

# University of Washington

## Academics

### Quick Facts

- Departmental Exchange students are admitted to a specific department
- UW quarter system → 10 weeks per quarter
- Full time course enrollment → minimum 12 credits (undergrad), 10 credits (grad); 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

Departmental exchange students will work with their departmental exchange coordinator at UW to register for classes. Students are responsible for ensuring that the credits they receive will transfer back to their home institution.

**Visiting graduate students** should submit a secondary application through the graduate school for the department to which they have been nominated. Once admitted, students will be expected to take courses largely within the department to which they applied.

## Course Descriptions and Offerings

### Descriptions of all UW Courses

[www.washington.edu/students/crscat](http://www.washington.edu/students/crscat)

### Time Schedule with quarter-specific offerings

[www.washington.edu/students/timeschd](http://www.washington.edu/students/timeschd)

### Glossary of Symbols and Abbreviations

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

### UW Academic Calendar

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



## UW Study Abroad Contact Information

### International Agreements

[agreements@uw.edu](mailto:agreements@uw.edu)

### Inbound Exchange Inquiries

[uwexchanges@uw.edu](mailto:uwexchanges@uw.edu)

### Outbound Exchange (from the UW to your university)

Each department has their own departmental coordinator who you should be in communication with.

### General departmental exchange questions

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## Exchange Application

### Timeline

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: <https://forms.gle/rhrK5eRNd2ob9NG58>

*Please nominate students using this form.*

Submit your nominations two weeks prior to student 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.

### 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

Additionally, some graduate departments may have a higher language and/or GPA requirement.

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## The Exchange Experience Important Links and Information

### Visiting Exchange Student Website

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

### Visiting Graduate Student Website

<https://grad.uw.edu/visiting-graduate-students/>

### 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/>