

UNIVERSITY *of* WASHINGTON





AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, WE AIM TO BE  
THE GREATEST PUBLIC UNIVERSITY IN THE WORLD —  
AS MEASURED BY OUR IMPACT. JOIN US TO UNLEASH  
POTENTIAL, CREATE BEAUTY AND SPARK ACTION.

**BECAUSE WHAT YOU CARE ABOUT CAN CHANGE  
THE WORLD.**

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# HELLO, SEATTLE



Do you want to be an artist, adventurer, entrepreneur – or all of the above? Nestled among two mountain ranges, old-growth forests, Lake Washington and the Pacific Ocean, Seattle is a vibrant, multicultural city with career, arts, sports and outdoor opportunities for everyone.



4  
million  
METRO POPULATION



#1  
State in the Nation  
(based on outcomes for residents)  
*U.S. News & World Report, 2021*



#1  
Most Educated  
Big City in the U.S.  
*Seattle Times, 2019*



Despite its rainy image,  
Seattle summer days are  
often sunny and dry.

Some cities with more rain than Seattle:  
HOUSTON | MIAMI | NEW YORK  
SEOUL | SHANGHAI | VANCOUVER



## AVERAGE HIGH TEMPERATURES

October	61°F 16°C	January	48°F 9°C
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April	59°F 15°C	July	77°F 25°C
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## SKIING AND SNOWBOARDING

