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**Voting While You Are Studying Abroad
UW-Madison Students**

If you plan to study abroad during 2024, it is best to plan before you leave to ensure that you can vote. Plan ahead about:

- Registering to vote
- Getting an absentee ballot
- Voter ID

Background

The qualifications for voting in Wisconsin: 18 years old, U.S. citizen, resident for 28 days, and not on probation or parole for a felony.

All Wisconsin college students who are eligible voters can choose one appropriate option:

- Register and vote using your school address. Vote at your local campus polling place, and vote for local campus-area offices. You will need to register each time you change address.
- Register and vote using your Wisconsin home address. This may be a good option for those who are eligible for online registration and also plan to vote via absentee ballot.
- Register and vote in your home state, outside Wisconsin. Register directly with your home state, or students abroad can use the services of overseasvotefoundation.org.

If you are a Wisconsin voter and you leave the US to study abroad, you can continue to vote using your last address, as chosen above. You may use that address to vote if you intend to return to Wisconsin.

Registering

If you have a Wisconsin driver license or state ID card, and are 18 or older, you can complete your voter registration online at MyVote.wi.gov. In order to successfully register online at MyVote.wi.gov, the data you enter will need to match the data on file in the Department of Motor Vehicle database, including your zip code. Therefore, if you have an address change, update your address in the DMV database at tinyurl.com/DMVaddress before you register. Online registration closes 20 days before each election.

If you do not have a Wisconsin driver license or state ID card, you can start your registration at MyVote.wi.gov. This web page will give instructions on printing, signing, and mailing the form. Mail registrations must be postmarked at least 20 days before the next election.

If you use this method to register, you will need to include proof of your Wisconsin residence. The document at go.wisc.edu/verify is acceptable for proof of residence if it shows your voting address. The address can be updated through your UW Student Center, by editing your mailing address. Use go.wisc.edu/address, or the path is MyUW>Student Center>Profile>addresses.

Requesting an absentee ballot in Wisconsin

Voters who are registered in Wisconsin can request an absentee ballot for a specific election, or for any or all elections in a calendar year. Absentee ballots can be requested at MyVote.wi.gov. Requests must be accompanied by a copy of your photo ID, which can be uploaded at MyVote.wi.gov. If your ID is an **expired student** voter ID, then you also need to upload proof of enrollment, such as the document from go.wisc.edu/verify.

As part of your request at MyVote, [overseas voters may choose to receive their ballot by mail, or email](#).

Receiving the absentee ballot

- If you choose to receive the ballot by **mail**: You will receive a printed ballot. If sent to a U.S. address, it comes with a postage-paid return envelope.
- If an overseas voter chooses to receive the ballot by **email**: To return it, you will need to print the ballot, furnish an inner and outer envelope, and provide return postage.

The ballot will be accompanied by detailed instructions – follow them closely. In order to be counted, the ballot must be received by your municipal clerk by Election Day.

Voter ID

Acceptable voter ID's for Wisconsin include a Wisconsin driver license, Wisconsin DOT-issued ID card, or US passport. For the 2024 elections, these documents are valid ID's if they have an expiration date after November 8, 2022. (The address on a voter ID does not matter for voter ID purposes.) The standard UW Wiscard does not meet specifications. However, you can take your Wiscard to the [Wiscard office](#) at Union South and get a free student plastic Voter ID card; or download the voter ID at VoterID.wisc.edu. If your student voter ID is expired, either download a fresh one, or accompany the expired ID with a proof of enrollment, such as your document from go.wisc.edu/verify.

Resources

For any voting questions, contact the clerk of your municipality – contact info is at MyVote.wi.gov. If your voting address is in Madison, the clerk is at 608-266-4601, or email voting@cityofmadison.com. Madison web page: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/clerk/elections-voting>

Voter registration and information events on campus are listed at go.wisc.edu/VoteEvents.

League of Women Voters of Dane County will have information from the candidates as the election approaches in “Candidates Answers”. <https://www.lwvdanecounty.org/>

Wisconsin Elections Commission <https://elections.wi.gov/elections-voting/voters/military-overseas/temporary-overseas>

2024 Elections in Wisconsin

ELECTION DATE Tuesdays	TYPE OF ELECTION	OFFICES	ONLINE REGISTRATION CLOSES 11:59 pm.	DATE ABSENTEE BALLOTS SENT
Feb. 20, 2024	Primary	Primary for Judges, County Board, School Board	January 31	January 30
April 2, 2024	Presidential primary	Presidential primary, and final election for Judges, County Board, School Board	March 13	March 12
Aug. 13, 2024	Partisan Primary	US Senate, House of Representatives, State Legislature, District Attorney, County Clerk, County Treasurer, and Register of Deeds.	July 24	June 27
Nov. 5, 2024	General	President plus offices above	October 16	September 19