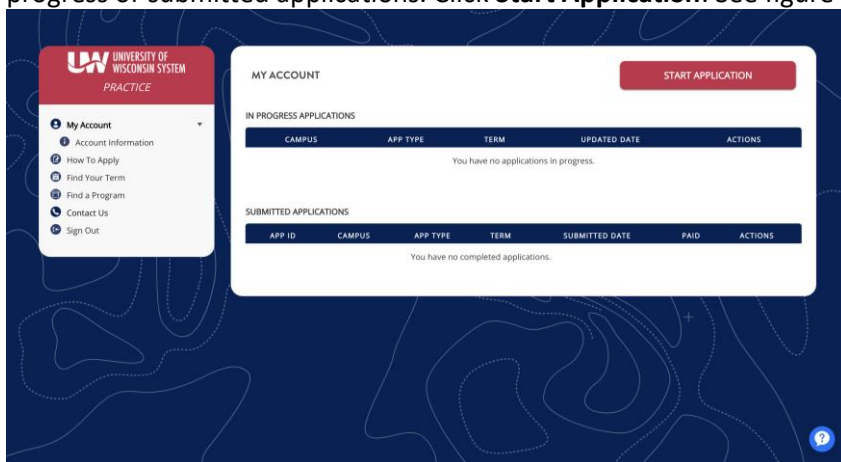

Figure 1. The application dashboard

2. Click **Continue**. This will lead you through a series of questions to determine which application is best for your needs.
3. If you are a US high school senior applying to be a full-time college student, select **Degree**, indicate your citizenship status, then select **No.** This will bring you to the freshman application.
4. Click **Continue.**

Choosing a Campus and Degree Program

5. Select the campus you want to apply to. If a university has more than one campus, select your preferred campus in the drop-down list. See figure 2.
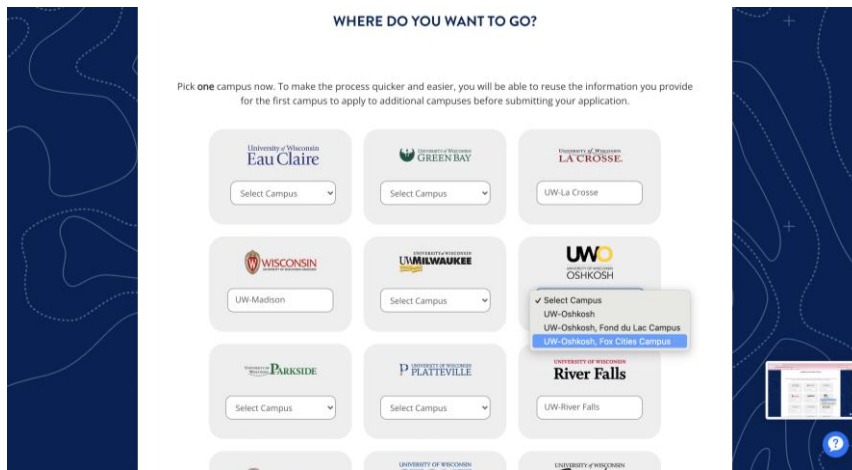
6. Click **Save and Continue**.

Figure 2. Universities with multiple campuses have a drop-down menu to select from.

7. Select the **Search for Majors and Programs** option if you know what major or program you would like to pursue.

   Or

   Select **Full Listing Alphabetically for Majors/Program** or **Majors/Programs by Career Cluster** if you would like to browse major options.

   Or

   If you are undecided, select search for majors and programs and click **Save and Continue.** Select **I am Undecided.** See figure 3.
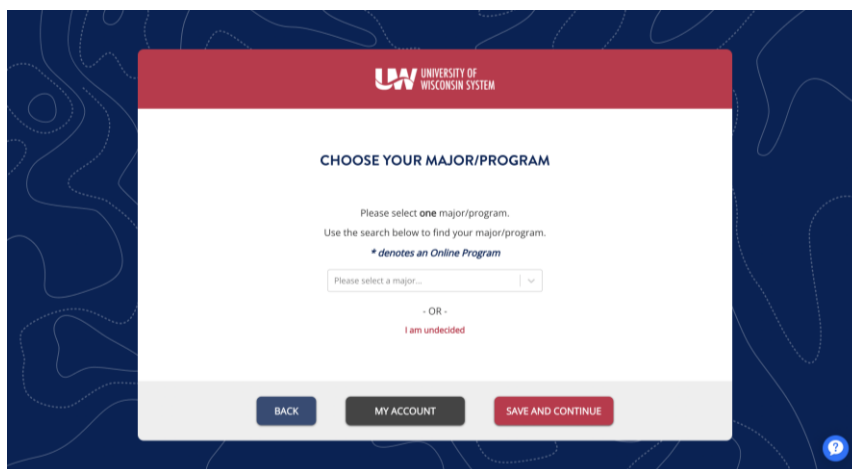

*Figure 3. Click **I am undecided** if you have not selected a major/program.*

8. Select the term you would like to start classes in the drop-down list. Click **Save and Continue**.
9. Review your choices and select **Next.** If any information is incorrect or incomplete, select **Back** and edit your answers.