<1  
hour away

# #2

**Healthiest Place to Live in the U.S.**  
*WalletHub, 2021*

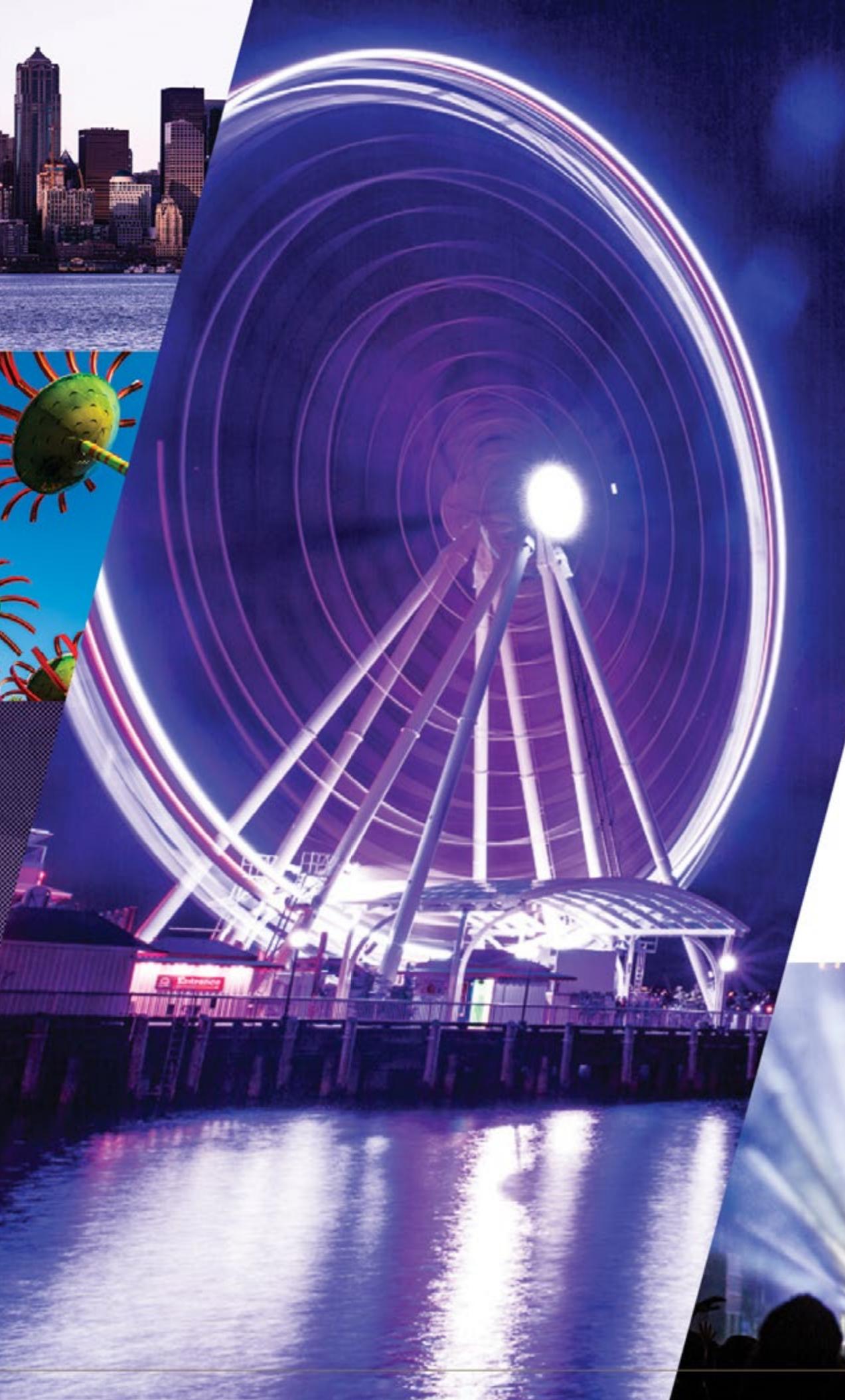


The UW's lush, parklike campus is about

# 4 miles

(6 KM) FROM THE SEATTLE CITY CENTER.

*Take the light-rail train downtown in just minutes — or stay on board for Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.*



## Pro sports

Seattle loves its pro teams, and this year we welcomed our newest, the NHL's Kraken (ice hockey), which joins the Mariners (baseball), Sounders and Reign (soccer), Seahawks (football) and four-time WNBA champions Seattle Storm (women's basketball).

## Festivals & music venues

Seattle holds 100+ festivals each year, including the iconic Bumbershoot and Northwest Folklife arts fests and many film and cultural celebrations. The city is also home to nationally respected live-performance venues such as the Neptune, Neumos, The Vera Project, the Crocodile, the Showbox and Benaroya Hall.



# WELCOME HOME



**Whether you're relaxing on the Quad or visiting the shops and restaurants next door on the Ave, there's plenty for you to do and see right here — on campus and in the U District.**



## Living on campus

You're not required to live on campus, but 80% of freshmen do. We have rooms and spaces for every price point and lifestyle. Learn more about your Husky Home at [hfs.uw.edu](http://hfs.uw.edu), or take a virtual tour at [admit.uw.edu/visit](http://admit.uw.edu/visit).

Interested in Greek life? About 4,400 UW students are part of our 65 fraternities and sororities. Recruitment and timing vary by organization; see [uwgreeks.com](http://uwgreeks.com) for specifics.

# WHERE YOU BELONG

From President Ana Mari Cauce's Race & Equity Initiative to the welcoming environment of the Q Center and the many resources of the Samuel E. Kelly Ethnic Cultural Center, the UW is devoted to advancing a culture of diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging. The Office of Minority Affairs & Diversity, with its roots in social justice and student-led action, works to increase diversity on campus and enrich the collegiate experience for the whole UW community.

[uw.edu/diversity](http://uw.edu/diversity)

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*As a university that is striving to realize its stated commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, we know that all students, no matter their backgrounds, contribute to a vibrant and excellent campus community.”*

**RICKY HALL**  
Vice President for Minority Affairs & Diversity and University Diversity Officer



## Fast facts

TOTAL ENROLLMENT 2020-21: 48,126

UNDERGRADUATE: 31,158

### ETHNICITY

African American	3.0%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.4%
Asian American	25.8%
Hispanic/Latino	8.9%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.4%
White	36.9%
Two or more races	7.6%
Not indicated	1.4%
International	15.5%

### RESIDENCY

Washington	60%
U.S. nonresident	24%
International	16%

### TOP 10 INTERNATIONAL COUNTRIES FOR UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT

Canada
China
Hong Kong
India
Indonesia
Japan
South Korea
Taiwan
Thailand
Vietnam

## Find your community

### A SAMPLING OF STUDENT GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS:

- Black Student Union
- CIRCLE (Center for International Relations & Cultural Leadership Exchange)
- D Center (Disability & Deaf cultural center)
- First Generation Huskies
- FIUTS (Foundation for International Understanding Through Students)
- Movimiento Estudiantil Chicanx de Aztlán (MEChA)
- Q Center
- wələb?altxʷ – Intellectual House
- Women's Center
- ... and many more

Student cultural groups:

[depts.washington.edu/ecc/ecc-rso-list](http://depts.washington.edu/ecc/ecc-rso-list)

# 1,000+ STUDENT CLUBS!

With this many clubs, you can find your community no matter what you like to do.

[huskylink.washington.edu](http://huskylink.washington.edu)

School in the Country for  
**LGBTQ**  
**Students**  
#2  
BESTCOLLEGES.COM, 2020



## Husky health and well-being

Nothing is more important than the security, health and well-being of our students. Explore campus safety, mental health, medical and recreation resources at [wellbeing.uw.edu](http://wellbeing.uw.edu).

