



# ADMISSION INFORMATION REGARDING THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON - SEATTLE CAMPUS

Since 2004 the University of Washington’s admissions process for accepting transfer students from Washington State Community Colleges, including Shoreline, is a comprehensive review of many factors, including GPA, preparation for major, completion of World Language graduation requirements and more. The UW has an agreement that thirty percent of each incoming class will be made up of students coming from community colleges. While community college transfer students do not have an admissions guarantee, the community college transfer route will remain the easiest way for most students to get into the UW.

It is important to note that some students must follow a different transfer route and application procedures. If you are among the student groups listed below, please see the UW web site for information about your application procedures and dates: <http://www.washington.edu/students/uga/>

- Students on an International Student Visa
- Running Start students
- UW returning students
- Students who already have a Bachelors degree.

UW at Bothell, UW at Tacoma, and UW Evening Degree have different admission requirements and procedures.

### STEPS TO A SMOOTH TRANSFER (ALL STUDENTS):

**1- Important: Inform yourself of the admission requirements, dates, and criteria early and make sure you will meet all requirements.** For specifics on the requirements and criteria see the UW Transfer Admission & Planning booklet which is available at the Advising & Counseling Center, room 5229 and the UW transfer admission site: <http://www.washington.edu/students/uga/tr/>. There you’ll find the policies and the application forms and procedures, as well as many other helpful information and web links. If you need to talk to an admissions counselor, call the UW Admissions Office at 206-543-9686 for an appointment.

\* Consider going to the **Transfer Thursday Program** at the UW, which is available every Thursday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00pm at the Undergraduate Gateway Center in 171 Mary Gates Hall. In addition to 1:1 meetings with a general advisor, an admissions information meeting is held at 2:30 and some departments offer a meeting at 3:30. It is helpful to bring your transcripts and course planning schedules and preview the program at the web site before you go: <http://www.washington.edu/students/ugrad/advising/tranthur.html> .

\* Shoreline’s Advising & Counseling Center sponsors a University Transfer Fair each quarter which hosts representatives from many universities including the UW. These are held in the Main Dining Room (PUB) and offer a convenient way to gather information. Additionally, the Advising & Counseling Center sponsors UW Admissions and Transfer Planning workshops quarterly and a UW Day at Shoreline CC once a year; please come!

### 2- Follow STRATEGIES FOR INCREASING YOUR CHANCE OF SUCCESSFUL TRANSFER (on back).

### 3- All students must meet the High School Core Subjects Admissions Requirements:

English*	4 years
Mathematics	3 years
Social Science	3 years
Science	2 years
World Language	2 years
Fine Arts	1/2 year
Electives	1/2 year

*Missing High School Core Subject Requirements **must** be satisfied at the college level. Five credits (quarter system) equal one year of high school study. For more information, please consult the UW web site.*

*\* Applicants whose first language is not English need to check specific information on meeting the HS Core English requirement:*  
<http://admit.washington.edu/BeforeYouApply/Transfer/Requirements/Core/English/Alternatives>

**4- Talk with your advisor to choose a major and make a course plan that prepares you well for entering the junior year of that program. Some majors require a separate admission application to the major department in addition to general admission. Check the UW web site for this information also. If you need assistance in choosing a major, take the Human Development 105 Career Exploration and Life Planning course (2 credits) or schedule a career counseling appointment at the Advising & Counseling Center, Room 5229, 206-546-4559.**

**5- Watch the application deadlines and don’t procrastinate to the last day!** Order transcripts early as they may take two weeks. (dates are different for students in a different applicant group, see second paragraph above)

**\*Summer & Fall: February 15**

**\* Winter: September 15**

**\* Spring: December 15**

## STRATEGIES FOR INCREASING YOUR CHANCES OF SUCCESSFUL TRANSFER TO THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON - SEATTLE CAMPUS

