

2025-26

What is a Husky?

CREATIVE
Questions
the Answers

Curious
DOER
COLLAB-
ORATIVE

BRAVE
**OPEN-
MINDED**
DREAMER
PROBLEM-
SOLVER
GLOBAL



KIND
Creates a
better
world
BOUNDLESS

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YOUR HUSKY EXPERIENCE AWAITS

At the University of Washington, we believe we can change the world with curiosity, compassion and optimism. As a public university, our mission goes far beyond our campus — and you can help take us in new directions. Come here to explore, create, build lifelong connections and be part of something bigger. What does that look like? It depends on you! Each Husky experience is unique, and we'll help you find your way.



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SEATTLE

Do you want to be an artist, adventurer, entrepreneur — or all of the above? You can make it happen here. Nestled among snowcapped mountains, old-growth forests, Lake Washington and the Pacific Ocean, Seattle is a vibrant, multicultural city where you'll find a world of career options and endless arts, sports and outdoor opportunities for everyone.



The University of Washington's campus in Seattle occupies the traditional land of the Coast Salish peoples — land that touches the shared waters of all tribes and bands within the Suquamish, Tulalip and Muckleshoot Nations.

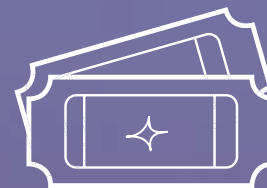
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BEST STATE ECONOMY IN THE U.S.

WalletHub, 2024

100+

FESTIVALS FOR MUSIC, ARTS, FILMS AND CULTURE



Seattle is an exciting place to live and learn — and easy to explore by public transit.

There's always something new to discover in the city's diverse neighborhoods, whether you're looking for your favorite coffee spot, biking along the waterfront trails or seeing a live show at the KEXP Studio.



The UW's lush, parklike campus is about 4 miles (6 km) from the Seattle city center. The University is served by two light-rail train stations and many bus routes. Ride the train downtown in just minutes or stay on board for Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.



METRO
POPULATION
4M



SKIING AND
SNOWBOARDING

<1 hour
away

200

MILES OF SHORELINE AND
NEARLY 500 CITY PARKS

#3

HEALTHIEST
PLACE TO LIVE IN
THE U.S.

WalletHub, 2025

#2

Best City for Outdoor
Activities in America

Niche, 2025

Despite its rainy image,
Seattle's summer days
are often sunny and dry.

Some cities with more rain than Seattle:
HOUSTON | MIAMI | NEW YORK
SEOUL | SHANGHAI | VANCOUVER

AVERAGE HIGH TEMPERATURES

October

62°F
16°C



January

47°F
8°C



April

59°F
15°C



July

79°F
26°C



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FROM THE HEART OF CAMPUS

← PORTLAND
178 MILES

VANCOUVER B.C.
139 MILES →

DOWNTOWN
4.3 MILES

SNB
NEEDS!
3.7 MILES

LAKE
UNION! <1 MILE
(AN EASY WALK OR BIKE RIDE)

UW
Campus!
→

RED
SQUARE

CHERRY
BLOSSOMS

LAKE
WASHINGTON
← <1 MILE (BORDERS CAMPUS!)

“The UW’s location offers the best of both worlds: It’s five miles north of downtown Seattle and equally close to mountains, lakes, islands and Puget Sound.”

Olivia, '25
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Public Health



SEATTLE

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ARTS & CULTURE

Seattle is a city that loves the arts. Find visual art wherever you look — in our world-class museums, at light-rail stations, throughout neighborhood parks and occasionally underneath bridges, like the iconic Fremont Troll sculpture. Catch live music at the Neptune Theatre (three blocks from campus), the Crocodile or the Showbox. See a hilarious evening of improv at Theatresports or enjoy a Broadway musical at the Paramount Theatre.

SPORTS

Our home pro sports teams include the Seattle Mariners (baseball), Kraken (ice hockey), Sounders (men’s soccer), Reign (women’s soccer), Seahawks (football) and Storm (women’s basketball).

FOOD

Sample flavors from around the world, enjoy local freshness from the Pacific Northwest or get a taste of home, no matter where that might be. Many of the city’s best eats (and countless bubble tea shops) are just a few blocks from campus in the University District and nearby University Village.

UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON



WELCOME HOME

77%

of first-year students
live on campus

YOUR #HUSKYHOME

On-campus living brings a convenient, supportive community to your doorstep. We have rooms and spaces for every price point and lifestyle.

Connect with likeminded students in a residence hall Living Learning Community that matches your major or career interests. Grab a bite to eat between classes in the dining commons, on-campus grocery stores or numerous cafes. The Husky Union Building (HUB) is also home to a bowling alley, gaming lounge, pool hall and student-run bike shop.

Learn more: hfs.uw.edu

Or join the 4,700 UW students in a fraternity or sorority: depts.uw.edu/greek

CAMPUS SAFETY

The UW Police Department, a full-service law enforcement agency, serves campus around the clock. Husky SafeTrip offers nighttime rides to any UW building, residence, transit stop or parking lot on or near campus. Nonpolice options include SafeCampus — a support hotline to help the UW community respond to and prevent violence — and NightRide, a free nighttime shuttle service.

uw.edu/safecampus

police.uw.edu/services/safetyservices

HUSKY HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

As a student, you have access to:

- Convenient medical and dental care right on campus
- Multispecialty health care for students at Husky Health Center, part of UW Medicine
- 24/7 confidential mental health support and crisis intervention
- Counseling options available to all — even if you don't have insurance
- Wellness events, classes and other resources for students throughout the year

Learn more: wellbeing.uw.edu

35%

Goal amount of campus food
from local sources in 2025

GREEN LIVING

Sustainability is in our nature! You'll find LEED-certified green buildings; compostable containers, plates and utensils wherever you eat; solar panels atop several residence halls; and even a working farm that supplies seasonal produce to dining locations across campus. green.uw.edu



“Living in the dorm helped me adjust to college life. It was super nice to live close to my classes and helped me make friends quickly!”

Serena, '26
Portland, OR
Environmental Science and
Resource Management
(ESRM) and Political Science



FIND YOUR PEOPLE

The UW isn't just a place; it's a community. In a school of our size there's no doubt you'll find others with shared interests and common ground – whether that's a cultural background, a passion for obscure anime, a drive to help others or the need to play frisbee when the sun is out. Take the first step toward meeting your people by joining a student club – there's an endless variety and something for everyone!

And during Orientation, you can join a First-year Interest Group (FIG): a small learning group that connects you to other students and peer mentors. Learn more about first-year programs: fyp.washington.edu.



CLUBS FOR EVERY INTEREST!

