



Department of Physics
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

MSPQC NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST
Fall 2019

- ✓ **GET YOUR WISCARD (campus ID)**
 - <https://wiscard.wisc.edu/id-card/how-to-get-your-wiscard/>
 - Wiscard Office, Union South, Room 149, Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm
 - Bring a valid photo ID (passport or US driver's license)
 - Must be enrolled to receive your Wiscard
- ✓ **PICK UP YOUR FREE METRO TRANSIT BUS PASS**
 - <https://www.asm.wisc.edu/resources/buspass/>
 - Fall 2019 bus pass pick up begins August 26th, 2019
 - Union South, near Wiscard Office
 - Must be enrolled and show your Wiscard campus ID to obtain a bus pass
- ✓ **EXPLORE MYUW**
 - <https://my.wisc.edu>
 - Check your Wiscmail regularly (campus email)
 - Finalize your enrollment in courses for fall
 - Check your eBill to pay segregated fees each semester
 - Due date of segregated fees is available in the eBill
 - Update your mailing address and phone number
- ✓ **SUBMIT FINAL TRANSCRIPTS TO THE GRADUATE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS OFFICE**
 - If you haven't done so already
 - 217 Bascom Hall, 10am-3pm, Monday-Friday
 - Bachelor's degree must be posted to transcript
 - International students may require translation of transcript and/or degree certificate
- ✓ **ATTEND BENEFITS SEMINAR**
 - <https://www.ohr.wisc.edu/benefits/docs/grad-seminar.pdf>
 - <https://hr.wisc.edu/benefits/new-employee-benefits-enrollment/benefits-for-employees-not-covered-by-the-wrs/>
- ✓ **COMPLETE THE ONLINE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM**
 - <https://www.uhs.wisc.edu/prevention/violence-prevention/grad-students/>
 - REQUIRED for all new graduate students

✓ **ATTEND INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION (ISO)**

- <https://iss.wisc.edu/orientation/>

✓ **COMPLETE THE IMMIGRATION CHECK WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES (ISS)**

- By attending international student orientation (ISO) above
- Please bring passport, I-20 or DS 2019, I-94 Admission Record, your local Madison address, and your netID and password
- <https://iss.wisc.edu/orientation/>

✓ **OBTAIN A PHOTO ID or DRIVERS LICENSE**

- Wisconsin Department of Transportation: Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV)
- <https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/dmv/license-drivers/how-to-apply/get-lic-or-id.aspx>
- <https://iss.wisc.edu/students/current-students/drivers-license/>

✓ **OBTAIN A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN)**

- This is necessary for you to be employed while in the U.S.
- Notify Kim Marston, Physics Payroll Coordinator, upon receipt of a social security number
- Social Security Administration <https://www.ssa.gov/ssnumber/>
- <https://iss.wisc.edu/employment/social-security/how-do-i-apply-for-a-social-security-number-ssn/>

✓ **OPEN A US BANK ACCOUNT**

- Below is a list of some of the banking institutions in Madison that are near campus
- Many banks will offer free checking accounts to students
 - UW Credit Union www.uwcu.org
 - Summit Credit Union www.summitcreditunion.com
 - Old National Bank www.oldnational.com
 - Associated Bank www.associatedbank.com
 - Chase Bank www.chase.com
 - BMO Harris Bank <http://www.bmoharris.com>
 - US Bank www.usbank.com