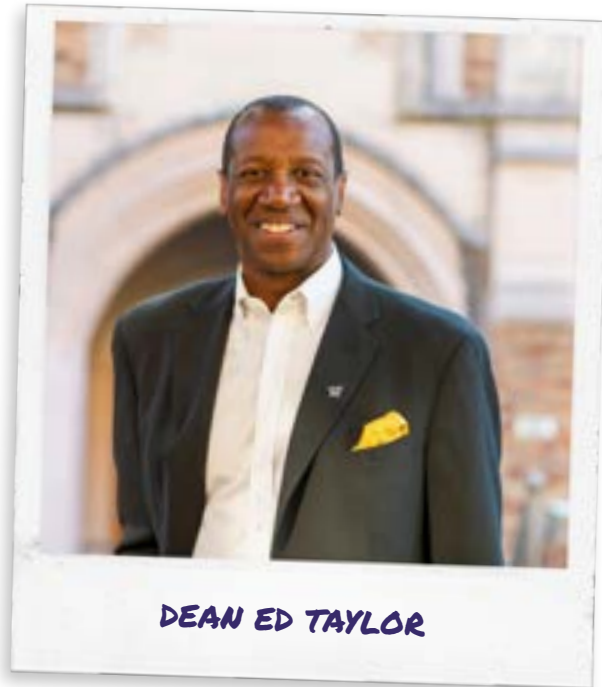




HUSKY GUIDE
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DEAN ED TAYLOR

DEAR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS,

Welcome to the University of Washington! When you chose to come to the UW, you chose to walk on the path of knowledge and understanding; to build bridges across difference; to actively pursue facts and information. UW students, faculty and staff take the road of service and leadership — together. We are glad you're bringing your unique perspectives and contributions to our collective Husky experience. In your time here I hope that you reach out, connect and discover more about the UW, who you are and what matters most to you. Know that your Husky family is proud of you and is here for you.

ED TAYLOR

Vice Provost and Dean, Undergraduate Academic Affairs
Professor of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

WELCOME FROM FIRST YEAR PROGRAMS

You are now officially part of our Husky community! We hope you find this guide helpful as you prepare to join us on campus. Our programs provide opportunities to deepen your knowledge of the University of Washington as you navigate through your first year. We are looking forward to learning with you and ensuring that you have a smooth transition. Visit us in Mary Gates Hall (Rm 120) or the Commuter & Transfer Commons (HUB 141) before the quarter begins. Go Dawgs!

THE FIRST YEAR PROGRAMS & DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT TEAM

Student Academic Services, Undergraduate Academic Affairs

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USING THIS GUIDE AND YOUR FIRST-YEAR CHECKLIST

Getting started at the UW doesn't come with an instruction manual, but the Husky Guide comes pretty close. As you read this guide, you will see that its content aligns with the items on your First-Year Checklist. Completing this "to-do list" as you go through the guide will help ensure an easy transition into your first year.

To view an electronic version of this guide, visit fyp.uw.edu/huskyguide.