- Convenient medical and dental care, right on campus
- 24/7 confidential mental health support and crisis intervention
- Counseling options available to all — even if you don't have insurance
- Gender-affirming health care at Hall Health
- Wellness events, classes, discounts and information at The Whole U: [thewholeu.uw.edu](http://thewholeu.uw.edu)

## Campus safety

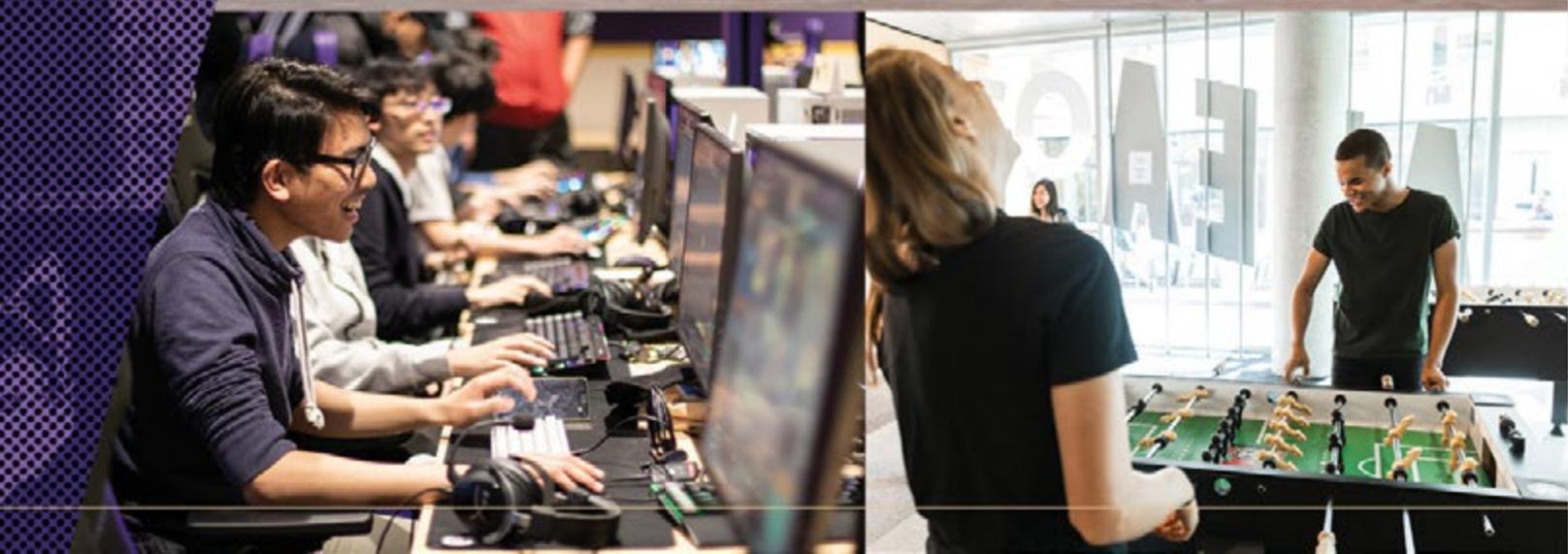
The UW Police Department, a full-service law-enforcement agency with its own 911 dispatchers and detective unit, serves and protects students, staff, faculty and visitors around the clock.

Available by phone 24/7, **SafeCampus** helps the UW community prevent violence and respond to concerns. When you call, a trained, empathetic professional will listen and offer support and guidance.

[uw.edu/safecampus](http://uw.edu/safecampus)

## A leader in pandemic response

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the world turned to the UW for expertise, leadership and counsel. Our faculty and researchers were the first to detect U.S. community spread of the coronavirus and led the world's first vaccine trial. Global policymakers used projections from the UW's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) to guide their responses to the outbreak. We trained health-care workers to administer the vaccine, inoculated hundreds of thousands of state residents and helped create an app that alerted people to possible COVID-19 exposure. Experts from across the University provided guidance on critical issues, from interpreting disease data to supply-chain logistics and communicating with children about the virus. And throughout it all, UW Medicine frontline staff did the brave work of caring for COVID patients.



# CHEER ON THE DAWGS!

Fifteen appearances at the historic Rose Bowl. A tradition of Pac-12 championships – most recently in volleyball and men's and women's rowing. A softball team with a wealth of Pac-12 awards and both 2021's Defensive Player of the Year and Pitcher of the Year. From Husky Stadium to the Montlake Cut, Dawg fans always have plenty to cheer about.



## NCAA Division 1

### WOMEN:

- Basketball
- Beach volleyball
- Cross country
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Rowing
- Soccer
- Softball
- Tennis
- Track & field
- Volleyball

### MEN:

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross country
- Football
- Golf
- Rowing
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Track & field

[gohuskies.com](http://gohuskies.com)

## INTRAMURAL SPORTS

The Intramural Sports program has more than 30 leagues, tournaments and events, in Open, Co-Recreational, Women's and Men's divisions. With offerings from bowling to badminton, triathlon to tennis, dodgeball to volleyball, plus a range of levels from newbie to expert, everyone can find a way to get their game on.