All student clubs are open to every current Husky. A small sampling:

- Advanced Robotics at the UW
- ASUW Student Disability Commission
- Black Student Union
- Comedy Club UW
- Concrete Canoe
- Eat Together
- First Nations at UW
- Furmata A Cappella
- Hip Hop Student Association
- Huskies for Neurodiversity
- Husky Gaming Nation
- Husky Pickleball Club
- MEChA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicanx de Aztlán)
- MESH Fashion Club
- Solar Chapter at UW
- Trans Collective at UW
- Unite UW (cultural exchange program)
- Vietnamese Student Association
- WOOF3D – Digital Fabrication and 3D Printing Club
- ... and a thousand more!

Unite UW connected me to a lot of transfer and international students, broadening my perspective of the world. It helped to get out of my bubble and meet others not from Seattle."

James, '26
Seattle, WA
Informatics



Find an organized group or create your own:
huskylink.washington.edu



WHERE YOU BELONG

We honor and celebrate the wide range of experiences and viewpoints our students bring. No matter your background or interests, at the UW you can find community, opportunity and the support to thrive academically and socially. Across campus, welcoming spaces like the Women's Center, wələbʔaltx^w – Intellectual House, Student Veteran Life, The D Center (Disability and D/deaf Cultural Center) and the Samuel E. Kelly Ethnic Cultural Center — the largest and oldest college cultural center in the nation — offer connection and resources tailored to your journey.

And that support begins before you even set foot on campus. UW recruitment teams help students and families navigate the complexities of applying to college. Once enrolled, students have access to academic advising, mentoring, financial aid counseling and tutoring — ensuring that every Husky has the tools to succeed and feel at home, through services provided by Undergraduate Academic Affairs, the Office of Minority Affairs & Diversity, and Student Life.

uw.edu/uaa

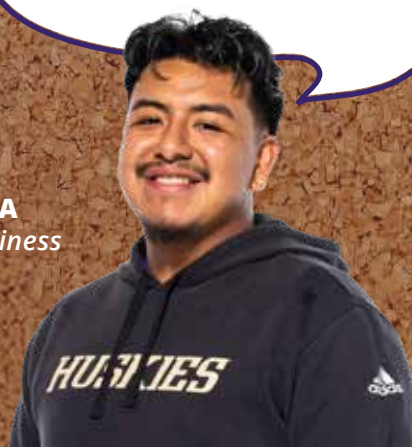
uw.edu/omad

uw.edu/studentlife



At the UW, I've built a circle of people I trust — folks who feel like family. I met people who shared the same drive, culture and vision."

Bryan, '27
Federal Way, WA
International Business



#1

**MOST DIVERSE COLLEGE
IN WASHINGTON**

Niche, 2025

TOTAL ENROLLMENT
2024-25: 51,719
UNDERGRADUATE: 35,397

UNDERGRADS: FAST FACTS

ETHNICITY

American Indian or Alaska Native	<1%
Asian American	28%
Black or African American	4.3%
Hispanic or Latino	9.6%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	<1%
White	32.4%
Two or more	5.9%
Not indicated	8.1%
International	10.9%

RESIDENCY

Washington	74%
U.S. nonresident	16%
International	10%

TOP 10 COUNTRIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Canada	Japan
China	Saudi Arabia
Hong Kong	South Korea
India	Taiwan
Indonesia	Vietnam

#25

**Best College
for Veterans**
*U.S. News & World
Report, 2025*

A TOP 10

**Best LGBTQ+
College**
College Rover, 2025

27%

**of Huskies on the
Seattle campus
are the first in
their families to
attend college.**



CHEER ON THE DAWGS!

From Husky Stadium to the Montlake Cut, fans of the purple and gold have plenty to cheer about: Top national programs in football, softball and rowing. A tradition of conference championships — upheld in the Dawgs' new Big Ten Conference era. World-record-setting athletes and draft picks. There's a reason our traditional fight song is "Bow Down to Washington."

gohuskies.com

NCAA DIVISION 1

WOMEN:

- Basketball
- Beach volleyball
- Cross country
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Rowing
- Soccer
- Softball
- Tennis
- Track & field
- Volleyball

MEN:

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross country
- Football
- Golf
- Rowing
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Track & field

Husky student-athletes compete at the highest level and graduate at high rates. Each sport is assigned academic support staff who advise, guide and mentor athletes to ensure their success at the UW.

gohuskies.com/sports/student-athlete-academic-services

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

More than 30 intramural sports leagues, tournaments and events — from bowling to badminton, triathlon to tennis, dodgeball to volleyball. With Open, Co-Recreational, Women's and Men's divisions and a range of levels from newbie to expert, everyone can find a way to get their game on.

uw.edu/ima/intramurals

IMA BUILDING

The Intramural Activities (IMA) Building is your ultimate playground. Inside, you'll find an indoor track; a squash court; Craggs Climbing Center; weight, strength-training, cardio and archery rooms; a cycling studio; two pools and more. The fun continues outdoors: Canoe and kayak at the Waterfront Activities Center (WAC) on Union Bay, play softball at Denny Field, practice your swing at the 42-tee golf range or rent outdoor gear at the Gear Garage. Plus, a Rec Class Pass gets you into dozens of classes, including flow yoga, Barre and mindfulness.

uw.edu/ima

RECREATION CLUBS

Rec clubs are organized, managed and operated by students, for students. Let loose and learn something new: maybe aikido or archery, futsal or water polo. Immerse yourself in sailing and cycling. Or start your own club — roundnet, anyone? uw.edu/ima/rec-clubs



I'm a huge sports fan, so going to all the sporting events is always a blast!"

Rosa, '25
Federal Way, WA
Finance and
Marketing



IMPACT OVER 164 YEARS

Whether we're making The Wave famous or making waves in health care, technology, social justice or athletics, the UW has sent out ripples of impact since 1861.

#1 Undergraduate School in the West for Entrepreneurship
Entrepreneur Magazine, 2025

The UW conducts more federally sponsored research than any other U.S. public university — including research that won the 2024 Nobel Prize in Chemistry!



