Checklist and Timeline for
English and Cultural Immersion at the University of Wisconsin
July 7-28, 2015

- Make sure you have a valid passport that will not expire while you are in the United States.

- Make sure you understand the policies for registration for the program and for refunds in case you must withdraw from the program.

- Register as soon as possible—no later than June 8, 2015. [http://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/classes/english-cultural-immersion-university-wisconsin](http://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/classes/english-cultural-immersion-university-wisconsin)

- Receive a welcome letter and an invitation letter from ECI at the University of Wisconsin.

- Research the visa application process at [travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/visit/visitor.html](http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/visit/visitor.html). According to government rules, people on a B-2 visa are not allowed to study or work during their stay in the U.S. However, B-2 tourist visa holders can participate in courses which are recreational and not credit based. ECI at the University of Wisconsin is a part-time, non-credit program that meets these B-2 tourist visa regulations.

- Study the information about the B-2 tourist visa at [travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/visit/visitor.html](http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/visit/visitor.html). Be aware that visa rules can change frequently, so you should be sure to check with your local American embassy or consulate if you have questions.

- Schedule an appointment with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate to get your B-2 visa.

- After beginning your visa application process, purchase your plane tickets.

- To use your cell phone in the United States, you can buy a SIM card online (like this one, which costs $45 for 21 days, [http://www.readysim.com/shop.html](http://www.readysim.com/shop.html)). The SIM card will arrive in the mail. Please have it sent to this address, and we will give it to you when you arrive: English Language Program / 21 N. Park St. 7th Floor / Madison, WI 53715

- Carry your passport and immigration documents with you while you travel. Do not pack them in your checked baggage.

- If you want us to meet you on July 7, 2015 at the Dane County Regional Airport in Madison, Wisconsin, you must email languages@dcs.wisc.edu with your arrival time and flight number. Transportation from the Madison airport will be provided between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm.

- If you arrive in the United States before July 7, or if you arrive at a different airport, you must arrange for your own transportation.

- Arrive at Smith Hall, at 35 North Park Street in Madison, between 8:30 am and 7:00 pm on Tuesday, July 7, 2015. Welcome activities and an orientation begin at 7:00 pm.