GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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Nestled among mountains, forests, Lake Washington and the Pacific Ocean, Seattle is an urban hub surrounded by natural beauty. With a metro population of 3.9 million, it’s a vibrant, multicultural city with career, arts, sports and outdoor opportunities for everyone.

The UW campus is about 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.

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.
Living on campus
You’re not required to live on campus, but two-thirds of freshmen do. We have rooms and spaces for every price point and lifestyle. Get the details at hfs.uw.edu, or see for yourself at admit.uw.edu/visit.

Center for International Relations & Cultural Leadership Exchange (CIRCLE)
No matter where they’re from, UW students are part of a global society. CIRCLE helps bring international and domestic students together, providing activities, resources and support. uw.edu/circle

Foundation for International Understanding Through Students (FIUTS)
Connections between people can build bridges between communities, cultures and nations. FIUTS promotes international understanding and community through activities, leadership training and homestays. fiuts.org

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.

SafeCampus
Available 24/7, SafeCampus helps the UW community prevent crimes and respond to concerns. When you call SafeCampus, a trained, caring professional will listen and offer support and guidance. uw.edu/safecampus

Find your community
900+ STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
huskylink.washington.edu/organizations

INTRAMURAL SPORTS
uw.edu/ima/intramurals

RECREATION CLUBS
uw.edu/ima/rec-clubs

Our students
SEATTLE CAMPUS, AUTUMN 2019
47,571 total students
31,041 undergraduate students (65%)
8,118 international students (17%)
Average time to graduate: 4 years
54% women / 46% men
113 countries represented

TOP 10 COUNTRIES FOR UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT
• Canada
• China
• Hong Kong
• India
• Indonesia
• Malaysia
• South Korea
• Taiwan
• Thailand
• Vietnam

Cheer on the Huskies
NCAA Division 1
gohuskies.com
MEN:
Baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, rowing, soccer, tennis, track & field

WOMEN:
Basketball, beach volleyball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, rowing, soccer, softball, tennis, track & field, volleyball
Learn from the best, alongside the best

Top-ranked academics, 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.

Admission to the UW is selective. Beyond grades, we consider an applicant’s academic achievements and personal history, including rigor of curriculum, academic preparation, 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, and personal achievements at school and in the community.

admit.uw.edu/apply/freshman
International students must submit an official TOEFL or IELTS score that meets the UW’s minimum English proficiency 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 in the holistic review process. The exam must be taken on or before December 31, 2020, and scores must be sent directly from the testing agency to the UW.

admit.uw.edu/apply/freshman/how-to-apply/English-proficiency

*Due to limited testing availability during the COVID-19 pandemic, the UW will accept a score of at least 100 on Duolingo’s English Test (englishtest.duolingo.com) for autumn 2021 applicants. Test scores should be sent to the UW at the time you take the exam. Exams taken on or before December 31, 2020, will be considered.

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Using SAT or ACT scores as an English proficiency alternative

The SAT and ACT are not required for admission, but they may be used to show English proficiency. The UW will consider the English proficiency requirement met for students who satisfy both of the following:

- 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

U.S. citizens & U.S. permanent residents

If you live or attend school outside of the U.S. but you hold U.S. citizenship or U.S. permanent residency, you are not considered an international student and do not need to submit English proficiency exam scores. All other admission requirements are the same.

Important dates for 2021 applicants

| September 1, 2020 | UW application opens (The Coalition Profile is always open) |
| November 15, 2020 | Application deadline |
| December 31, 2020 | Deadline to take an English proficiency exam (required) |
| March 1–15, 2021 | Notification of admission decisions |

Cost of attendance

ACADEMIC YEAR 2020–21 (SEPTEMBER–JUNE)

Full-time tuition & fees (nonresident)

$39,114

Living expenses

$19,120

A breakdown of costs is available online.

admit.uw.edu/costs/coa

The UW does not provide financial aid or scholarships to undergraduate international students. It’s important that all applicants review their expenses before deciding whether to apply for admission.
Choosing a major

Consider your interests: Which classes do you enjoy the most?

Assess your abilities: What are your strengths and challenges?

Explore your options: With over 190 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 noticed before.

Admissions to majors

Admissions to science and engineering are in high demand and require that you list them as your first-choice major on your application. You will automatically be considered for Direct to College admission to the College of Engineering. If you’re admitted directly, you’ll have the opportunity to declare a major in your first year.

If you’re interested in an engineering degree, select an engineering major (or engineeringundeclared) as your first-choice major on your application. You will automatically be considered for Direct to College admission to the College of Engineering. If you’re admitted directly as a freshman, it’s unlikely you’ll be admitted to an engineering department.

Engineers

If you’re interested in an engineering degree, select an engineering major (or engineeringundeclared) as your first-choice major on your application. You will automatically be considered for Direct to College admission to the College of Engineering. If you’re admitted directly as a freshman, there is no engineering preference for direct admission, if you’re not admitted directly as a freshman, it’s unlikely you’ll be admitted to an engineering department.

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