#7 Best Global University
U.S. News & World Report, 2025

#3 School Producing the Most Peace Corps Volunteers, 2025



#4 Among U.S. Public Universities
Times Higher Education, 2025

RUN WITH THE PACK
Some well-known Huskies



ADA LIMON, U.S. poet laureate
ANNA FARIS, "Scary Movie" series actor
BARBARA EARL THOMAS, visual artist
BEVERLY CLEARY, beloved children's author
BRUCE LEE, martial artist
DAVID BAKER, 2024 Nobel-winning biochemist
THE FUNG BROTHERS, YouTube comedians
JEAN SMART, Emmy-winning "Hacks" star
JEFF BROTMAN, Costco co-founder
JOEL MCHALE, "Community" actor

KENNY G, saxophonist
KIM THAYIL, Soundgarden guitarist
KRISTIN HANNAH, "Firefly Lane" author
MARILYNNE ROBINSON, Pulitzer Prize-winning author
MICHAEL P. ANDERSON, NASA astronaut
KYU LEE, film producer
RAINN WILSON, "The Office" actor
RYAN LEWIS, DJ and music producer
SALLY JEWELL, former U.S. secretary of the interior
STEVE POOL, Seattle meteorologist

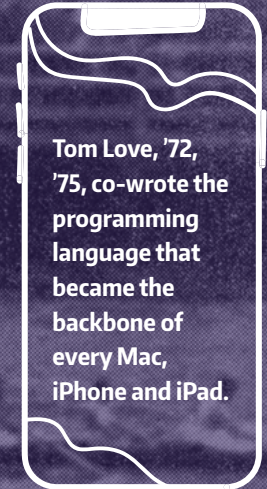
UW aerospace engineers have helped revolutionize air travel, from the first West Coast wind tunnel to the 787.



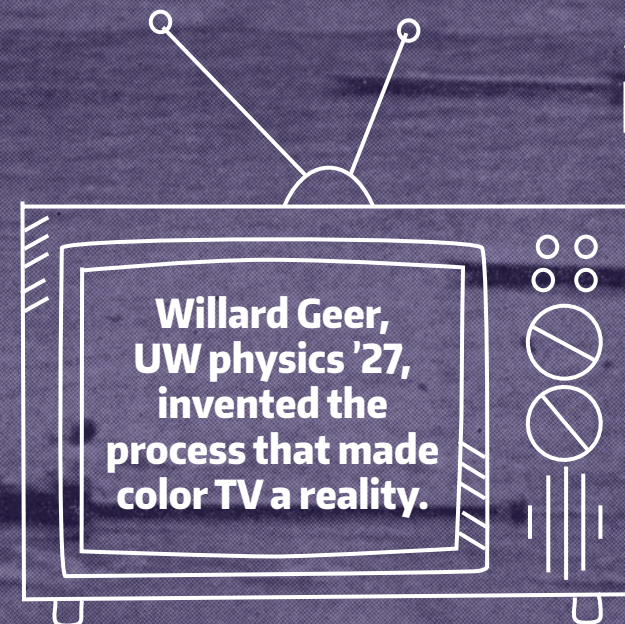
TIM PATERSON, '78, wrote the disk operating system that became MS-DOS.



Tom Love, '72, '75, co-wrote the programming language that became the backbone of every Mac, iPhone and iPad.



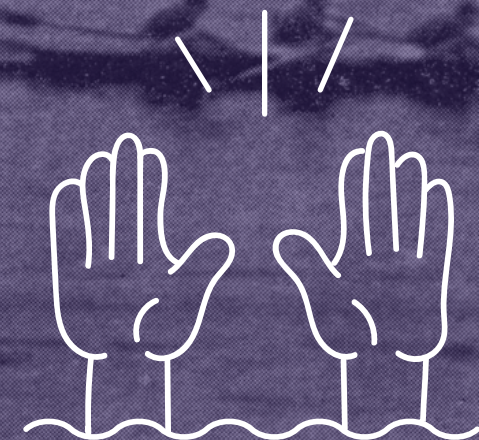
Willard Geer, UW physics '27, invented the process that made color TV a reality.



A UW eight-oar rowing team — the famed "Boys in the Boat" — won gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics in the lead-up to WWII, inspiring a bestselling book and the movie adaptation directed by George Clooney.



The Wave was popularized by UW cheerleader Robb Weller in 1981 and quickly swept the nation.



WHAT'S YOUR MAJOR?

Consider your interests:

Which classes do you enjoy most?

Assess your abilities:

What are your strengths?

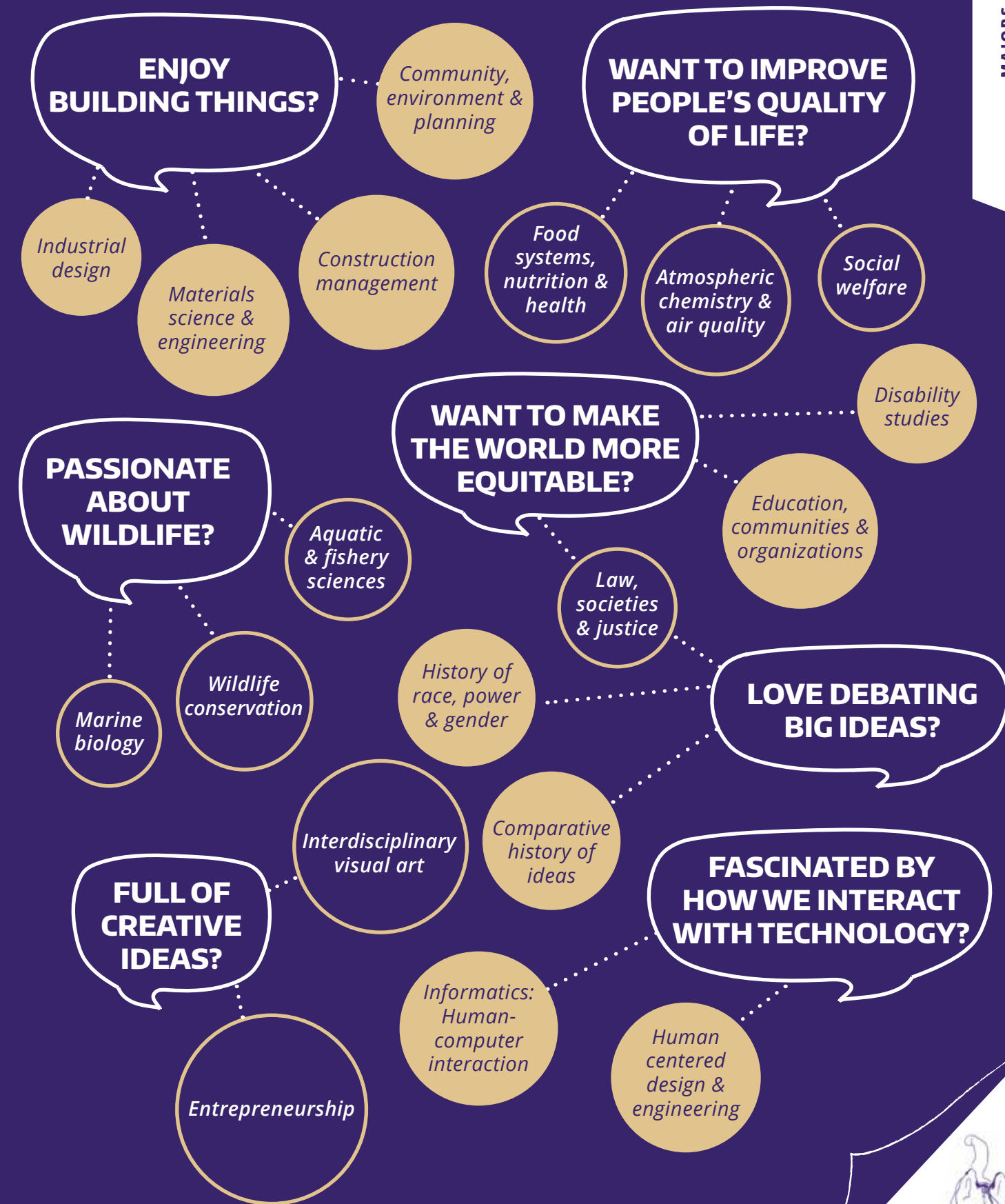
Explore your options:

With over 180 majors at the UW, many paths can lead from a single interest.