KNOW YOUR LINGO

COMMON UW TERMS

A&H	Arts & Humanities	OFSL	Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life
A&O	Advising & Orientation	OGR	Office of Government Relations
A&S	College of Arts & Sciences	OMA&D	Office of Minority Affairs & Diversity
ASP	Academic Support Programs	OSFA	Office of Student Financial Aid
ASUW	Associated Students of the University of Washington	OSVL	Office of Student Veteran Life
CAMP	College Assistance Migrant Program	OUR	Office of the University Registrar
CELE	Community Engagement and Leadership Education	PHA	Panhellenic Association
CIRCLE	Center for International Relations & Cultural Leadership Exchange	PHE	Peer Health Educator
CLUE	Center for Learning and Undergraduate Enrichment	RA	Resident Adviser
CSSC	Community Standards & Student Conduct	RCG	Regional Connection Groups
CTC	Commuter & Transfer Commons	ROTC	Reserve Officers' Training Corps
DRS	Disability Resources for Students	RSN	Reasoning
ECC	Ethnic Cultural Center	RSO	Registered Student Organization
E-FIG	Engineering First-year Interest Group	SAF	Services & Activities Fee
EFS	Early Fall Start	SAO	Student Activities Office
EOP	Educational Opportunity Program	SEVIS	Student and Exchange Visitor Information System
EPE	Engineering Peer Educator	SFC	Student Food Cooperative
EXPD	Center for Experiential Learning and Diversity	SFS	Student Fiscal Services
FAFSA	Free Application for Federal Student Aid	SLN	Schedule Line Number
FIG	First-year Interest Group	SORC	Student Organization Resource Center
FYP	First Year Programs	SPD	Seattle Police Department
GPSS	Graduate & Professional Student Senate	SSc	Social Sciences
HFS	Housing & Food Services	STF	Student Technology Fee
HLI	Husky Leadership Initiative	TA	Teaching Assistant
HUB	Husky Union Building	TRIO	Federal programs for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds
IFC	Interfraternity Council	UAA	Undergraduate Academic Affairs
IMA	Intramural Activities Building	UW	University of Washington or "U Dub"
ISS	International Student Services	UWL	UW Leaders
MGC	Multicultural Greek Council	UWPD	UW Police Department
NPHC	National Pan-Hellenic Council	VOL	Virtual Orientation Leader
NSc	Natural Sciences	WAC	Waterfront Activities Center
NSEOF	New Student Enrollment and Orientation Fee		

HUSKY FOUNDATIONS

Husky Foundations is a self-paced online course. It is one of the required items on your First-Year Checklist.

Many of the topics in the Husky Foundations course build on the content in this guide and provide more details about what you need to know, do and expect in your first year.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Even before you arrive on campus, gain valuable information about academics at the UW with our online and video resources at fyp.uw.edu/orientation-resources.



FYP TEAM



WELCOME TO THE UW

The University of Washington expects you to be informed of the Student Conduct Code and be a responsible member of our community. Use these topics to ask questions about what it means to be a UW student. fyp.uw.edu/expectations

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

We expect you to practice high standards of academic and professional honesty and integrity as defined in Student Conduct Code WAC 478-121-107. In doing so, you will be part of a vibrant intellectual community striving for academic excellence. Huskies have integrity.

→ **What does it mean to have integrity as a first-year student at the UW?**

ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT

To be successful, instructors expect you to commit yourself to being present and engaged both in the classroom and with outside studies, assignments and activities. There are an incredible number of staff and resources available to support your journey, and we expect you as a student to ask for help when you need it.

→ **How do you define being present and engaged in your classroom?**

COMMUNITY AND COMPASSION

You are joining a community with a long-standing and growing commitment to equity, inclusion and diversity. We expect you to be aware of your own biases and seek to understand the perspectives of others. You will experience many ways to make connections and build your own community and support network, both in person and online.

→ **How will you engage in fostering community for yourself?**

CO-CURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT

Your academics are an important part of your time at the UW, but they are only one part of the picture. We expect you to engage in co-curricular involvement, which can include part-time jobs, internships, community-service opportunities, tutoring students, getting involved with research and more.

→ **What is one area you want to explore in your first quarter at the UW?**
→ **How will you engage in outside studies, assignments and activities?**

ETHICAL CONDUCT

You will find yourself in unique situations that require you to act ethically and with the utmost integrity. We expect that you hold not only yourself, but also your peers, to the highest standards of ethical conduct and consider a variety of perspectives when making decisions.

→ **Who can you go to for support and advice when faced with a dilemma?**

DID YOU KNOW?