[uw.edu/ima/intramurals](http://uw.edu/ima/intramurals)

## IMA

Think of the Intramural Activities (IMA) Building as your ultimate playground. Inside, you'll find an indoor track; a squash court; Crags Climbing Center; weight, strength-training, cardio and archery rooms; a cycling studio; two pools and more. The fun continues outdoors — canoe and kayak at the Waterfront Activities Center (WAC) on Union Bay, play softball at Denny Field, practice your swing at the 42-tee golf range or rent outdoor gear at the Gear Garage. Plus, a Rec Class Pass gets you into dozens of classes, including flow yoga, Barre and mindfulness.

[uw.edu/ima](http://uw.edu/ima)

## RECREATION CLUBS

Rec clubs are organized, managed and operated by students, for students. Let loose and learn something new: maybe aikido or archery, futsal or water polo. Immerse yourself in sailing and cycling. Or start your own club — Hantis, anyone?

[uw.edu/ima/rec-clubs](http://uw.edu/ima/rec-clubs)





## IN THE 50 TOP

Ethnically Diverse  
U.S. Colleges

Best College Reviews, 2021

## RUN WITH THE PACK

BRUCE LEE

RAINN WILSON

KYU LEE

RYAN LEWIS

BEVERLY CLEARY

THE FUNG BROTHERS

JOEL MCNAUL

JEAN SMART

CHRISTINA CHANG

LYNN SHELTON

DALE CHIHULY

STEVE POOL

C.T. PAN

TOM ROBBINS

## IN THE TOP 10

Schools Producing  
the Most Peace Corps  
Volunteers, 2020

Popular actor and comedian Joel McHale was a Husky football player and history major before earning his M.F.A. in acting from the UW School of Drama.



1936: A UW eight-oar rowing team (the famed "Boys in the Boat") wins gold at the Berlin Olympics in the lead-up to WWII.



#1  
Most Innovative Public University in the World  
Reuters, 2019



UW Research Professor Lisa Jackson led the world's first trial of a COVID-19 vaccine (Moderna).

#3 Among U.S. Public Universities (#16 in the World)  
Academic Ranking of World Universities, 2020

#4 Among U.S. Public Universities  
Times Higher Education, 2021

1944: Willard Geer, UW physics '27, invents the process that makes color TV a reality.



# IMPACT OVER 160 YEARS

Whether we're making The Wave famous or making waves in health care, technology, social justice or athletics, the UW has sent out ripples of impact since 1861.

#8 Best Global University  
U.S. News & World Report, 2021



UW aerospace engineers have helped Boeing revolutionize travel, from the first West Coast wind tunnel to the 787.

# FIND YOUR PATH



# MAJORS

## CHOOSING A MAJOR

**Consider your interests:** Which classes do you enjoy most? **Assess your abilities:** What are your strengths and challenges? **Explore your options:** With over 180 majors at the UW, many paths can lead from a single interest. The program that's right for you might be one you haven't considered (or even heard of) yet.

### ARTS, HUMANITIES AND DESIGN ●

Intrigued by human society and culture? Do you want to create, design or perform? Are you driven to learn all about a particular language or part of the world? The arts, humanities or design might be for you.

### BUSINESS ●

Business professionals fuel the world's economies and industries — from entrepreneurs and visionaries to managers, accountants and salespeople. If you see possibilities where others see obstacles, you might find fulfillment in business.

### COMPUTING-RELATED ●

Fascinated by how a computer works? Or want to use data, information and technology to solve problems in your chosen field? You can use computers in any major at the UW, but some have a stronger emphasis on computing.

### ENGINEERING ●

Engineers build bridges and work on problems from the microscopic (genetic engineering) to the global (maintaining a sustainable planet). Today's engineers take on large-scale problems with cross-cultural impact. Do you want to build the future?

### HEALTH ●

Health-sciences professionals improve lives by alleviating human suffering — one person at a time or for whole populations. They listen, investigate and help us understand ourselves and our bodies. Do you want to help people live healthier, happier lives?

### NATURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES ●

Explore life cycles and systems, bodies and biospheres, ecology and evolution. Investigate a single neuron or the ocean floor. Are you interested in exploring life and the world that sustains it?

### SOCIAL SCIENCES ●

Social scientists are all about people — what we have in common, how we're different, what makes us human. They study our diverse rituals, customs and laws; how we communicate; and the way we live now and did in the past. They're people studying people.

## Admission to majors

Some majors (such as computer science and engineering) are in high demand and require that you indicate them as your first-choice major. Others have more capacity and can accommodate all students who request them. Understanding which majors are open, which have minimum requirements and which are capacity-constrained will allow you to make an informed decision about your major. Your requested major may be used as a factor in your admission decision.