What sparks
your
curiosity?

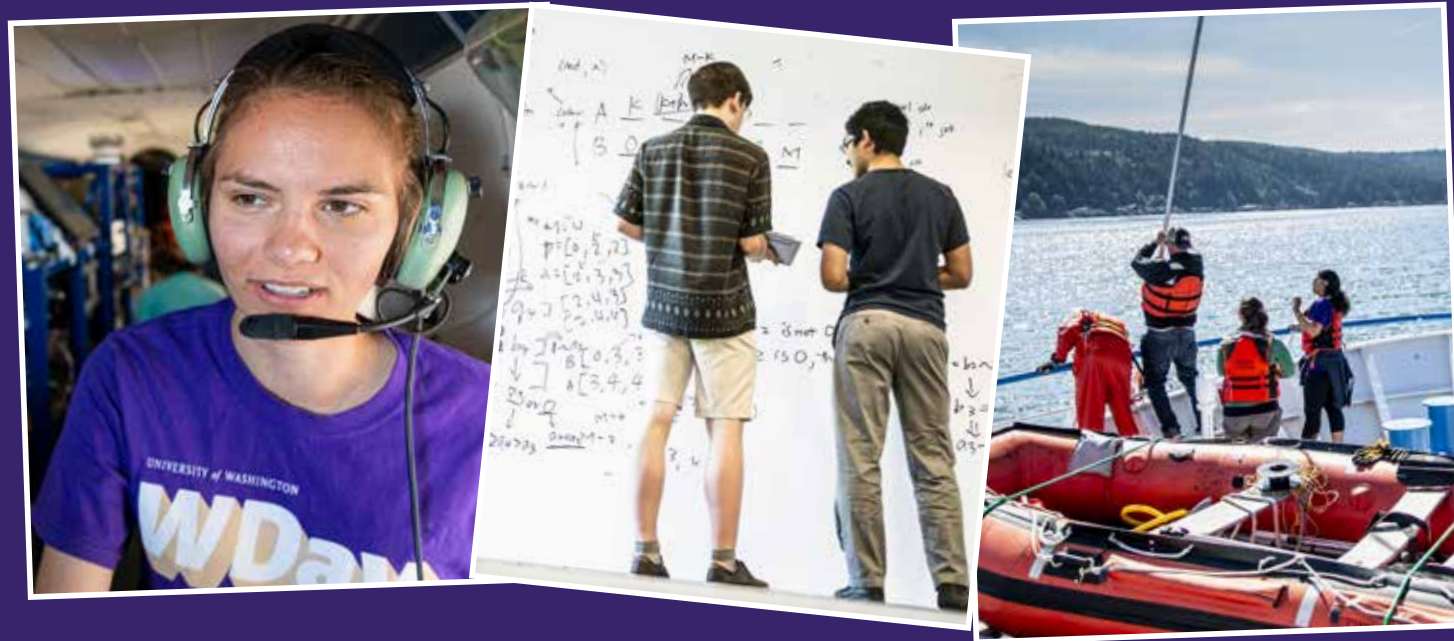
The program that's right for you might be one you haven't considered **(or even heard of)** yet.



MAJORS



Maybe you know exactly what you want to study — or maybe you have no idea, or you're somewhere in between. Regardless, we've got you covered with resources to help you find a major that's right for you.



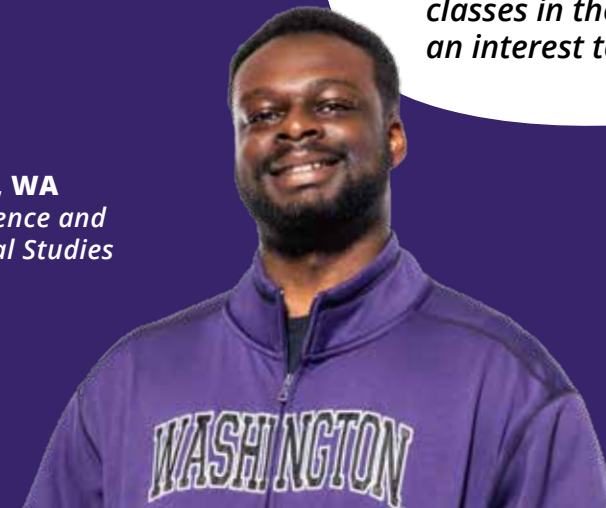
A **major** is an extended study of one academic area — usually within one department — that makes up one-third of your degree program. A **minor** is optional — it's an additional topic of study with fewer requirements. It is possible to work toward two majors (double major) and up to three minors.

Many students change their major more than once before they graduate. That's normal! Your college years are the perfect time to explore your interests and discover new ones. The program that's right for you might be one you haven't considered (or even heard of) yet.



I knew I wanted to major in political science, but when it came to international studies and my other minors, taking classes in those areas sparked an interest to learn more."