Before you arrive on campus, you are expected to read the Student Conduct Code. fyp.uw.edu/hgcodeofconduct

FIRST GEN AT THE UW

Are you the first one in your family to go to college? Here are a few tips to begin your journey:

- 1. You already have a built-in network: your departmental or pre-major adviser.** Meet with them frequently at first, as your advisers can help you start to expand your network by connecting you to people in your unique areas of interest.
- 2. Research and utilize your resources.** The UW has resources for so many things — and a lot of them are here in this guide — but it is up to you to tap into them. Seek out resources that align with your academic and extracurricular interests and values, as well as resources that are important to navigating college life, such as financial aid (check out pages 12 and 13).
- 3. Ask questions in class and visit the office hours of your professors and teaching assistants.** They can help you with course materials, and you will stand out as someone who cares about the course and your grade.
- 4. Continue to use the same mindset that helped you become a Husky.** Now that you are at the UW and part of our rich campus community, use your first-gen initiative to take advantage of the resources at your fingertips. Your lived experience is a strength—what else can you accomplish on your path to graduation?

◆◆◆ **CELEBRATE FIRST GEN** ◆◆◆
National 1st-Generation College Celebration | November 8
Bothell | Seattle | Tacoma

Learn about what it means to be first gen and explore resources. firstgen.uw.edu

Celebrate with us! uw.edu/diversity/national-first-gen-day

DISCOVER YOUR UW TRADITIONS

Participating in UW traditions will help you feel close with your Husky community and make new friends. Here are some fun traditions to join as you begin your first year. Learn more at fyp.uw.edu/traditions





CAMPUS LIFE AND ENGAGEMENT

COMMUTE OPTIONS

For 30 years the U-PASS has made the University of Washington more accessible by providing affordable transit choices to UW students and staff.

A week before the quarter starts, your U-PASS will be activated and ready for use on your Husky Card. You will be able to access bus and transit options through King County Metro, Community Transit, Pierce Transit, Kitsap Transit, Everett Transit and Sound Transit, including the Link light rail and Sounder commuter trains. Find more information at transportation.uw.edu.

DID YOU KNOW?

More than 80% of commute trips to campus are made without a personal vehicle.

The First-Year Checklist outlines to-do items related to topics here, such as:

- Submit your Husky Card photo
- Visit the Commuter & Transfer Commons
- Plan your commute to campus
- Tap your U-PASS
- Register your valuables
- Enroll in The Pack Rewards
- Review the Husky Experience Toolkit
- Purchase Dawg Pack tickets for UW football and basketball games
- Learn about opportunities to get involved with Associated Students of UW (ASUW)



Q CENTER: LGBTQ+ RESOURCES

The Q Center has proudly served LGBTQ+ students, staff and faculty on the UW Seattle campus for almost 20 years. The Q Center works to foster a brave, affirming and inclusive community that celebrates all gender and sexual identities.

Through programs, resources and support, the Q Center empowers students and staff to thrive—personally, socially and academically.

Guided by values of justice, respect and liberation, the Q Center is a space where people can find connection and the freedom to be their authentic selves.

The Q Center is located in the Husky Union Building, on the third floor across from the elevator (HUB 315). Learn more about the Q Center at sites.uw.edu/qcenter.

HOUSING & FOOD SERVICES

Our goal is to support you and provide you with the tools to succeed. Keep the following information to help you navigate the #HuskyHome on-campus living experience. Learn more at hfs.uw.edu/housing.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Aug. 31, 2025 • Fall quarter dining funds available
- Sept. 8, 2025 • 12-month fall quarter dining funds available
- Sept. 16, 2025 • 9-month fall quarter dining funds available
- Nov. 30, 2025 • Agreement termination notice deadline for winter quarter
- Nov. 30, 2025 • Winter quarter dining account level change deadline
- Jan. 4, 2026 • Winter quarter dining funds available
- Jan. 31, 2026 • Agreement termination notice deadline for spring quarter
- Feb. 28, 2026 • Spring quarter dining account level change deadline
- March 29, 2026 • Spring quarter dining funds available
- Early April 2026 • Returning residents apply for 2026-2027 housing
- June 13, 2026, at noon (9-month) • Any money remaining in your dining account is forfeited
- Aug. 22, 2026, at noon (12-month) • Any money remaining in your dining account is forfeited

