

University of Washington

Academics

Quick Facts

- Exchange students are admitted to the College of Arts & Sciences. The College is divided into four academic divisions: Art, Humanities, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences.
- UW quarter system → 10 weeks per quarter
- Full time course enrollment → minimum 12 credits, maximum 18 credits (typically 3-4 courses)
- Class formats include lecture and discussion, in-class presentations and case studies
- Grading is based on papers, group projects, case studies, class participation and exams

Course Limitations

- Art/Design and Professional/fee-based programs - these courses are unavailable for all incoming exchange students
- Business and STEM courses (especially Computer Science and Engineering) have some limitations. Degree seeking students and departmental exchange students are given priority
- University-wide students may not be able to get into restricted courses

We cannot guarantee any courses for incoming exchange students. It is best for students to be flexible and have options. Exchange students are responsible for ensuring that the credits they receive will transfer back to their home institution.

Course Descriptions and Offerings

Descriptions of all UW Courses

www.washington.edu/students/crscat

Time Schedule with quarter-specific offerings

www.washington.edu/students/timeschd

Glossary of Symbols and Abbreviations

<https://www.washington.edu/students/crscat/glossary.htm>

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Exchange Application

| Academic Term | Application Open | Nomination Deadline | Application Deadline | Admissions Decisions |
|--|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Autumn Quarter start (September-December) | January 1 | March 1 | March 15 | Late May/Early June |
| Winter Quarter start (January-March) | June 1 | August 1 | August 15 | Mid to late October |
| Spring Quarter start (March-June) | September 1 | November 1 | November 15 | Mid to late January |

Important Links and Instructions

Nomination Link: [This link will be sent to partners.](#)

Submit your nominations two weeks prior to student's application deadlines to allow students plenty of time to complete their applications. When you nominate your students, they will automatically be sent an email with a link to our application and instructions on how to complete their application.

***Note that our university-wide exchange agreements are for undergraduate students only**

Application Requirements

GPA: Equivalent of 3.0 out of 4.0

English Proficiency Requirements*:

- **TOEFL (IBT):** minimum 76, recommended 92
- **IELTS:** minimum 6.0, recommended 7.0
- **Duolingo:** minimum 105, recommended 120

Exception: If your primary and secondary education took place in Australia, Canada (English-speaking provinces), the United Kingdom, Ireland, New Zealand or the U.S., you are exempt from this requirement.

*Please note that while we have previously accepted a letter attesting to a student's language level, we are moving away from this and request students submit one of the above scores

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The Exchange Experience Important Links and Information

Visiting Exchange Student Website

<https://www.washington.edu/studyabroad/visitingexchange/>

UW Academic Calendar

<https://www.washington.edu/students/reg/calendar.html>

Housing Information

On campus housing is available for students who indicate they are interested in on campus housing in their UW exchange application, and who apply by the housing priority deadline. There are also many off campus options should students choose to live off campus.

<http://www.washington.edu/studyabroad/visitingexchange/practical-matters/housing/>

Estimated Expenses

As part of the exchange agreement, students will receive a waiver of tuition and technology fees up to 18 credits. Please note that the following fees are not covered by the tuition waiver:

- U-PASS (bus pass)
- Health Insurance (iSHIP - <https://iss.washington.edu/resources/health-insurance/>)
- Course fees if applicable (Some courses charge additional fees for instructional and/or laboratory costs that are not covered by the tuition waiver.)

Visa Information

Most exchange students are required to have a J-1 visa to study at the University of Washington. Students will need to submit proof of finances and other documentation once accepted. Students will receive an electronic copy of their DS-2019.

<https://www.washington.edu/studyabroad/proof-of-finances>

With over 1,000 Registered Student Organizations, countless recreational sports and events for every interest, students will have no problem staying busy while at the UW!

<https://www.washington.edu/studentlife/groups-activities/>

CIRCLE (the Center for International Relations & Cultural Leadership Exchange) is the UW's primary portal to resources, community and activities that help international and domestic students maximize their Husky Experience, together.

<https://www.washington.edu/circle/>

UW Study Abroad will deposit \$11 in incoming student's student accounts and students can use those funds to order their own transcripts through the Registrar's Office.

<https://www.washington.edu/studyabroad/visitingexchange/admitted-students/>