Joshua, '27
Lynnwood, WA
Political Science and
International Studies



Learn more about how majors work at the UW:
admit.uw.edu/academics/majors



Aeronautics & Astronautics *

American Ethnic Studies

American Indian Studies *

Anthropology *

Anthropology of Globalization; Archaeological Sciences; Human Evolutionary Biology; Indigenous Archaeology; Medical Anthropology & Global Health

Applied & Computational Mathematical Sciences (ACMS)

Biological & Life Sciences; Data Sciences & Statistics; Discrete Math & Algorithms; Engineering & Physical Sciences; Mathematical Economics & Quantitative Finance; Scientific Computing & Numerical Algorithms; Social & Behavioral Sciences

Applied Mathematics *

Aquatic Conservation & Ecology *

Architectural Design *

Architectural Studies *

Art

Interdisciplinary Visual Arts; Painting & Drawing; Photomedia; Three-Dimensional Forum

Art History *

Asian Language & Cultures *

Asian Studies

Astronomy

Atmospheric & Climate Sciences *

Chemistry; Climate; Data Science; Meteorology

Biochemistry

Bioengineering

Data Science; Nanoscience & Molecular Engineering

Biology

Ecology, Evolution & Conservation; General Biology; Molecular, Cellular & Developmental; Physiology; Plant

Business Administration

Accounting; Entrepreneurship; Finance; Human Resource Management; Information Systems; Marketing; Operations & Supply Chain Management

Chemical Engineering

Nanoscience & Molecular Engineering

Chemistry *

Chinese *

Cinema & Media Studies

Civil Engineering

Classical Studies *

Classics

Communication

Journalism & Public Interest Communication

Community, Environment & Planning *

Comparative History of Ideas *

Comparative Literature *

Comparative Religion *

Computational Finance & Risk Management

Data Science

Computer Engineering

Computer Science

Construction Management *

Dance *

Danish *

Data Science * (minor only)

Design

Industrial Design; Interaction Design; Visual Communication Design

Disability Studies (Individualized Studies) *

Drama

Design; Performance

Early Childhood & Family Studies

Teaching & Learning

Earth & Space Sciences *

Biology; Environmental Earth Sciences; Geology; Physics

Economics

Education Studies

Early Childhood Studies; Education Research & Policy; Foundations of Teaching; Sports & Education

Education, Communities & Organizations

Electrical & Computer Engineering

Electrical Engineering

Nanoscience & Molecular Engineering

English *

Creative Writing; Language & Literature

Environmental Design & Sustainability

Environmental Engineering

Environmental Health *

Environmental Science & Terrestrial Resource Management *

Landscape Ecology & Conservation; Restoration Ecology & Environmental Horticulture; Sustainable Forest Management; Wildlife Conservation

Environmental Studies *

Ethnomusicology

European Studies *

Finnish *

Food Systems, Nutrition & Health

French *

Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies *

Geography

Cities, Citizenship & Migration; Data Science; Environment, Economy &

*Sustainability; Globalization, Health & Development; GIS, Mapping & Society **

Germanics *

Global Literary Studies

Greek *

Guitar

History *

History of Empire & Colonialism; History of Race, Gender & Power; History of Religion & Society; History of War & Society

History & Philosophy of Science

Human Centered Design & Engineering

Data Science

Industrial Engineering

Data Science

Informatics *

Biomedical & Health Informatics; Data Science; Human-Computer Interaction; Information Architecture; Information Assurance & Cybersecurity

International Studies

Italian *

Japanese *

Linguistics; Literature

Jazz Studies

Jewish Studies *

Korean *

Landscape Architecture *

Latin *

Latin American & Caribbean Studies *

Law, Societies & Justice *

Leadership * (minor only)

Linguistics *

Romance Linguistics

Marine Biology *

Materials Science & Engineering *

Nanoscience & Molecular Engineering

Mathematics *

Philosophy; Teacher Preparation

Mechanical Engineering

Biomechanics; Mechatronics; Nanoscience & Molecular Engineering

Medical Laboratory Science

Microbiology *

Music Composition

Music Education

Instrumental; Vocal

Music *

American Music Studies; Early Music; Instrumental; Music History; Music Theory; Voice

Near Eastern Studies *

Comparative Civilizations; Hebrew Bible & Ancient Near Eastern Studies; Languages & Cultures

Neuroscience

Norwegian *

Nursing

Oceanography *

Orchestral Instruments

Organ

Percussion Performance

Orchestral Percussion

Philosophy *

Ethics

Physics *

Applied Physics; Biological Physics; Comprehensive Physics; Teacher Preparation

Piano

Political Science *

International Security; Political Economy

Psychology

Public Health–Global Health

Public Service & Policy *

Real Estate

Scandinavian Area Studies *

Slavic Languages & Literature *

East European Languages, Literature & Culture; Russian Language & Literature

Social Welfare

Sociology

South Asian Languages & Literature (Hindi, Sanskrit, Urdu) *

Spanish *

Speech & Hearing Sciences

Statistics *

Data Science

Strings

Sustainable Bioresource Systems Engineering

Swedish *

Voice

*** Minor available**

If you're interested in **computer science, computer engineering** or a major in **the College of Engineering**, be sure to list it as your first-choice major on the application for admission.



For more info about all UW majors:
admit.uw.edu/academics/majors



INSPIRATIONAL EDUCATORS

A few distinguished faculty members who inspire undergraduate learning



VALERIE CURTIS-NEWTON

Professor, Directing and Acting, School of Drama

Some courses taught: Resilience and the Creative Process: Courage, Optimism, Creativity 203; Advanced Acting 451

Curtis-Newton, winner of the 2021 University Faculty Lecture Award, is a nationally renowned director who teaches her students to be brave and move through the world with greater kindness.



ANJULIE GANTI

Associate Teaching Professor, Health Systems and Population Health, School of Public Health

Some courses taught: Public Health-Global Health Capstone 496, Honors in Public Health Seminar 494

The foundation of Ganti’s teaching is helping her students build confidence and take pride in their work. A Public Health-Global Health student says: “I have never learned as much or felt as supported doing so as I have in the classes that Anjulie has taught.”



JOSÉ M. GUZMÁN

Assistant Teaching Professor, Aquatic and Fishery Sciences, College of the Environment

Some courses taught: Marine Biology 250, Aquatic Ecophysiology 270, Marine Evolutionary Biology 370

From an Introduction to Marine Biology 250 student: “Every week we had a series of videos José had made to expand on the reading. I was able to go back as often as I needed to firm up my understanding of the topic.”

