

Is wisc.edu legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 100/100

wisc.edu

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

wisc.edu appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-17 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

Official University of Wisconsin–Madison site content: cookie notice, navigation to academics, admissions, research, student life, events, and contact/footer with social links and privacy/feedback contacts.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
- Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	41 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Never archived No public history of this site	WATCH
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by Amazon RSA 2048 M01	NOTED

The page as captured

<https://www.wisc.edu/>



MENU ≡

What wisc.edu served when TrustSniffer captured it on 2026-08-17. The page may look different now.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

The website is the public University of Wisconsin–Madison institutional site, presenting academic programs, admissions and financial-aid information, research, student life, athletics, campus events, university news, and fundraising pathways for prospective students, current students, staff, alumni, and the wider public.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The reviewed homepage presents a coherent university identity, institutional navigation, academic and research content, privacy information, contact pathways, and links to established social platforms. It contains no observed phishing indicators, hidden forms, sensitive-input forms, wallet functionality, or brand-impersonation signals. External reputation checks were clean, with no malicious or suspicious detections and no reported abuse activity associated with the observed content-delivery infrastructure. The site's identity is therefore apparently legitimate and evidence-consistent, although the real-world operator connection is not independently proven by this assessment.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies “University of Wisconsin–Madison” and links to Academics, Admissions & Aid, Research, Student Life, Athletics, About UW, Events, and Contact-related functions.
- The homepage contains no login form, sensitive form, hidden form, or untrusted form destination; observed browser behavior recorded no wallet connection, wallet-drainer, clipboard-hijacking, or cloaking activity.
- The domain was registered on 1985-09-30 and is approximately 40.91 years old.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The reviewed content supports an established public-university informational purpose rather than a financial-services or brokerage offering. It promotes education, research, campus life, events, and fundraising, with primary value flows described as tuition, research grants, and donations rather than direct payments on the reviewed page. The content includes privacy and feedback contacts, but the material provided does not independently establish the real-world operator or supply a separate regulatory registration record. That is a verification and disclosure consideration, not evidence of scam activity; no financial license claim was identified that would require confirmation for the informational pages reviewed.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage describes university academics, admissions, research, student life, campus events, and fundraising-related pathways.
- The page title and visible institutional content identify University of Wisconsin–Madison; social links are present for Facebook, X, YouTube, LinkedIn, and Instagram.
- The verified transport sensor recorded hosting on AS16509, AMAZON-02 – Amazon.com, Inc., US.
- The site's TLS certificate is issued by Amazon RSA 2048 M01, uses DV validation, and is valid to 2027-02-25 23:59:59 UTC.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions associated with applications, donations, or other linked services, ordinary independent checks should confirm that the relevant destination remains an official university service and that applicable terms, refund arrangements, and payment protections are clear. For any regulated or third-party service reached through the site, licensing should be confirmed directly with the relevant regulator rather than inferred from the university branding.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage provides distinct pathways for Visit, Apply, Jobs, Give, MyUW, Email/calendar, Canvas, Box, Google Apps, Zoom, and Libraries.
- The reviewed page contains privacy and feedback contacts but no sensitive transaction form, so downstream services may have separate authentication or payment environments.

Summary Verdict

Available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate, low-risk institutional website. The overall trust posture is high, with no observed scam, phishing, impersonation, or other contradictory signals; however, the operator’s real-world identity remains likely rather than independently verified.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site’s infrastructure resolves to University of Wisconsin Madison on AS59 in the United States and is protected by a CDN/WAF arrangement; an observed edge server is 35.168.60.134 on AS14618. These controls mitigate routine exposure and availability risks but are not, by themselves, proof of legitimacy. Automated DNS observations included unconfirmed fast-flux-like and infrastructure-fragmentation patterns; they were not corroborated by the page, reputation, or behavioral evidence and do not alter the low-risk assessment.

Closing Assessment

Normal informational browsing is proportionate to the evidence. Credential or payment actions should be preceded by the ordinary independent identity, service-destination, terms, and payment-protection checks appropriate to the specific transaction.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-17 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	LIKELY
Identity score	80/100
Identity verification confidence	80%

- Identity verified on page
- Trusted social count=4

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of wisc.edu.

- The request stayed on wisc.edu. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- The registration is paid up to 2027-07-31. NOTED
- It is hosted on AMAZON-02, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Not available
Hosting	AMAZON-02 - Amazon.com, Inc., US
Country	US

Server IP	18.165.140.73
Name servers	Not available
SSL issuer	Amazon RSA 2048 M01
SSL expiry	2027-02-25
Domain age	40.91 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-07-31
Archive first seen	Not available
Archive snapshots	0
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about wisc.edu at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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