[admit.uw.edu/apply/admission-to-major](http://admit.uw.edu/apply/admission-to-major)

Undergraduate majors: [admit.uw.edu/majorslist](http://admit.uw.edu/majorslist)

## KEY

⊕ Open

⊖ Minimum requirements

▲ Capacity-constrained

□ Minor available

*Italics* indicate curricular options in the major.  
● Arts, humanities and design  
● Business  
● Computing-related  
● Engineering  
● Health  
● Natural and environmental sciences  
● Social sciences

### OPEN MAJORS ⊕

These majors are open to you when you're admitted to the UW or anytime thereafter.

### MAJORS WITH MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS ⊖

These majors have additional admission requirements. Once you are a UW student and meet the minimum requirements, you can be admitted without further screening.

### CAPACITY-CONSTRAINED MAJORS ▲

Capacity-constrained majors have additional requirements and a selective screening process, which may include an additional application process. Completing the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission to capacity-constrained majors. With the exception of computer science and engineering, you can apply to these majors once you are a UW student.

## ALLEN SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

### ARTS DIVISION

Art + ●  
Interdisciplinary Visual Arts; Painting & Drawing;  
Photomedia; Three-Dimensional Forum

Dance — ●

Creative Studies; Dance Studies

Design ▲ ●

Industrial Design; Interaction Design;  
Visual Communication Design

Drama — ●

Design; Performance

Music, B.A.\* ▲ ○ ●

American Music Studies; Early Music;  
Instrumental; Music History; Music Theory; Voice

Ethnomusicology, B.A. ▲ ●

Guitar, B.M.\* ●

Jazz Studies, B.M.\* ▲ ●

Music Composition, B.M.\* ▲ ●

Music Education, B.A.\* ▲ ●

Instrument; Vocal

Orchestral Instruments, B.M.\* ▲ ●

Organ, B.M.\* ▲ ●

Percussion Performance, B.M.\* ▲ ●

Orchestral Percussion

Piano, B.M.\* ●

Strings, B.M.\* ●

Voice, B.M.\* ▲ ●

HUMAN LANGUAGES DIVISION

Asian Languages & Cultures — □ ●

Chinese — □ ●

Cinema & Media Studies — ●

Classical Studies + □ ●

Classics + ●

Comparative History of Ideas + □ ●

Comparative Literature — □ ●

Aeronautics & Astronautics ▲ □ ●

Bioengineering ▲ ○ ●

Data Science; Nanoscience & Molecular Engineering

Chemical Engineering ▲ ○ ●

Nanoscience & Molecular Engineering

Civil Engineering ▲ ●

Electrical Engineering ▲ ○ ●

Nanoscience & Molecular Engineering

Environmental Engineering ▲ ●

Human Centered Design & Engineering ▲ ○ ●

Data Science

Industrial Engineering ▲ ●

Materials Science & Engineering ▲ □ ○ ●

Nanoscience & Molecular Engineering

Mechanical Engineering ▲ ●

Biomechanics; Mechatronics; Nanoscience & Molecular Engineering

### KOREAN DIVISION

Korean — □ ●

Latin + □ ●

Linguistics — □ ●

Romance Linguistics

Anthropology, B.A. + □ ●

Anthropology of Globalization; Archaeological Sciences;

Human Evolutionary Biology; Indigenous Archaeology;  
Medical Anthropology & Global Health

Near Eastern Studies + □ ●

Comparative Civilizations; Hebrew Bible & Ancient

Near Eastern Studies; Languages & Cultures

Norwegian + □ ●

Scandinavian Area Studies + □ ●

Slavic Languages & Literatures + □ ●

East European Languages, Literature & Culture;  
Russian Language & Literature

Art History — □ ●

Drama — □ ●

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Medical Anthropology & Global Health

Asian Studies + ●

Communication ▲ ●

Journalism & Public Interest Communication

Comparative Religion + □ ●

Disability Studies + □ ●

(Individualized Studies)

Economics, B.A., B.S. ▲ ●

European Studies + □ ●

Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies + □ ●

Geography — □ ●

Cities, Citizenship & Migration; Data Science;  
Environment, Economy & Sustainability; Globalization,  
Health & Development; GIS, Mapping & Society

Bioscience & Engineering ▲ □ ●

Global and Regional Studies + □ ●

Applied Mathematics ▲ □ ●

Astronomy ▲ ●

Biochemistry\* ▲ ●

Biology, B.A. ▲ ●

Biology, B.S. ▲ ●

Ecology, Evolution & Conservation; General Biology;  
Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Physiology; Plant

