

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations on your decision to attend University of Washington - Seattle!

Remember receiving an acceptance is just the start of your college journey – there is a lot you have to do before you show up to school on the first day of classes. Read the full list below to make sure you are ready to start and be sure to check your personal and UW email (and regular mail) often so you do not miss any important information or requests from the school.

Unlike in high school, during college your professors and staff will not typically check-in with you about deadlines and missing work or information. You will be expected to reach out for assistance and information. Do not be afraid to ask questions, check-in with advisors and professors, or seek out additional support if you need it: staff and services are there for you!

FINISH THE FINANCIAL AID PROCESS

Financial Aid Application:

- ❑ If you haven't already, submit your FAFSA or WASFA as soon as possible as there may still be aid available to you. <https://fafsa.ed.gov> or <http://www.readyssetgrad.org/wasfa>. <https://www.washington.edu/financialaid/>
- ▶ VERIFICATION: The UW Financial Aid Office may contact you requesting more information related to your FAFSA/WASFA. Respond as soon as possible to UW-S requests in your MyUW account. Your FAFSA/WASFA is not considered complete until you submit any requested information.
- ▶ HB 1079: Eligible undocumented students can receive in-state tuition. <http://realhopewa.org/>

Financial Aid Award Letter:

- ❑ Accept or decline part or all of your financial aid award before the listed reply date (will vary depending on your award letter date) in order to receive accepted aid. To view and accept your award see the "Finances" tab in your MyUW and click the "Financial Aid Status" link. <https://www.washington.edu/financialaid/applying-for-aid/award-process/>
- ▶ Award letters are sent out starting in the spring. You should receive an email directing you to your MyUW account when your award is ready.

Scholarships:

- ❑ If you received outside scholarships (not awarded through financial aid and/or UW-S), you need to report them to the Financial Aid Office as soon as possible.

Request To Change Award (if needed)

- ❑ Request more or different financial aid if you were not awarded enough to pay for school and related expenses or you/your family's financial situation has changed since you applied. Requests to revise your award are reviewed and approved on a case-by-case and funds available basis:

<https://www.washington.edu/financialaid/receiving-aid/>

Contact the Office of Student Financial Aid if you have any questions or concerns online at osfa@uw.edu or by calling 206.543.6101

EVERY YEAR:

Resubmit FAFSA or WASFA before the returning student deadline and return your award letter.

CONFIRM YOUR ENROLLMENT

- ❑ If you have not already, confirm your decision to attend UW and pay the \$310 NSEOF (New Student Enrollment and Orientation) fee by May 1. If you are accepted to UW after May 1, you usually have around two weeks to confirm and pay the NSEOF fee. The NSEOF fee holds your spot and helps pay for many first-year and transition programs. <https://www.washington.edu/newhuskies/must-do/#accept/>
- ▶ **If you cannot pay the NSEOF fee before May 1,** you applied for financial aid and are Pell grant eligible or have extenuating circumstances, you can request to defer payment of the NSEOF fee until your fall quarter tuition payment deadline. Request a deferral online through your MyUW account.

► GOOD TO KNOW

Emergency Funds:

Emergency funds are available on a limited basis for students who experience unexpected financial hardships that may disrupt their education or prevent them from earning their UW degree. Learn more about what is covered and how to apply if you ever need these funds at: <https://www.washington.edu/emergencyaid/>

COMPLETE TESTING OR SEND TRANSCRIPTS

- ❑ Find out if you need to take any placement tests. The UW offers placement and proficiency testing in mathematics, several foreign languages, chemistry, and music history and theory. These tests are designed to assess your level of mastery in subjects so that you do not have to take courses you don't need. If you will need to take courses like math, chemistry, or foreign language you will probably need to take the UW-S placement tests. Find out more here: <http://www.washington.edu/uaa/advising/academic-planning/choosing-courses/placement-testing/>
- ❑ If you have AP or IB scores you would like to have evaluated for placement or academic credit, make sure you have official copies sent from the testing agency to UW. <http://www.washington.edu/uaa/advising/academic-planning/choosing-courses/placement-testing/> (See AP & IB Scores link)
- If haven't had your scores sent to the UW, follow the instructions at the College Board website (for AP) or the International Baccalaureate website to make the request. Ask your high school counselor for help with this if needed.
 - The UW usually receives AP and IB scores and posts credit in early July. You'll be able to see the credit posted on your Unofficial Transcript in MyUW. If your credit isn't posted by late July, contact Undergraduate Admissions.

