



La Follette School Community Values - Fall 2025 Cohort

We, as La Follette School students admitted into the cohort starting in fall 2025, commit to the following shared values:

To ourselves, we will:

- Promise grace and willingness to seek help when needed
- Commit to stepping outside of our comfort zones
- Remember to celebrate accomplishments while recognizing room for growth
- Stay connected to our purpose and motivations, allowing them to evolve
- Dedicate time to reflect on the impact of our interactions with others

To our fellow peers, we will:

- Assume good intent
- Foster an environment of mutual respect and active listening
- Engage collaboratively, constructively, and with integrity and accountability
- Embrace others' lived experiences and keep an open mind to solutions
- Come prepared to participate in group settings to the best of our ability

To La Follette School faculty and staff, we will:

- Share and receive information collaboratively
- Actively participate in lectures and discussions
- Ask questions and seek support
- Utilize office hours and time outside of class to build relationships
- Assume positive intent
- Be punctual; respect time commitments
- Take advantage of growth opportunities

To the clients with whom we work, we will:

- Foster a partnership with mutual expectations of working toward the best possible finished product
- Set a precedent for maintaining open communications
- Demonstrate humility and curiosity about all project topics
- Recognize and set aside our preconceived notions about the project topic and let the analysis lead us to the most appropriate recommendations
- Prioritize integrity, honesty, and mutual respect

To the La Follette School community, we will:

- Build community between students and alumni through intentional connections and conversations
- Connect students with shared identities and values to foster belonging
- Create opportunities for honest, constructive feedback
- Promote inclusivity
- Act with integrity

To the UW community, we will:

- Integrate the Wisconsin Idea through community organization and research inquiries
- Serve as strong representatives for the La Follette School, facilitating positive connections with others on our shared campus
- Communicate La Follette School initiatives and research with the UW-Madison community and alumni to solve problems
- Maintain a beginner's mind* to learn from and build on other departments' findings
- Listen and learn from the UW-Madison community to promote a receptive energy on campus

*beginner's mind - having an open and curious perspective with humility to new and changing ideas