

**State:** Washington

**Capital City:** Olympia

**Major Cities:** Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma, Vancouver, Bellevue, Kent

**Major Companies:** Boeing Co, Microsoft Corp, Swedish Issaquah Campus, NAVAL Air Station  
Whidbey Is, Providence Sacred Heart, Schweitzer Engineering Labs

**Major Sectors/Economy:**

- The major businesses within the state include the design and manufacture of jet aircraft (Boeing), computer software development (Microsoft, Nintendo of America, Valve), online retailers (Amazon, Expedia, Inc.), electronics, biotechnology, aluminum production, lumber and wood products (Weyerhaeuser), mining, and tourism.
- Washington is also known for being a leader in the transportation equipment industry, producing for the aircraft and space industries
- It is ranked second in the country for the production of computer and electronics, including computer chips, communication equipment, medical equipment and navigational instruments
- Important firms based in Washington include Boeing, Starbucks and Microsoft
- The nation's largest concentration of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) workers reside in Washington state

**Climate:**

Washington has two distinct climate zones. Mild, humid, summer days west of the Cascades rarely rise above 26°C, and winter days seldom drop below 8°C while the east of the state has warm summers and cool winters.

**University Eligibility and Fee:**

University	Bachelors Eligibility	Bachelors Fee Range/yr	Masters Eligibility	Masters Fee Range/yr
University of Washington	GPA – 3.7 SAT– 1120-1370 ACT – 26-31	\$35,508	GRE-320 GPA – 3.8/85% TOEFL -100/IELTS – 7.0	\$42,520
Washington State University	GPA – 3.5 SAT– 910-1150 ACT – 20-26	\$23,956	GRE-310 GPA – 3.6/75% TOEFL -92/IELTS – 6.5	\$26,850
City University of Seattle	GPA – 3.3 SAT– NR ACT – NR	\$16,973	GRE-NR GPA – 3.4/65% TOEFL -80/IELTS – 6.5	\$25,275

### University of Key points:

University of Washington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Founded :1861</li><li>• The University of Washington is a public research university in Seattle, Washington</li><li>• University of Washington's ranking in the 2020 edition of Best Colleges is National Universities, #62</li><li>• The university offers bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees through 140 departments in various colleges and schools, sees about 46,000 in total student enrollment every year</li><li>• The university has been affiliated with many notable alumni and faculty, including 20 Nobel Prize laureates and numerous Pulitzer Prize winners</li><li>• University of Washington's President Ana Mari Cauce was selected by the Board of Regents, effective October 13, 2015</li><li>• UW's research budget consistently ranks among the top 5 in both public and private universities in the United States</li></ul>
Washington State University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Founded in 1890</li><li>• Washington State University (Washington State, WSU, or Wazzu) is a public research university in Pullman, Washington</li><li>• In 2012, WSU launched an Internet-based Global Campus, which includes its online degree program, WSU Online</li><li>• Enrollment for the four campuses and WSU Online exceeds 29,686 students. This includes 1,751 international students</li><li>• WSU offers more than 200 fields of study, including 98 majors, 86 minors, options, and over 140 graduate and professional degrees</li><li>• The faculty senate serves as the sounding board for the more than 2,261 faculty members</li><li>• WSU was ranked tied for 166th nationally and tied for 79th among public universities in the 2020</li><li>• Student Recreation Center (SRC), which was the largest student recreation center in the United States when it was opened in 2001</li><li>• Discoveries and innovations of this Tier 1 research institution fuel prosperity across the Pacific Northwest</li></ul>