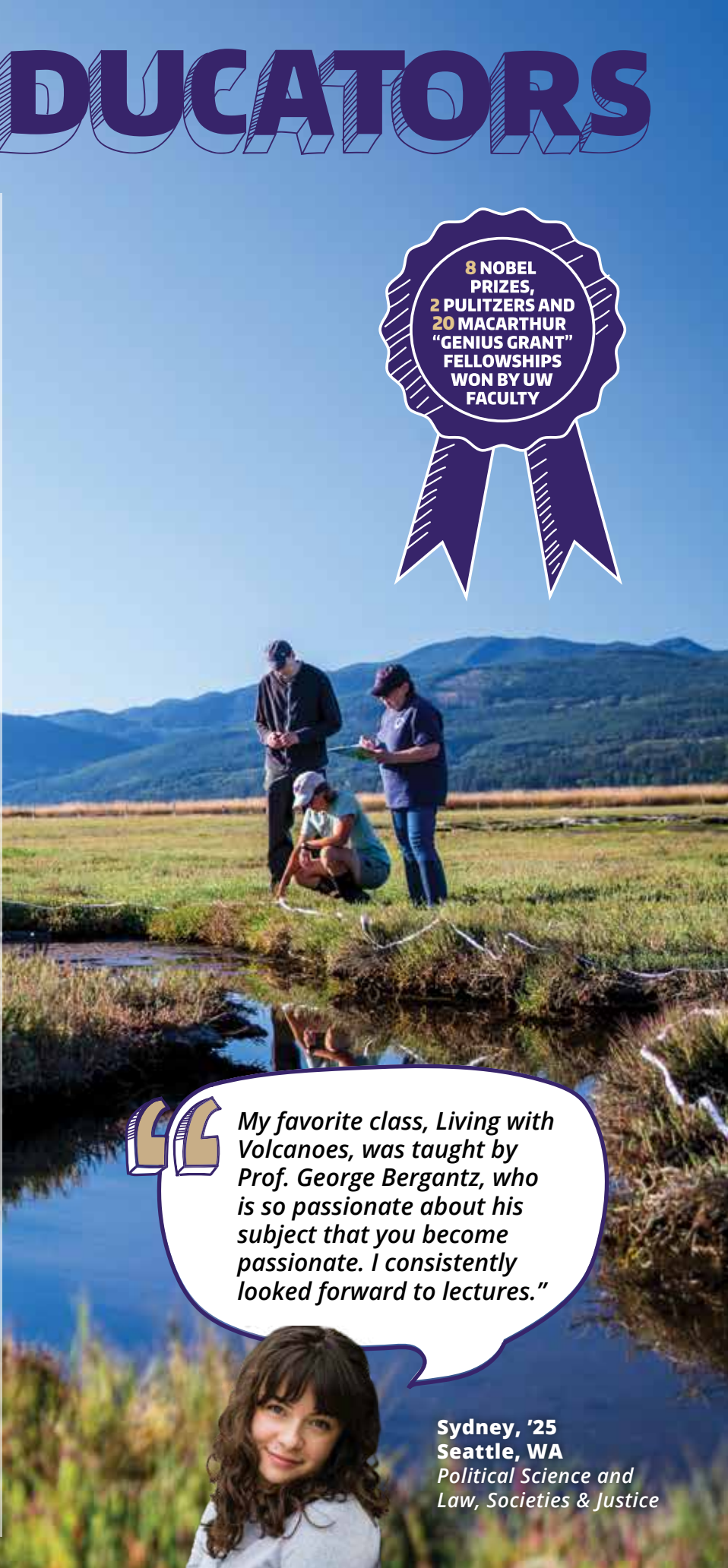


MARIO JURÍĆ

Professor, Astronomy, College of Arts & Sciences

Some courses taught: Python for Astronomy 302, Introduction to Astrostatistics and Machine Learning in Astronomy 324

In his classes and as head of the UW’s Institute for Data Intensive Research in Astrophysics and Cosmology (DiRAC), Jurić teaches future astronomers to use computer programming skills to examine big questions about the universe. His students enthusiastically note the valuable experience of working on projects with “a real, tangible product at the end of it.”



“My favorite class, *Living with Volcanoes*, was taught by Prof. George Bergantz, who is so passionate about his subject that you become passionate. I consistently looked forward to lectures.”



Sydney, '25
Seattle, WA
Political Science and Law, Societies & Justice

Innovative, passionate, approachable. Our highly respected instructors bring their research and lived experiences into the classroom, inspiring you to think in new ways about a subject and the world. They engage you in understanding and addressing the most pressing challenges of our time, like climate change, the ethics of artificial intelligence, and curing diseases. They’re caring mentors who want to get to know you as a person and help open doors to other opportunities.

90%
OF CLASSES HAD 100 OR FEWER STUDENTS (2024–25)

95%
OF FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS COME BACK FOR A SECOND YEAR (COMPARED TO THE 77% NATIONAL AVERAGE)



A WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION

Academic excellence is at the heart of the Husky Experience. We offer 6,500+ undergraduate courses a year, from seminars with a handful of students to larger introductory lectures. Some might have extra components, like a discussion section where you dive into the week's lecture topic or a lab where you conduct experiments.

We work to make sure all Huskies are included, challenged and supported in their educational journey. Some of the resources available:

- An assigned **academic adviser** who helps you choose the best courses and map out your class schedule, and a **departmental adviser** in your major
- **Center for Learning & Undergraduate Enrichment (CLUE):** Tutoring, homework support, exam review sessions and more
- **Subject-specific study centers:** receive tutoring or do homework with other students
- **Odegaard Writing & Research Center:** one-on-one help with writing assignments and skills

More resources:
academicsupport.uw.edu

DON'T JUST TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT

All six of the UW's health sciences schools – Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health and Social Work – are ranked in the nation's top 10.

#2 DEPT. OF ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES IN THE WORLD
Global Ranking of Academic Subjects, 2024

#2 DEPT. OF OCEANOGRAPHY IN THE WORLD
Global Ranking of Academic Subjects, 2024

#8 DEPT. OF STATISTICS IN THE WORLD
Global Ranking of Academic Subjects, 2024

#4 BEST COLLEGE FOR WOMEN IN COMPUTER & INFORMATION SCIENCES
Washington Monthly, 2024

48+ MODERN & CLASSICAL LANGUAGES OFFERED

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

In the Honors Program, students from a wide range of backgrounds and fields of study engage with a rigorous interdisciplinary curriculum featuring seminar classes, experiential learning and reflection, focused on innovative thinking and conscious global citizenship.
honors.uw.edu



“ Drama 171: The Broadway Musical: It's super cool to take a class with the former director of The 5th Avenue Theatre. I loved learning the history behind something I'm passionate about. I took this class because of general-education requirements!”

Rebecca, '25
Tacoma, WA
Law, Societies and Justice



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

You don't stop learning when you leave the classroom — time outside of class can be just as transformative. Immersive, hands-on learning experiences help you turn ideas into action.



As an oceanography major, Alyssa Scott, '17, conducted research at the UW's Friday Harbor Laboratories, a unique marine field station in the San Juan Islands. She went on to intern with and become coordinator of the San Juan County Marine Mammal Stranding Network.



STUDY ABROAD

Get outside your comfort zone, learn more about the world and yourself, and earn credits while living in another country. Studying abroad is an option for all UW students, no matter your major or foreign language skills. We work to make it practical and affordable for every Husky.
uw.edu/studyabroad

LEARNING THROUGH COMMUNITY

Our students help carry out the UW's mission as a public university. Learn and make a difference by volunteering with a community organization as part of a course or internship: Tutor K-12 students, get your hands dirty at the urban UW Farm, educate young voters in the community, work with a local nonprofit and many more opportunities.
cele.uw.edu

From the harbor to the farm to the art gallery — read about some unique UW learning sites that go way beyond the classroom:
uw.edu/boundless/unique-uw-facilities

\$1M+ IN ANNUAL STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIPS
500+ STUDY ABROAD OPTIONS ACROSS SIX CONTINENTS



HANDS-ON RESEARCH

Just a few examples of UW undergrad research:



KRISTIN BENNETT, '25

Chemical Engineering

As a Navy vet with service-related disability, Kristin is inspired to help others. At the UW Nance Lab, she studies how living slices of brain tissue react to traumatic injury.



