



BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY TO COLLEGE

FOR FREE

TRANSFORMING LIVES

Graduates of the Odyssey Project report life-transforming changes:

"The Odyssey Project shed light into my life, and I am on the road to success."

JOSEPHINE

2008 Odyssey graduate, UW-Madison graduate with bachelor's and master's degrees

"Being in the Odyssey Project has shown me that I am somebody and I too can make it."

KEENA

2010 Odyssey graduate, UW-Madison graduate

"The Odyssey Project is responsible for supporting my capacity to confront my academic endeavors. Odyssey saw me in a different light than I knew myself to be."

MAI NENG

2016 Odyssey graduate, Madison College graduate



"As a single father facing financial hardship, I would have given up on finishing my education had it not been for the Odyssey Project. I went on to earn my master's in social work and now help empower others."

BRIAN

2007 Odyssey graduate, UW-Madison graduate with bachelor's and master's degrees

"The Odyssey Project has taught me to think strong even when I feel weak, and prepare for the worst but also be ready for achievement. It is the trials that we go through in life that make the tribulations worth living through."

DOMINIQUE

2009 Odyssey graduate, UW-Madison graduate with master's degree

THE UW ODYSSEY PROJECT INCLUDES THESE FULL-SERVICE PROGRAMS:

- **ODYSSEY COURSE**
Two-semester college course in the humanities for adults facing financial need
- **ODYSSEY JUNIOR**
Arts enrichment for children and grandchildren of Odyssey students
- **ODYSSEY BEYOND BARS**
College jumpstart program for adults incarcerated in Wisconsin state prisons
- **ONWARD ODYSSEY**
Continuing college education for graduates of the Odyssey Course
- **ODYSSEY SENIOR**
Educational enrichment for Odyssey students and their relatives aged 55+



A **jumpstart** course in the humanities for adults facing economic barriers to higher education



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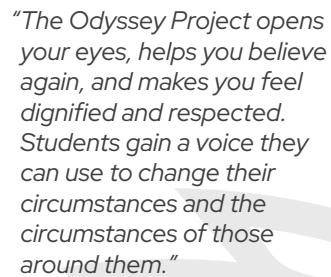
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WHAT IS THE ODYSSEY PROJECT?

Participants in the program are enrolled as University Special Students at UW–Madison. This status is not the same as regular undergraduate admission to the university, but it does carry many of the same benefits, such as library access, bus passes, etc. If you successfully complete the September-to-May program, you will receive 6 college credits.



COREY
2006 Odyssey graduate, UW-Whitewater graduate, set to graduate UW Law School in 2026

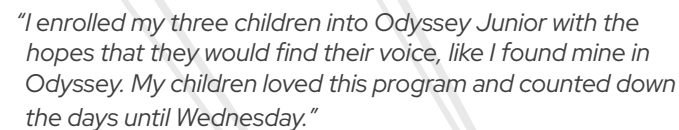
WHO CAN APPLY?

To be eligible to participate, you must:

- Applications will be reviewed individually to determine if your needs match the program's goals. If you are considered for the program, you will be invited to attend an interview. You are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Enrollment is limited to approximately 30 students each academic year. **To find out more about the Odyssey Project, please contact Emily Auerbach at 608-262-3733, or emily.auerbach@wisc.edu.**

WHERE AND WHEN DO CLASSES MEET?

The Odyssey Project classes meet at 2238 South Park St. in Madison, from 5:30–7:30 p.m. each Wednesday. The program runs from September to May, with breaks for holidays. Supper is provided beginning at 5 p.m. Free childcare/enrichment for children 0-18 is available.



NISSA
2015 Odyssey graduate, health-care worker

**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION
ONLINE AT ODYSSEY.WISC.EDU.**

Use the space below, or a separate sheet, to write a thorough statement describing yourself, your interests, and why you want to participate in this program.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Home phone: _____ Other phone: _____

Is English your first language? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, what is? _____

I am a: ☐ U.S. citizen ☐ Permanent resident

☐ Other (specify): _____

I am a veteran: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Did you graduate from high school? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what year: _____ If no, highest grade completed: _____

Did you earn a HSED or GED? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, year: _____

Have you attended college before? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, where, how many credits did you earn, and why did you stop?

What is your marital status? ☐ Married ☐ Divorced

☐ Separated ☐ Single ☐ Widowed

Do you live: ☐ Alone ☐ With parents ☐ With friends

☐ With spouse or companion ☐ With siblings

☐ Other (specify): _____

Do you work? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, where?

What is your annual household income before taxes

(everyone who lives with you in the same household)?

What is your annual family income before taxes

(you, your spouse, and children)?

Which, if any, entitlements (such as SSI, WIC, TANF) do you receive?

Do you have children? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, what ages?

Will you need child care to participate in this program?

☐ Yes ☐ No