- **Complete one of the transfer Associate Degrees or have at least ninety transfer credits.** The transfer Associates degrees at Shoreline CC are:
  - Associate in Arts – Direct Transfer Agreement
  - Associate in Arts – Individualized Plan
  - AA – DTA Business MRP
  - Associate in Fine Arts
  - Associate in Music
  - Associate in Sciences, Track 1
  - Associate in Sciences, Track 2Discuss with your advisor which degree is best for you. Planning guides are available on the web at [www.shoreline.edu/studentadvising/](http://www.shoreline.edu/studentadvising/) and at the Advising & Counseling Center in room 5229.
- **Raise your Grade Point Average (GPA).** A 2.5 GPA is the minimum to ensure consideration of your application, but most students will have significantly higher GPAs and academic performance will be a significant factor in the review process. The pattern of recent course work will be especially important.
  - \* **Repeated courses:** The UW Office of Admissions will use the best grade in GPA calculation for Shoreline courses retaken at Shoreline. Shoreline policy allows a maximum of two repeats per course. Students need to submit a Course Repeat Form at the Registration Office for each repeat course taken at Shoreline. If a course is retaken at a college different from the one at which it was originally taken, UW Admissions will use only the most recent grade in GPA calculation.
  - \* Since the UW does not include most Professional/Technical courses when calculating your admission GPA, you should focus on courses that are on one of the transfer degree planning guides or on the UW/SCC equivalency guide (<http://washington.edu/students/uga/tr/planning/ccequivguide/CET/index.htm> ).
  - \* Students with a GPA lower than 2.5 may also apply, but depending on the number of applications received, their application may not be reviewed. Students who have exceptional circumstances may attach a written request (in addition to their personal statement) and/or a letter of recommendation.
- **Explore majors early and work with your advisor to prepare for your major as well as possible.** The counselors in the Advising & Counseling Center can help you explore majors and careers, and departmental faculty advisors can help you explore careers in their area of studies. Shoreline offers a 2-credit class: HUM DV 105, Career Exploration and Life Planning. Some of the majors with a large number of prerequisite courses are: the arts, business, languages, engineering, computer science, health programs, math, music and science. If you are considering one of these, start taking required classes as early as possible and consult often with your advisor.
- **Complete a world language through the third quarter at Shoreline if your major is in the College of Arts and Sciences, Occupational Therapy, or Social Welfare.** The UW Foreign Language graduation requirement is already fulfilled if you have completed the third high school year of a language. If you have not taken this in high school, it is recommended to complete the requirement before you transfer. This is also a good idea if your first choice of major does not require this, but is in a competitive department, for example Business. Most open admission majors are in the College of Arts & Sciences, so one of these may become your second choice of major.

*Note:* if you wish to study a language which is offered at the UW but not at the community college, we recommend that you discuss your motivation for this in your personal statement to explain why you are not completing this requirement before entering the UW. Of course, you still must meet the minimum admission requirement of completing the second year of a language in high school or the second quarter in college.
- **Document all of your academic and artistic achievements.** You can ask Shoreline faculty for help. Include notable achievements in your personal statement for the admissions application.
- **Seek and document work experience** that demonstrates success in a field related to your intended academic major. Explain the connection in your personal statement.
- If you have had a period of low grades, **demonstrate improved performance and maturity** by completing several quarters successfully. Discuss the changes you have made to be more successful in your personal statement.
- **Be specific about any educational and economic disadvantage, personal adversity you have overcome, contributions you can provide to the UW's diversity, and unique cultural awareness in your personal statement.**
- **When writing your personal statement, be specific about the reasons that the UW is the best place for you to reach your academic goals.** Just saying "I live in/near Seattle" or "I've always wanted to be a Husky" is not a strong argument. Address issues like: limited availability of your major at other schools, geographical limitations (i.e. for economic or family or other reasons you can't move to another geographical area of the state to attend a public university there) and be specific about what features of the UW you are excited about.