ANDRE YE, '25

Computer Science and Philosophy

Curious about how computer science and human values work together, Andre's research projects include examining how we can better use AI to broaden our thinking.



KYRA WOLFENBARGER, '25

Interdisciplinary Visual Art

In the UW's Summer Institute in the Arts and Humanities, an undergraduate research program, Kyra used research and her art to explore how Black families archive their personal histories.



MARY BUN, '25

Electrical Engineering and Psychology

Driven by a passion she first discovered in an Engineering 101 course, Mary works with the Ahmed Lab at the UW, studying fruit fly behaviors to gain insight into disorders like Parkinson's.



I knew I wanted to major in marine biology at the UW. The exciting classes, brilliant professors and unique hands-on research experiences seem like the perfect opportunity."

Jake Levin, '26
Mercer Island, WA
Marine Biology,
Music (minor)

Research isn't just for graduate students, and it's not just for STEM fields! Research is a creative, methodical way to explore your interests, uncover new knowledge and gain real-life skills in critical thinking, data analysis, collaboration and more. If you're curious about a topic and find a mentor to guide you, you can do research as a UW undergraduate.

Current Huskies say the experience has encouraged them to think in new ways, bonded them to classmates over a shared purpose, led them to consider further education, and given them valuable, marketable skills that prepare them for careers after graduating.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

The annual UW Undergraduate Research Symposium (pictured) features over 1,000 Huskies presenting their research through oral presentations, arts showcases and posters. Recent topics have included:

- Mental-health-related social media apps
- The Supreme Court of the Philippines
- New therapies for late-stage prostate cancer
- Impact of gender stereotypes on dance culture
- Predicting disaster-resilient bridges
- Remote sensing to study climate change

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH COLLECTIVE

You can participate in research, even as a first- or second-year student! The Undergraduate Research Collective helps students with no prior experience find research opportunities, connecting curious Huskies with a community and faculty mentors to help them explore big questions.

uw.edu/undergradresearch



A MAJORITY OF UNDERGRADS PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH DURING THEIR TIME AT THE UW.



JUMP-START YOUR CAREER HERE

Let's get you where you want to go. Gain hands-on experience and find mentors to help guide you, through internships and Optional Practical Training (OPT). Husky graduates are sought after by a wide range of employers — large and small; private-sector, public and nonprofit; here in the Pacific Northwest and around the world.

admit.uw.edu/careers

85% of students are employed or in graduate school within 7 months of graduation

94% of recent grads said their UW experience prepared them for their career goals

78% of students graduate with internship experience

“When I applied to the UW, I didn't realize how many career opportunities I would have as early as my first year. Even in my first two years, I have had two internships, held an on-campus student job and studied abroad.”

Sophia, '25
Wenatchee, WA
Education, Communities
and Organizations (ECO)
and Political Science



At Grayland Beach State Park in southwest Washington, a team of undergraduate and graduate students helps excavate a Baird's beaked whale for the UW's Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture.



HERE TO HELP YOU

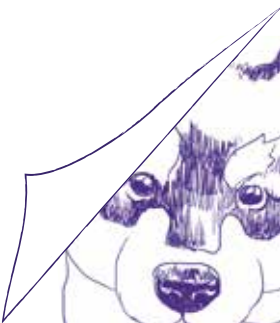
PathwayU helps you gain insights on your interests, values and personality, so you can explore majors and career paths that align with who you are. At the **Career & Internship Center**, you can receive individualized coaching, get your resume and cover letters reviewed, and learn about thousands of internship and job opportunities. Examples of UW student internships: junior software developer at Amazon, sustainability advocate for Clean Water Action, social media intern for Smithsonian Associates.

careers.uw.edu

ENCOURAGING ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Seattle is one of the hottest markets for startups. Learn the step-by-step process of launching a new venture at the UW Buerk Center for Entrepreneurship. Or apply to the immersive Lavin Entrepreneurship Program for mentoring, networking, internships and job-search support. If you're ready to launch your own company, get training, funding and advice from the UW Jones + Foster Accelerator Program and CoMotion.

comotion.uw.edu



HOW TO APPLY



WHAT WE CONSIDER

The most competitive first-year student applicants will present a **strong academic curriculum in a variety of subject areas, achievements at school and in the community**, and (for international applicants) a **high level of English proficiency**. Our holistic review takes into consideration:

- Level of academic achievement
- Completed College Academic Distribution Requirements (CADRs — see below)
- Strength of senior-year schedule
- Individual grades and grade trends
- Community service and leadership
- Unique perspectives or experiences

Tips:

- We want to know you as a person. Use the writing sections to share things that the numbers might not reveal.
- You're required to indicate a first-choice major on the application. If you have a second choice, list that too.

COLLEGE ACADEMIC DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS (CADRS)

All applicants must complete these minimum course requirements — but the best prepared will go beyond them.

Subject	Credits*
English	4
Mathematics	3
Social sciences/social studies	3
World languages	2
Science	3 (2 in lab science)
Senior year math-based quantitative course	1
Fine, visual or performing arts	0.5
Academic elective	0.5

*1 credit = 1 year

THE APPLICATION

Apply to the UW as a first-year applicant using the Common App.

What to submit

- ☐ Self-reported classes and grades
- ☐ Writing section
- ☐ Completed application and application fee (*fee waivers available for U.S. applicants*)
- ☐ International applicants only: English proficiency test scores (TOEFL, IELTS or Duolingo)

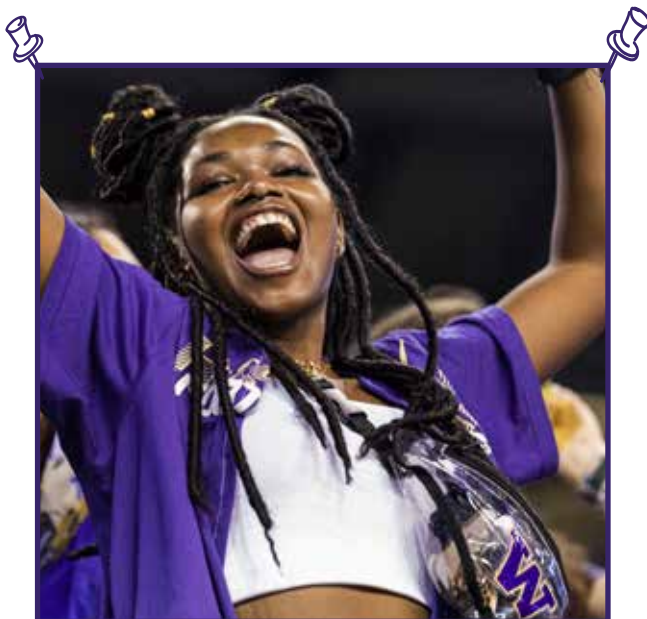
Transcripts

The application will ask you to self-report your high school academic record. Please do not upload an unofficial copy of your high school transcript unless requested.

