Fact Sheet 2027-2028

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Recognized as #12 on the US News & World Report's Best Global Universities rankings and #3 among US public institutions
- Over 45,000 students from more than 100 countries
- More than 180 majors in 140 departments



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ACADEMICS

- 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.

COURSE LIMITATIONS

- Art/Design and Professional/fee-based programs - these courses are unavailable for all incoming exchange students.
- University-wide exchange students may face some restrictions: Business and STEM courses (especially Computer Science and Engineering) have some limitations. Degree seeking students and departmental exchange students are given priority.
- University-wide students may not be able to get into restricted courses.
- We cannot guarantee any courses for incoming exchange students. It is best for students to be flexible and have options. Exchange students are responsible for ensuring that the credits they receive will transfer back to their home institution.

EXCHANGE APPLICATION

Academic Term	Application Open	Nomination Deadline	Application Deadline	Admissions Decisions
Autumn Quarter (September - December)	Early January	March 15	April 1	Late May/ Early June
Winter Quarter (January - March)	Early June	August 15	September 1	Mid/late October
Spring Quarter (March-June)	Early September	October 15	November 1	Mid/late January

Important Links and Instructions
Nomination Link

Nominate students using this form. Submit your nominations two weeks prior to student's 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.

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

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

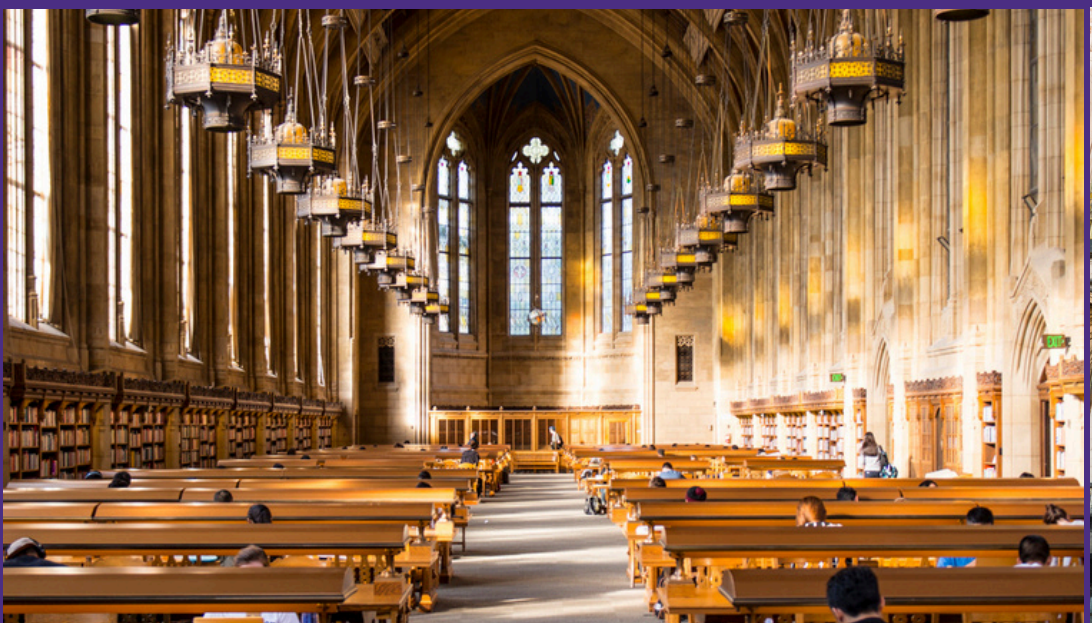
GPA: Equivalent of 3.0 out of 4.0

English Proficiency Requirements:

- TOEFL (iBT) (prior to Jan. 21, 2026) minimum 76, recommended 92
- TOEFL (iBT) (effective Jan. 21, 2026) minimum 4.0, recommended 5.0
- IELTS: minimum 6.0, recommended 7.0
- Duolingo: minimum 110, recommended 131

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.

Additionally, graduate departments typically have additional English language or other requirements. Please confirm graduate admission requirements on the Visiting Graduate Student page





THE EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

ACADEMICS

- UW Academic Calendar
- Descriptions of all UW Courses
- Time Schedule with quarter-specific offerings
- Glossary of Symbols and Abbreviations



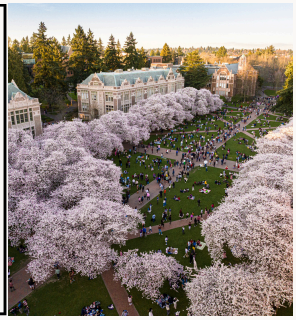
STUDENT LIFE

- Visiting Exchange Student Website
- Over 1,000 Registered Student Organizations (RSOs), recreational sports and events
- CIRCLE (the Center for International Relations & Cultural Leadership Exchange)



HOUSING

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.



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)
- Course fees if applicable (Some courses charge additional fees for instructional and/or laboratory)



VISA INFORMATION

Exchange students will study at UW under the J-1 exchange visitor category unless they have US citizenship or permanent residence. Students who need a visa will submit proof of finances and other documentation once accepted. Students will receive an electronic copy of their DS-2019.

