Academics

Quick Facts
- Exchange students are admitted to the College of Arts & Sciences. The College is divided into four academic divisions: Art, Humanities, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences.
- UW quarter system → 10 weeks per quarter
- Full time course enrollment → minimum 12 credits, 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

Competitive departments with limited availability
- Architecture
- Communications
- Art/Design
- Economics
- Engineering
- Law, Societies & Justice
- Math
- Psychology

Restricted courses
- Business
- Professional programs and fee-based programs

Exchange students are responsible for ensuring that the credits they receive will transfer back to their home institution.

Course Descriptions and Offerings

Descriptions of all UW Courses
www.washington.edu/students/crscat

Time Schedule with quarter-specific offerings
www.washington.edu/students/timeschd

Glossary of Symbols and Abbreviations
https://www.washington.edu/students/crscat/glossary.html

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### Exchange Application

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### Important Links and Instructions

Nomination Link: This will be provided to partner institutions.

Submit your nominations one month prior to student’s application deadlines. 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.

*Note that our university-wide exchange agreements are for undergraduate students only*

### 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*
Staying Connected

**Reference**

**Visiting Exchange Student Website**
https://www.washington.edu/studyabroad/visitingexchange/

**UW Academic Calendar** (for start and end dates of each quarter, course registration dates, finals and more)
https://www.washington.edu/students/reg/calendar.html

**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 your tuition waiver:

- U-PASS (bus pass)
- UW International Student Health Insurance Plan (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.)


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 pay for one electronic transcript to be sent to the email address of the student's choice at the end of the exchange period.

https://www.washington.edu/studyabroad/visitingexchange/academics/