SAT/ACT scores

The UW does not require SAT/ACT scores. You may send them if you choose.

Please do not send letters of recommendation.



INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS ONLY

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

International students must submit an English proficiency test score that meets the UW's requirement.

	TOEFL (iBT)	IELTS	DET
Minimum score required	76	6.0	110
Average score*	104	7.5	136

*For enrolled international students, autumn 2024

English proficiency is considered as part of the application review process. The exam must be taken on or before Dec. 31, and scores must be sent directly from the testing agency to the UW.

USING SAT OR ACT SCORES AS AN ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ALTERNATIVE

The SAT or ACT are not required for admission to the UW, but international applicants may use one of these exams to satisfy English proficiency. The UW considers English proficiency met if you meet **both** of the following conditions:

- 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

To use the SAT or ACT to meet English proficiency, you must request official scores be sent to the UW (school code 4854).

ADMITTED STUDENT OVERVIEW

3-YEAR AVERAGE ADMIT RATE

Washington residents: 50%

Non-Washington residents: 40%

HIGH SCHOOL GPA, AUTUMN 2024

Middle 50%: 3.74–3.98 (4.0 scale),
95–100 (100 scale)

These numbers are just a guide and change with each incoming class. Many admitted students have GPAs below or above this range.

DATES AND DEADLINES

September 1: Application opens

November 15: Application deadline

March 1–15: Notification period

May 1: Deadline to accept offer of admission



More information on the first-year application process and English proficiency requirements: admit.uw.edu/apply/first-year.



PAYING FOR COLLEGE

We believe that Washington students from all economic backgrounds should have the opportunity to attend the University of Washington. UW graduates complete college with less debt than the national average.

TOTAL COST OF ATTENDANCE 2025–26

TUITION

Washington resident: \$13,406

Nonresident: \$44,640

OTHER BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Books & course supplies: \$900

Housing & food: \$18,405

Personal/misc. expenses: \$2,508

Transportation: \$519

FINANCIAL AID

For U.S. citizen and permanent resident students to be considered for all forms of UW financial aid, they must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students who are living in Washington and unable to file the FAFSA may file the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA).

To be considered for financial aid your first year at the UW, file the FAFSA or WASFA during your senior year of high school by the UW priority deadline.

For more information, including the latest UW priority deadlines, visit:

- uw.edu/financialaid
- fafsa.gov
- wsac.wa.gov/wasfa

HUSKY PROMISE

The Husky Promise is our guarantee that financial challenges will not stand in the way of Washington state students' ability to earn a UW degree. It ensures that full tuition and standard fees will be covered by grant or scholarship support for eligible students.

uw.edu/huskypromise

SCHOLARSHIPS

The UW offers scholarships for everything from academic pursuits and research activities to community service and musical talents. U.S. students are considered for some scholarship programs automatically as part of their admission or financial aid applications, while other programs are available to all students through departments once enrolled. For example, eligible students are automatically considered for these scholarships when they apply to the UW:

- **The Presidential Scholarship:** recognizing Washington state students who demonstrate exceptional leadership, community engagement and promise. The \$10,000-per-year award is renewable for up to four years.
- **Purple & Gold Scholarships:** awarded to U.S. students from outside Washington state who enroll at the Seattle campus. Amounts vary and are given for four years.

admit.uw.edu/costs/scholarships

MORE INFORMATION

Net price calculator:

admit.uw.edu/net-price-calculator

Washington state residency:

admit.uw.edu/residency

Washington College Grant:

wsac.wa.gov/wcg



"There are many sources of funding to take advantage of at the UW and great advisers who want to help you find them!"



Jamie, '25
Snohomish, WA
English and Sociology

OVER
50%

OF UNDERGRADS
RECEIVE SOME FORM
OF FINANCIAL AID

71%

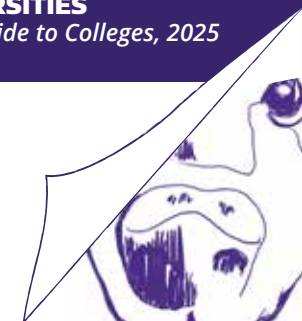
OF THE CLASS OF '24
GRADUATED WITH
NO KNOWN DEBT

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BEST VALUE COLLEGE
IN WASHINGTON
SmartAsset, 2024

A TOP
10

"BEST BUY" AMONG U.S.
PUBLIC COLLEGES AND
UNIVERSITIES
Fiske Guide to Colleges, 2025



JOIN THE PACK

"I've established a strong network of people who care about my success — socially, academically, professionally and emotionally. I've found a home here at the UW, and you can too!"

Maggie, '25
San Bruno, CA
Public Health

MORE TO EXPLORE

TRANSFER ADMISSIONS

admit.uw.edu/apply/transfer

GRADUATE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

grad.uw.edu/admission

WASHINGTON STATE RESIDENCY

admit.uw.edu/residency

INTERNATIONAL & ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

ielp.uw.edu

UW BOTHELL

uwb.edu/admissions

UW TACOMA

tacoma.uw.edu/admissions

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

CONNECT | REQUEST MORE INFO

admit.uw.edu/contact/request-info

VISIT | VIRTUAL OR IN PERSON

admit.uw.edu/visit

APPLY | DEADLINE: NOV. 15

admit.uw.edu/apply/first-year

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

admit.uw.edu/contact or 206-543-9686

askuwadm@uw.edu

admit.uw.edu

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

AP credit: admit.uw.edu/ap

IB credit: admit.uw.edu/ib

A & AS level credit: admit.uw.edu/a-as-level

Running Start: admit.uw.edu/apply/running-start

Homeschooled applicants: admit.uw.edu/homeschool

Veterans and military families: admit.uw.edu/veteran





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DATES & DEADLINES



SEPT. 1
APPLICATION OPENS

MARCH 1–15
NOTIFICATION PERIOD

NOV. 15
APPLICATION DEADLINE

MAY 1
DEADLINE TO ACCEPT
OFFER OF ADMISSION

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