Chemistry, B.A., B.S.\* ▲ □ ●

Law, Societies & Justice ▲ ○ ●

Philosophy □ ○ ●

Ethics

Political Science — □ ●

International Security; Political Economy

Sociology — ●

Neuroscience\* ▲ ●

Physics ▲ □ ●

Applied Physics; Biological Physics;  
Comprehensive Physics; Teacher Preparation

Psychology, B.A., B.S. ▲ ○ ●

Speech & Hearing Sciences ▲ ○ ●

Statistics ▲ ○ ●

Data Science

### SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION

American Ethnic Studies + ●

American Indian Studies — □ ●

Romance Linguistics

Anthropology, B.A. + □ ●

Anthropology of Globalization; Archaeological Sciences;  
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Bioscience & Engineering ▲ □ ●

Global and Regional

# LEARN FROM THE BEST

The UW offers a breadth of academic programs, many of which are ranked among the best in the country. With top-rated teachers, hands-on research and internships – plus endless ways to feed your interests outside the classroom – no matter which challenges and curiosities you want to pursue, the UW will help you find them.



2,581  
91%  
60+

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES OFFERED (AUTUMN 2020)  
OF CLASSES HAD 100 OR FEWER STUDENTS  
MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGES OFFERED

## Honors

The University of Washington Honors Program offers interdisciplinary education and local-to-global community engagement through innovative, seminar-style classes, experiential learning projects, and a practice of purposeful reflection.

[honors.uw.edu](http://honors.uw.edu)



## Inspirational educators

Innovative, passionate, approachable. These UW instructors turn an education on its head and ignite curiosity, whether in a subject you thought you knew or one you barely knew existed.

### WENDY BARRINGTON

*Associate Professor: Child, Family & Population Health, School of Nursing; Epidemiology, School of Public Health*

Barrington translates research into community public-health practice, taking her students beyond the classroom to gain hands-on clinical experience.

### WEILI GE

*Professor: Accounting, Foster School of Business*

An influencer of accounting faculty across the country, Ge deeply cares about her students. One of them noted her “power to induce comfort, extend embrace and suspend judgment.”

### VALERIE CURTIS-NEWTON

*Professor: School of Drama, College of Arts & Sciences*

Winner of the UW’s 2021 University Faculty Lecture Award, this nationally renowned director teaches her students to be brave and move through the world with greater kindness.

### THEODORE ANDREW MYHRE

*Teaching Professor: School of Law*

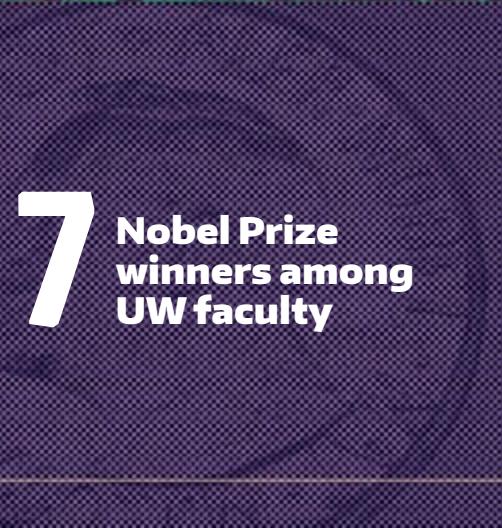
Myhre’s dynamic, interactive teaching style honors intersectional identities and brings the law to life by showing students they have the power to create change.





All six of the UW's health sciences schools – Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health and Social Work – are ranked in the nation's top 10.

7 Nobel Prize winners among UW faculty



\$100 MILLION

state-of-the-art Health Sciences Education Building opening in May 2022  
Promoting an interdisciplinary, team-based approach to training tomorrow's health-care leaders and providers.



#10

in the World for Finance and Business Administration Programs  
Global Ranking of Academic Subjects, 2020



#1

School of Oceanography in the World  
Academic Ranking of World Universities, 2020



#7

in the World for Education  
Global Ranking of Academic Subjects, 2020

# BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

A photograph of a person standing on a rocky mountain peak, looking out over a vast, colorful landscape under a dramatic sunset sky. The sky is filled with orange, red, and purple hues, with mountains visible in the distance.

You don't stop learning when you leave the classroom – time outside of class can be just as transformative. Immersive learning experiences help you turn ideas into action.

## STUDY ABROAD

The UW offers more than 600 study abroad and internship options in Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, the Middle East and Oceania.

[uw.edu/studyabroad](http://uw.edu/studyabroad)

## RESEARCH, SERVICE AND INTERNSHIPS

Where will your interests take you? Get hands-on experience on an oceanographic research vessel. Enter a business-plan competition. Mentor high-school youth. Intern at a local arts organization. We can help you get where you want to go. So where will you learn? What will you discover? And how will you change the world?

