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Wisconsin runs the most consolidated public sector in this set: thirteen public universities under a single statewide system, from the research flagship at Madison to regional universities at Superior, River Falls, and Platteville. A separate statewide technical college system handles two-year education, and the transfer path between the two is a well-worn route.

Milwaukee anchors the private sector with nine four-year institutions. Wisconsin also has two tribally controlled colleges granting bachelor's degrees or higher — Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University at Hayward and the College of Menominee Nation at Keshena, both land-grant institutions.

The system has been contracting at its edges. Several two-year branch campuses have closed or been absorbed in recent years, so a campus listed in an older directory may no longer be enrolling.

What this list covers

- **46 four-year degree-granting institutions** with a physical campus in Wisconsin: 14 public, 30 private nonprofit, 2 for-profit.
- **Included:** any institution the federal IPEDS directory records as active, degree-granting, at the four-year level, and awarding a bachelor's degree or higher. That covers universities, liberal arts colleges, seminaries, art and music conservatories, health-professions schools, and graduate-only institutions.
- **Excluded:** community and technical colleges, and any institution whose highest award is an associate degree or a certificate. Two-year institutions are covered on the Ohio page only — see [Ohio colleges](#) for the reasoning.
- **Excluded:** system and administrative offices that hold their own IPEDS identifier but enrol no students.
- IPEDS reports some administrative and online units as separate institutions. These are folded into their parent here: University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Flex (reported under University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee); University of Wisconsin-Parkside Flex (reported under University of Wisconsin-Parkside).
- **This is a directory, not a ranking.** No tuition, fee, or aid figure appears on this page. Verify anything here against the institution's own site before you act on it.

Four-year degree-granting institutions

Institution	City	Control	Notes
Alverno College	Milwaukee	Private nonprofit	Master's university
Bellin College	Green Bay	Private nonprofit	Health professions
Beloit College	Beloit	Private nonprofit	Liberal arts college
Bryant & Stratton College-Wauwatosa	Wauwatosa	Private nonprofit	Baccalaureate/associate's
Carroll University	Waukesha	Private nonprofit	Master's university

Carthage College	Kenosha	Private nonprofit	Master's university
College of Menominee Nation	Keshena	Private nonprofit	Tribal college; Land-grant
Concordia University-Wisconsin	Mequon	Private nonprofit	Doctoral/professional
Edgewood College	Madison	Private nonprofit	Doctoral/professional
Herzing University-Brookfield	Brookfield	Private nonprofit	Health professions
Herzing University-Kenosha	Kenosha	Private nonprofit	Health professions
Herzing University-Madison	Madison	Private nonprofit	Master's university
Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University	Hayward	Public	Tribal college; Land-grant
Lakeland University	Plymouth	Private nonprofit	Master's university
Lawrence University	Appleton	Private nonprofit	Liberal arts college
Maranatha Baptist University	Watertown	Private nonprofit	Master's university
Marian University	Fond Du Lac	Private nonprofit	Master's university
Marquette University	Milwaukee	Private nonprofit	Doctoral, high research
Medical College of Wisconsin	Milwaukee	Private nonprofit	Research institution
Midwest College of Oriental Medicine-Racine	Racine	For-profit	Health professions
Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design	Milwaukee	Private nonprofit	Arts, music, and design
Milwaukee School of Engineering	Milwaukee	Private nonprofit	Master's university
Mount Mary University	Milwaukee	Private nonprofit	Master's university
Nashotah House	Nashotah	Private nonprofit	Faith-related
Northland College	Ashland	Private nonprofit	Baccalaureate, diverse fields; CLOSED
Ottawa University-Milwaukee	Brookfield	Private nonprofit	Baccalaureate, diverse fields
Rasmussen University-Wisconsin	Green Bay	For-profit	Baccalaureate/associate's
Ripon College	Ripon	Private nonprofit	Liberal arts college

Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology	Franklin	Private nonprofit	Faith-related
Saint Norbert College	De Pere	Private nonprofit	Liberal arts college
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire	Eau Claire	Public	Master's university
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay	Green Bay	Public	Master's university
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse	La Crosse	Public	Master's university
University of Wisconsin-Madison	Madison	Public	Land-grant; Doctoral, very high research
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	Milwaukee	Public	Doctoral, very high research
University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh	Oshkosh	Public	Doctoral/professional
University of Wisconsin-Parkside	Kenosha	Public	Master's university
University of Wisconsin-Platteville	Platteville	Public	Master's university
University of Wisconsin-River Falls	River Falls	Public	Master's university
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point	Stevens Point	Public	Master's university
University of Wisconsin-Stout	Menomonie	Public	Master's university
University of Wisconsin-Superior	Superior	Public	Master's university
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater	Whitewater	Public	Master's university
Viterbo University	La Crosse	Private nonprofit	Master's university
Wisconsin Lutheran College	Milwaukee	Private nonprofit	Baccalaureate, diverse fields
Wisconsin School of Professional Psychology	Milwaukee	Private nonprofit	Health professions

Public university systems

IPEDS records a single statewide public system holding thirteen of the state's fourteen public four-year institutions.

University of Wisconsin System

- University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
- University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
- University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
- University of Wisconsin-Madison
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
- University of Wisconsin-Parkside
- University of Wisconsin-Platteville
- University of Wisconsin-River Falls
- University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

- University of Wisconsin-Stout
- University of Wisconsin-Superior
- University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Reported without a system affiliation

- Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University

Tuition reciprocity

Wisconsin takes part in the **Midwest Student Exchange Program (MSEP)**, run by the Midwestern Higher Education Compact. Where a participating public institution accepts an MSEP student from another member state, it may charge no more than 150 per cent of its in-state rate; participating private institutions offer a reduction of at least 10 per cent. Participation is decided campus by campus and program by program — it is not automatic, and a university being in a member state does not mean every one of its programs takes part.

The member states are Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, and South Dakota do not participate.

Related pages

- [Colleges by state](#) — the other fifty pages.
- [Colleges and universities](#) — how the directory is organized and what it deliberately leaves out.
- [Ohio colleges](#) — the flagship page, and the only one that covers two-year institutions.

Closed or closing since this data was collected

The table above is built from a federal snapshot, and colleges close faster than the snapshot refreshes. These are the institutions on this page whose status has changed since it was collected. Each was verified on 2026-08-11 against the institution's own record and the news reporting cited there. A row carrying a marker in its Notes column is listed here.

- **Northland College** (Ashland) — announced 19 February 2025 and closed at the end of the 2024-25 academic year on 24 May 2025, after a \$12M shortfall.

Sources

- **NCES IPEDS, Directory information (HD2024)** — the 2024–25 collection, the spine of this table. Institution names, cities, control, level, highest award, land-grant and HBCU/tribal flags, and system affiliation all come from it. Downloaded from `nces.ed.gov/ipeds/datacenter`; data checked 11 August 2026.
- **Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, 2021 Basic** — the Notes column, as carried in the IPEDS C21BASIC field. Checked 11 August
- **Midwest Student Exchange Program, About MSEP** (`msep.mhec.org/about`) — the reciprocity section, including the member-state list and the 150 per cent and 10 per cent limits. Checked 11 August 2026.
- **Wikipedia, List of colleges and universities in Wisconsin** — used only as a cross-check on coverage, never as the source of a name or a city. Title resolved through the MediaWiki API on 11

August 2026; no redirect, not a disambiguation page.

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