If You Need To Take A Placement Exam:

- ❑ Register for the tests you need to take before your Advising & Orientation session (more on that in Register For & Complete Orientation below). With pre-registration, math placement is offered on the first day of Advising & Orientation sessions; all other placement tests must be taken in the Testing Center, during the regular testing schedule. You must pre-register for all tests (no walk-in testing). <http://www.washington.edu/uaa/advising/academic-planning/choosing-courses/placement-testing/>

If you have any questions or concerns, reach out to the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs at 206.543.2550 or the Testing Center at testingcenter@uw.edu

REGISTER FOR ADVISING & ORIENTATION

- ❑ Register for a mandatory Advising & Orientation (A&O) session. A&O is two days and there are sessions throughout the summer from June to August. You are required to be at the entire A&O session (both days). <http://fyp.washington.edu/orientation/> (Freshman section)
 - A&O dates fill up quickly and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Register as soon as possible for the session that works best for you. UW recommends that students try to get to sessions as early in the summer as possible (you will be able to register for classes during A&O, which means the earlier you attend, the more likely you will be able to register for the classes you want).
 - There is an optional parent orientation offered at A&O sessions, if your parents/guardians are interested in learning more about the college transition process, resources on campus, and how they can support you at UW. You will need to register your parent/guardian for the optional parent orientation when you register for your own A&O. There is an additional fee for parent orientation (it will appear on your tuition account). <http://fyp.washington.edu/orientation/step-by-step/parent/>

BEFORE YOU ATTEND A&O

- ❑ Once you register for an A&O session, complete the required online pre-orientation program "U101" before your orientation session. It's recommended you begin U101 at least 2 weeks prior to your A&O session and takes about 3 hours on average to complete. <http://fyp.washington.edu/getting-started-at-the-university-of-washington/university-101-pre-orientation/>

Contact the office of First Year Programs at fyp@uw.edu with any questions or concerns.

SUBMIT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

- ❑ You are required to show that you have been vaccinated against or are otherwise immune to measles before your A&O session (or you will not be able to attend). Get the required form here: <http://depts.washington.edu/hpccweb/project/measles-requirement/>

Contact Hall Health Center with any questions or to learn more about health services on campus online at hpccweb@uw.edu or by calling (206) 685-1011

REGISTER FOR CLASSES

- ❑ First-year students register for Fall Quarter classes during their selected A&O session. After your first quarter, you will register online.

EVERY QUARTER:

Register for classes during your assigned registration access time (can be found through your MyUW)

GET HOUSING

- ❑ Decide if you will live on-campus, off-campus, or at home. You can learn more about on-campus housing options, cost, and the application process at <https://hfs.uw.edu/Live/Undergraduates> (scroll down to "How to Apply for Housing" to view the Housing Application Guide). In the Housing Application Guide you will learn more about the following important housing considerations and application tasks:
 - ▶ If you want to live on-campus, create a HFS student profile as soon as possible once you've confirmed your enrollment. The HFS student profile is not a housing application, but helps determine the types of housing you are eligible for. You can complete the HFS profile in your MyUW account.
 - ▶ Most on-campus housing assignments require you to purchase a dining plan. Make sure you know your options and select the one that works best for you before you apply (you will have to select your dining plan on your housing application).
 - ▶ Most housing assignments also require you to have a roommate, you are not required to find your own roommate, but there are many options to do so if you prefer to find your own. Make sure you know where to look and the process to select your own roommate if this applies to you.

▶ GOOD TO KNOW

You are not required to live on campus your freshman year, but it is highly encouraged to become familiar with campus and to have more opportunities to meet colleagues.

If you want to live on campus

- ❑ To live on-campus, submit a housing application online as soon as possible once the application opens (the sooner you apply, the more likely you are to get on-campus housing). The priority application period is typically in May. When the housing application is available you will see it listed on your MyUW homepage.
 - ▶ Before you can submit your housing application, you will be required to pay a refundable \$500 housing deposit (this will be an electronic payment). Some students with financial need may submit the application without a deposit and pay it later. Contact Housing and Food Services before you apply for housing (contact information below) to request to defer the deposit.
- ❑ Check your UW email/MyUW account regularly in the spring for a housing offer email from UW-S and select your housing during your assigned housing appointment.
 - ▶ Once you receive a housing offer, submit the electronic housing agreement, found in your MyUW, as soon as possible.
 - ▶ You will be assigned a housing appointment time in your offer notice. During that appointment you will be able to select your room assignment (selection will be done online through MyUW). If you miss your appointment time, you will be assigned housing.
- ❑ Confirm your room assignment. After you select or are assigned your room/housing placement, you will receive a confirmation via your UW email (from HFS). You must follow the steps in that email to confirm your assignment by the deadline listed.

Contact the Housing and Food Services (HFS) office with any questions or concerns at (206) 543-4059 or at hfsinfo@uw.edu

EVERY QUARTER:

Review your housing plans and reapply if you would like to live on-campus.