**#1** IN FEDERAL RESEARCH DOLLARS  
FOR PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

Higher Education Research & Development Survey, 2019

## UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH (2019–20)

 **8,299** STUDENTS  
PARTICIPATED

 **1,512,617** HOURS

**Jump-start your career here**  
Through internships and Optional Practical Training (OPT), you can get hands-on experience and find mentors to help guide you on your way. Our graduates start their careers all over the world, but many begin at well-known institutions right here in the Pacific Northwest.

Through PathwayU, students can gain insights on their interests, values and personalities, so they can explore majors and career paths that align with who they are.

[admit.uw.edu/careers](http://admit.uw.edu/careers)



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**Expedia**

**Zillow®**

#### **ENCOURAGING ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

Rich in talent and capital, Seattle is a hotbed of innovation — and the UW's Buerk Center for Entrepreneurship offers two undergraduate programs that focus on strategy, finance and marketing. For a select group of driven students, the immersive, three- to four-year **Lavin Entrepreneurship Program** provides mentoring, networking, a scholarship to intern in an early-stage company and job-search support. Ready to launch your own company? The **Jones + Foster Accelerator Program** offers invaluable equity-free help to startups in their first six months.  
[foster.uw.edu/centers/buerk-ctr-entrepreneurship](http://foster.uw.edu/centers/buerk-ctr-entrepreneurship)

**CoMotion** is a collaborative innovation hub that empowers innovators by providing training, education, intellectual-property advice, seed funding and internships. Over the last five years, it has launched 73 new startups and spinoffs.  
[comotion.uw.edu](http://comotion.uw.edu)

**81%**

of students are employed or in graduate school within 6 months of graduation

**34,000**

jobs posted in the Career Center annually

**68%**

of students graduate with internship experience



# HOW TO APPLY

**At the Office of Admissions, we want to know you as a person. We encourage you to use the application to share those things the numbers don't always reveal. We're excited to learn what you might bring to the UW community.**

**Beyond grades, we consider an applicant's academic achievements (rigor of curriculum, academic preparation) and personal history, including community service, leadership and personal accomplishments. Your choice of majors may also be used in the admission decision. The most competitive applicants will present a strong academic curriculum in a variety of subject areas, a high level of English proficiency (for international applicants) and achievements at school and in the community.**

[admit.uw.edu/apply/freshman](http://admit.uw.edu/apply/freshman)



## Requirements and credits

### COLLEGE ACADEMIC DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS (CADRS)

All applicants must complete these minimum course requirements, but the best prepared will go beyond them.

[admit.uw.edu/apply/freshman/cadr](http://admit.uw.edu/apply/freshman/cadr)

Subject	Credits*
English	4
Mathematics	3
Social sciences/social studies	3
World languages	2
Science	3 (2 in lab science)
Senior year math-based quantitative course	1
Fine, visual or performing arts	0.5
Academic elective	0.5

\*1 credit = 1 year

## What to submit

- Coalition Profile + UW questions
- Application fee (fee waivers available for U.S. applicants)
- International applicants only: English proficiency test scores (TOEFL, IELTS or Duolingo)



### Transcripts

The application will ask you to self-report your high school academic record. It may be helpful to have your transcript ready for reference. For the vast majority of applicants, that's all we need, but in a few cases we may ask you to upload a copy of your high school transcript as well.

*Please do not send letters of recommendation.*

For more details about the freshman application process, visit [admit.uw.edu/apply/freshman](http://admit.uw.edu/apply/freshman).

## English proficiency (international applicants only)

International students must submit an English proficiency test score that meets the UW's requirement. Strong applicants will demonstrate a higher level of English proficiency and will have earned the recommended score (see table) to be exempt from the UW's Academic English Program (AEP). English proficiency is considered as part of the application review process. The exam must be taken on or before December 31, 2021, and scores must be sent directly from the testing agency to the UW.

English proficiency exam required	TOEFL (iBT)	IELTS	DET*
Minimum score required	76	6.0	105
Recommended score	92 or higher	7.0	120

\*Duolingo English Test (DET) scores will also be accepted to meet English proficiency for all international applicants who apply to the UW through autumn quarter 2022.

