

University of Washington Seattle

Transfer Agreement with Washington Community Colleges

Effective Summer-Autumn Quarters 2004

Washington's community and technical colleges provide exceptional lower-division instruction to undergraduates, and students who have completed associate degrees are well prepared to complete their baccalaureate degrees at the University of Washington. Unfortunately, due to limited enrollment space the University can no longer promise enrollment at Seattle to all transfer applicants with an associate degree and a 2.75 or higher GPA. The University of Washington, however, commits to the following transfer enrollment and admissions agreements.

- The University of Washington - Seattle will dedicate at least 30% of the spaces available annually for new undergraduates to Washington community college transfer students. Included in the 30% are students whose last institution was a Washington community college, including Running Start students projecting 40 or more transfer credits.
- Among community college transfer students, those with academic associate degrees and those with 90 transferable credits taken in preparation for a professional academic major will have the highest admission priority. Applicants with fewer than 90 credits may also be admitted when early transfer is advisable – the number of such transfers will remain small.
- There is no minimum GPA that assures admission. Students with GPAs of 2.50 or better will receive a comprehensive review to determine admissibility. Many factors are considered in determining admissibility, and decisions are not based solely on grade-point average (GPA) or predicted academic performance.
- Prospective community college applicants will be provided information in the *Transfer Application Packet* showing acceptance rates, by GPA ranges, for each UW college. More detailed acceptance rate information will be provided on the Web for each major.
- Departmental admissions and graduation requirements, including specific course prerequisites, will be provided on the Web to assist transfer students in their academic planning.

The most competitive applicants will be admitted based largely on academic performance (curriculum, grades, major requested). Other applicants will be selected after a comprehensive review, in which both academic and personal elements are considered. While academic progress is of primary importance, information provided by the applicant in the Personal Statement plays an integral role in the admissions decision. The comprehensive review includes the following factors:

- Cumulative GPA based on all college-level courses attempted.
- High school courses, grades and test scores if the applicant has completed fewer than 40 credits.
- College courses taken in preparation for the intended major, and grades earned in such courses.
- Completion of foreign language study through the 103 level, or equivalent, when applying to the College of Arts and Sciences.
- Availability of intended academic program at other Washington public educational institutions, when applicant has completed necessary prerequisites and is qualified for the major.
- Documented academic or artistic awards and achievements, or employer validated work experience that demonstrates success in a field related to the intended academic major.
- Improved grades after an extended absence from college or evidence of a new maturity in approaching college work.
- Educational and economic disadvantage, cultural awareness, and personal adversity.

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