FIND TRANSPORTATION

❑ If you need to park on-campus, purchase a parking pass. There are many different types of “students only” permits and options for daily purchase, quarterly purchase, or annual purchase. Find out which type of permit will work best for you and more at: <https://facilities.uw.edu/transportation/park>

❑ Activate your U-PASS by using it on public transportation within 60 days of receiving the pass (your pass is your HUSKY ID). U-PASS is a public transportation pass that allows you to take unlimited bus, light rail, and Sounder train rides in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties as well as many other discounted transportation options. Typically, the \$84 U-PASS fee is incorporated into your tuition statement, and is reactivated every quarter you are registered for classes. <https://facilities.uw.edu/transportation/student-u-pass>

EVERY YEAR:

Determine if you will need transportation and/or need to purchase a parking pass.

GET YOUR TEXTBOOKS & MATERIALS

❑ Look up the textbooks you need for class by visiting: <http://www.ubookstore.com/> (course materials). Purchase your books from the UW bookstore or online. You can buy your books used or rent them, which is usually cheaper than buying new.

❑ Most students want their own laptop at school, which means you may need to purchase one. UW-S also has free computer labs on campus. Consider your options and study habits and buy a laptop if needed.

▶ UW has laptops available for loan if you have need. Laptops can be rented in the library for up to 3-days. If you have a longer laptop loan need, you can also access the STF Equipment Loan Program (Kane Hall, the HUB, Health Sciences Bldg). <http://www.lib.washington.edu/ougl/learning-spaces/macbook>

EVERY QUARTER:

Check what books you need to purchase before your quarter begins.

PAY TUITION

❑ Pay your Fall Quarter tuition and fees by the 3rd Friday of every quarter. Your financial aid should be applied to your account before the statement is issued, **which means if you have a “remaining balance”, you still owe money.**

▶ Check your MyUW account before the start of each quarter to find out how much tuition you owe. Even if your financial aid will cover your entire tuition and fees, you should check to make sure everything went through.

▶ Know your options for making a tuition payment before the deadline:

<http://finance.uw.edu/sfs/tuition/payment>

▶ If you cannot pay your tuition bill, you may also be able to request an interest free short-term loan from UW, which typically must be repaid by the following quarter. Be sure you understand the loan terms if you want to take one out! <https://www.washington.edu/financialaid/types-of-aid/loans/short-term-loans/>

▶ UW-Seattle campus does not offer payment plans for tuition payment, which means your full tuition balance is due by the tuition deadline.

❑ Enroll in direct deposit through your MyUW account (you should do this over the summer) if you are receiving financial aid. Direct deposit allows UW to send any remaining funds (after tuition and fees are paid) directly to your personal saving or checking account <http://finance.uw.edu/sfs/home>. If you don't sign-up for direct deposit, remaining funds, if applicable, will be sent to the address on file with UW (so make sure it is up-to-date).

EVERY QUARTER:

Keep track of when payments are due to pay your tuition on time and avoid late fees.

FIND SUPPORTS & COMMUNITY

- ❑ **Find community, access student supports, and get involved!** Don't be afraid to reach out if you are interested in something or need assistance – groups and resources are there for you! Check out some options below
 - ▶ Learn more about First-year Interest Groups (FIGS), which allows you to take classes with the same 20-25 students:
<http://fyp.washington.edu/first-year-interest-groups/>
 - ▶ Learn more about the Office of Minority Affairs & Diversity and the resources they provide:
<http://www.washington.edu/omad/>
 - ▶ Consider using academic supports, such as tutoring: <http://depts.washington.edu/aspuw/more/campus-resources/>
 - ▶ Explore different student organizations that you can join: <https://www.washington.edu/studentlife/groups-activities/>
 - ▶ Apply to be a part of the TRIO Student Support Services program to receive advising and support if you are first-generation and/or low-income:
<http://depts.washington.edu/omadcs/trio-sss/>
 - ▶ Get free evening tutoring, writing, and other academic support through UW CLUE:
<http://depts.washington.edu/aspuw/clue/home/>
 - ▶ Connect with the Disability Resources Office to request accommodation and access other supports for students with disabilities:
<http://depts.washington.edu/uwdrs/prospective-students/getting-started/>

STAY UPDATED

- ❑ Check your UW student email/MyUW at least once a week. Once you're on campus you will probably check it every day.
<https://weblogin.washington.edu/>
- ❑ Make sure to keep your email and mailing address updated with the college through your MyUW account so you don't miss important notices and information.

▶ ACCESS THIS LIST ONLINE

Lists are available at:

<http://psc.cn.org/college-transition-checklists/>

All information has been compiled through college/university resources, but lists are not made by the college/university. Information is accurate as of March 2018. Be aware: information might change - check with your college if you have questions.