



A Message from the Chancellor

Dear students,

Welcome to the University of Wisconsin Colleges!

You have made one of the most important choices of your life—to pursue your education at the University of Wisconsin.

We believe that the idea there's only one path to a college degree is an antiquated one. You are here for our smaller, more intimate class sizes; for more personal mentoring and career counseling; for greater faculty engagement. You are here to better yourself and your family; you are here to learn. This is the start of your University of Wisconsin degree, which will go with you wherever your career may take you.

You will gain critical thinking skills, analyze data and materials, research and synthesize information, expand your appreciation of the fine arts and stretch your ability to think globally and deeply about issues of the day.

You have joined a teaching and learning community of faculty, staff and students with programs, customs and regulations that make the university an interesting and safe place to learn. You have the student rights and responsibilities detailed in this carefully prepared guide, so your serious participation is needed to make sure our community continues to thrive and support your efforts to learn.

No matter what you do after getting your degree, you won't just have an education that helps you *know*, you'll have an education that helps you know *how*. It's a focus that will help you today, tomorrow, and for a lifetime.

Our academic community takes learning seriously, and our faculty and staff are committed to your success. I wish you all the best as you work together to reach your goals.

Cathy Sandeen, Ph.D., MBA
Chancellor