MOVE-IN/MOVE-OUT DATES

- Sept. 8, 2025, time varies • 12-month apartment move-in: time assigned by HFS
- Sept. 16-18, 2025, time varies • Residence hall move-in: time assigned by HFS
- June 13, 2026, at noon • 9-month residents move-out
- Aug. 22, 2026, at noon • 12-month apartment move-out

PAYMENT DUE DATES

- Oct. 10, 2025 • Fall quarter housing payment due
- Jan. 23, 2026 • Winter quarter housing payment due
- April 17, 2026 • Spring quarter housing payment due
- Monthly (1st day of the month) • 12-month housing payment due

DID YOU KNOW...

Husky Card Account funds can be used for on-campus:

- Dining
- Shopping
- Dawg Prints

Additionally, save money by accessing card discounts. fyp.uw.edu/hgcard





SUSTAINABILITY & RECYCLING

UW Sustainability

We encourage and coordinate green efforts. Find dozens of student groups and more at sustainability.uw.edu.

Campus Sustainability Fund (CSF)

The CSF, funded and run by students, supports student-led projects advancing justice-centered sustainability while fostering collective learning and resource sharing. csf.uw.edu

Waste on Campus

You'll see three bins on campus: compost, recycling and landfill. Learn how to sort it all out and make an impact. uwrecycling.com

Huskies for Equitable Sustainability

Huskies for Equitable Sustainability (HuES) is an opportunity for all students to learn about and engage in sustainability efforts. sustainability.uw.edu/hues



Use the Scout app to find places to study and eat on campus. scout.uw.edu/seattle



JOIN A FIRST-YEAR COMMUNITY

There are several ways to get connected to campus while taking classes and beginning your first quarter. As a first-year, consider focusing on the areas below, and learn more at fyp.uw.edu/hgcommunity.

The First-Year Checklist outlines to-do items related to topics here, such as:

- Make your Dawg Daze schedule
- Explore the Registered Student Organization directory
- Check out official UW departments on social media
- Attend a virtual International Husky Welcome session for your region
- Join Regional Connection Group (RCG) chats to connect with new Huskies
- Complete the Immigration Check-In with ISS



CONNECT WITH THE UW

by taking classes and attending events based on your interests.



FIND A MENTOR

through a Registered Student Organization (RSO).



BUILD YOUR COMMUNITY

through a First-year Interest Group (FIG) or a First-Year Network.

FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE

Membership in a fraternity/sorority provides more than you might think — the decision to join can impact all facets of your collegiate experience. The UW's Greek community comprises 55 chapters with over 4,000 active members in four councils: Interfraternity Council, Multicultural Greek Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, and the Panhellenic Association.