### Using SAT or ACT scores as an English proficiency alternative

The SAT and ACT are not required for admission, but international students may use one of these exams to satisfy English proficiency. The UW considers English proficiency met if you meet both the following conditions:

- A minimum grade of B in all high-school-level English writing or literature courses where English is the school's primary language of instruction for grades 10-12
- A minimum SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score of 580 or ACT English score of 22

*If you will use the SAT or ACT to meet English proficiency, you must request official scores be sent to the UW (school code 4854).*

[admit.uw.edu/apply/freshman/how-to-apply/English-proficiency](http://admit.uw.edu/apply/freshman/how-to-apply/English-proficiency)





## Key dates and deadlines

**September 1, 2021**

**Application opens**

*The Coalition Profile is always open.*

[mycoalition.org](http://mycoalition.org)

**November 15, 2021**

**Application deadline**

**March 1–15, 2022**

**Notification period**

**May 1, 2022**

**Deadline to accept offer of admission**



## Admitted student overview

### 3-YEAR AVERAGE ADMIT RATE

Washington residents 60%

U.S. nonresidents 51%

International 44%

### ALL ADMITS (middle 50%, autumn 2021)

High school GPA 3.73–3.96 (4.0 scale), 93–99 (100 scale)

### ADMITTED INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS (average, autumn 2021)

TOEFL: 103 (120-point scale)

IELTS: 7.4 (9.0 point scale)

Duolingo: 126 (160-point scale)

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

AP credit: [admit.uw.edu/ap](http://admit.uw.edu/ap)

IB credit: [admit.uw.edu/ib](http://admit.uw.edu/ib)

A & AS level credit: [admit.uw.edu/a-as-level](http://admit.uw.edu/a-as-level)

Running Start: [admit.uw.edu/apply/running-start](http://admit.uw.edu/apply/running-start)

Homeschooled applicants: [admit.uw.edu/homeschool](http://admit.uw.edu/homeschool)

Veterans and military families: [admit.uw.edu/veteran](http://admit.uw.edu/veteran)

# PAYING FOR COLLEGE



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Public U.S.  
University That  
“Pays Off the Most”

CNBC Make It, 2020

OVER  
52%  
of undergrads  
receive some form  
of financial aid

#5

on Kiplinger’s List  
for Best Value  
in 2019



We believe that Washington students from all economic backgrounds should have the opportunity to attend the University of Washington. UW graduates complete college with less debt than the national average.

## Total cost of attendance 2021–22

### Washington resident

ACADEMIC EXPENSES	Tuition and mandatory fees \$12,076 Books and course supplies \$900
LIVING EXPENSES	Housing and food \$14,871 Personal/misc. expenses \$2,316 Transportation \$477
TOTAL	\$30,640

### Nonresident (U.S. and international)

Tuition and mandatory fees \$39,906 Books and course supplies \$900
Housing and food \$14,871 Personal/misc. expenses \$2,316 Transportation \$477

\$58,470

## Financial aid

For U.S. students to be considered for all forms of UW financial aid, file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Undocumented students living in Washington submit the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA).

- The FAFSA and WASFA open **October 1** of your senior year.
- The priority date for both is **January 15** of your senior year.

For more information, visit:

- [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov)
- [wsac.wa.gov/wasfa](https://wsac.wa.gov/wasfa)
- [uw.edu/financialaid](https://uw.edu/financialaid)

## Husky Promise

The Husky Promise is our guarantee that financial challenges will not stand in the way of Washington state students’ ability to earn a UW degree. It ensures that full tuition and standard fees will be covered by grant or scholarship support for eligible students. Since the Husky Promise began in 2007, more than 40,000 Washington students across the UW’s three campuses have received support from the program.

[uw.edu/huskypromise](https://uw.edu/huskypromise)

## Scholarships

The UW offers scholarships for everything from academic pursuits and research activities to community service and musical talents. U.S. students are considered for some scholarship programs automatically as part of their admission or financial aid applications, while others are available to all students through departments once enrolled. For example:

- Washington residents are automatically considered for the Presidential Scholarship, which recognizes students who demonstrate exceptional leadership, community engagement and promise. The \$10,000-per-year award is renewable for up to four years.
- U.S. nonresidents are automatically considered for the Purple & Gold Scholarship. Amounts vary by recipient, are given for four years and may be used only for the Seattle campus.

[admit.uw.edu/costs/scholarships](https://admit.uw.edu/costs/scholarships)

## MORE INFORMATION

Net price calculator: [admit.uw.edu/net-price-calculator](https://admit.uw.edu/net-price-calculator)  
Washington state residency: [admit.uw.edu/residency](https://admit.uw.edu/residency)  
Washington College Grant: [wsac.wa.gov/wcg](https://wsac.wa.gov/wcg)

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[grad.uw.edu/admissions](http://grad.uw.edu/admissions)

**WASHINGTON STATE RESIDENCY**  
[admit.uw.edu/residency](http://admit.uw.edu/residency)

**INTERNATIONAL & ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMS**  
[ielp.uw.edu](http://ielp.uw.edu)

**UW BOTHELL**  
[uwb.edu/admissions](http://uwb.edu/admissions)

**UW TACOMA**  
[tacoma.uw.edu/uwt/admissions](http://tacoma.uw.edu/uwt/admissions)

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**APPLY | DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15**   
[admit.uw.edu/apply/freshman](http://admit.uw.edu/apply/freshman)

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