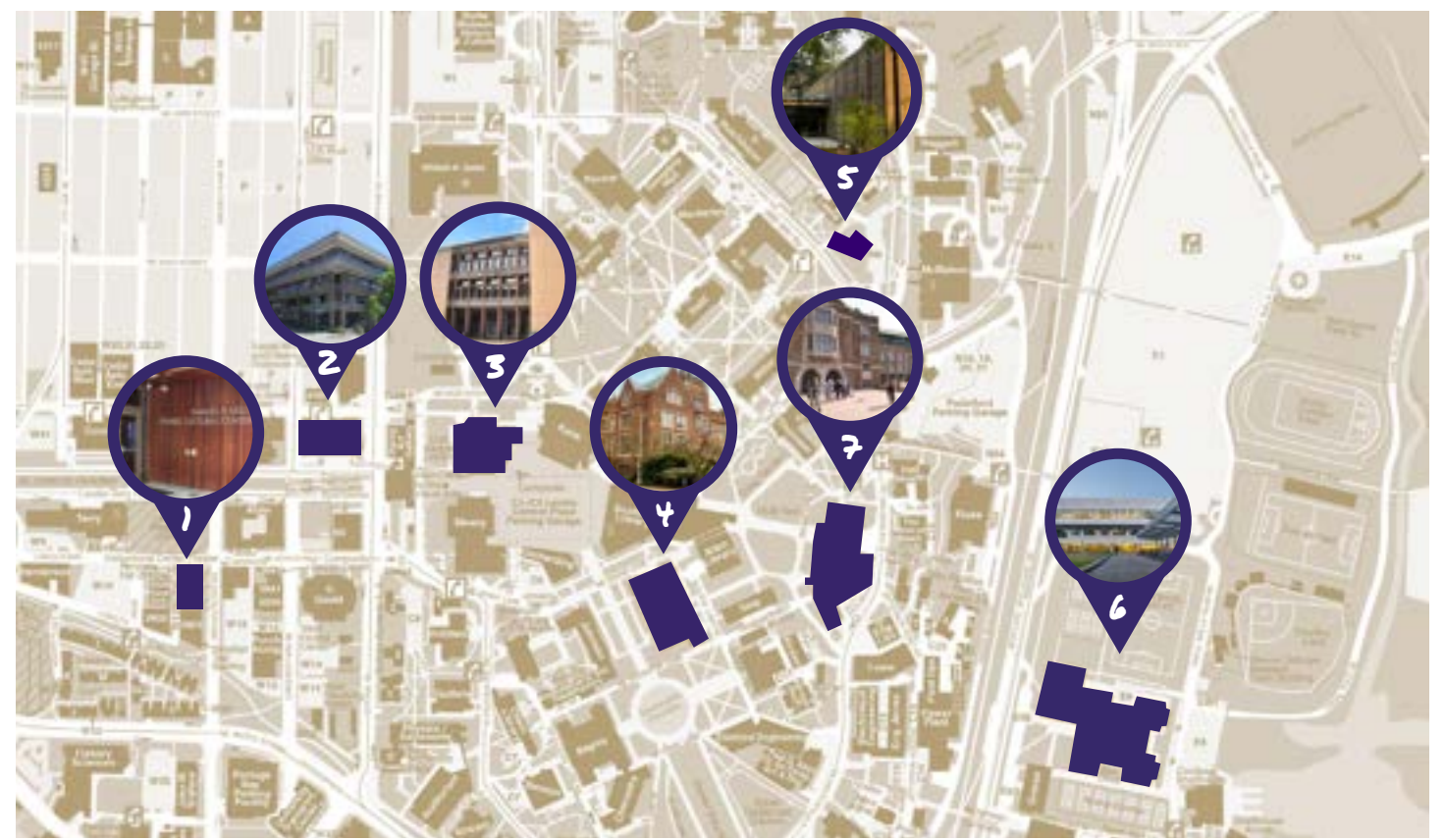
See your First-Year Checklist to learn more about the membership experience and joining process and connect with current students during A&O. fyp.uw.edu/hggreek

CREATE YOUR COMMUNITY

Do you have a passion or identity but are having trouble finding a community that reflects it? You can create your own community by registering a Student Organization, getting involved in Student Government, or developing a connection with an SAO Adviser. hub.washington.edu/get-involved/sao

SEVEN WAYS TO FIND YOUR PLACE

The UW has several physical spaces that you should know as a student. Plan to visit these spaces when you come to campus to find your place and thrive in your first year.



1. SAMUEL E. KELLY ETHNIC CULTURAL CENTER

Attend cultural events to engage with our community and enhance your leadership skills. Visit the wellness room, serenity space, social justice library and Leadership Without Borders. depts.uw.edu/ecc

2. SCHMITZ HALL

Get answers about your tuition and financial aid questions, explore study abroad, or make a counseling appointment with a therapist. Get advice from International Student Services (ISS) and chat with the Center for International Relations & Cultural Leadership Exchange (CIRCLE).

3. ODEGAARD LIBRARY

Get writing and research help, reserve study rooms, check out course textbooks and use the computer labs! The library also offers a computer-vet help desk, a sound studio and the undergraduate book collection. lib.uw.edu/ougl

4. MARY GATES HALL

Explore the following offices to succeed in your first year:

- Academic Counseling Services within the Office of Minority Affairs & Diversity (OMA&D) washington.edu/omad
- Academic Support Programs (CLUE tutoring and academic success coaching) academicsupport.washington.edu
- Career & Internship Center careers.uw.edu

5. wə'təb?əltx^w INTELLECTUAL HOUSE

A gathering space for American Indian/Alaska Native students, faculty and staff, as well as others from various cultures and communities, to come together in a welcoming environment to share knowledge. Visit the Intellectual House to find academic and cultural student programming. uw.edu/omad/intellectual-house

6. UW RECREATION

Stay active at the Intramural Activities Building (IMA). Rock climb at Crag; rent equipment from the Gear Garage; swim at the 14-lane pool; explore with UWild Adventures; visit the Golf Range, Waterfront Activities Center and Massage Clinic; learn sports skills and martial arts; and participate in intramural sports, sports clubs, personal training, and fitness and mindfulness classes. uw.edu/ima

7. HUSKY UNION BUILDING (HUB)

Get involved with ASUW, GPSS or an RSO. Find cultural/identity spaces (Q Center, D Center, Student Veteran Life, CTC). Play games (bowling, pool, table tennis, esports), and discover the bike shop, banking and ATMs, the Husky Den Food Court and University Book Store. [@hubatuw](https://hubatuw)

- Center for Experiential Learning and Diversity expd.uw.edu
- Community Engagement & Leadership Education (CELE) Center cele.uw.edu
- First Year Programs fyp.uw.edu
- Office of Undergraduate Research uw.edu/undergradresearch
- UAA Advising advising.uw.edu



HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

HUSKY HEALTH CENTER

The Husky Health Center (HHC) is your home for all your general health needs while you are a student at the UW. Treating everything from sore throats to sports injuries, it is your convenient and centrally located resource for primary care, sports medicine, physical therapy, free nurse advice, OB/GYN care, immunizations, travel medicine, lab work, X-rays and much more.

As a member of the renowned UW Medicine system, the clinic offers diverse care options and is a fantastic resource for students as they transition to oversee their own medical care. HHC highly recommends that all students set up an account on MyChart before beginning their first quarter so that they can access resources as soon as they arrive.



Scan this code or follow the link below to activate MyChart at the Husky Health Center today!

mychart.uwmedicine.org

Huskies also love to take advantage of bargain prices at Rubenstein Pharmacy and a variety of safer-sex supplies like free condoms and lube, supplied by Husky Health. Be sure to ask about all the health benefits you receive at HHC as a fee-paying student at the UW!

huskyhealth.uw.edu

COUNSELING CENTER

The UW Counseling Center offers multiple options for students seeking help coping with stress and mental health concerns. These include individual counseling, group counseling, workshops and several other programs. Students who are currently enrolled in degree-seeking programs at the Seattle campus are eligible for our Counseling Center services.

Visit mentalhealth.uw.edu for more details.

SAFECAMPUS

SafeCampus' mission is to foster a safe and supportive UW community. Call SafeCampus, no matter where you work or study, to anonymously discuss safety and well-being concerns for yourself or others. We'll listen to your concerns to provide guidance, tailored safety plans and resources. Often students call regarding stalking, sexual assault, suicide concerns, violence concerns and other types of bullying/harassment.

uw.edu/safecampus

The First-Year Checklist outlines to-do items related to topics here, such as:

- **Activate your Husky Health Center MyChart account**
- **Understand your insurance and how to access healthcare affordably**
- **Add your cell phone number to the UW Alert system**
- **Download the SafeZone app**
- **Complete the Husky Prevention & Response online course**
- **Explore resources for mental health support**
- **Check out the NightRide shuttle and Husky SafeTrip services**

LIVEWELL

UW LiveWell: Center for Advocacy & Health Promotion works with students to develop the knowledge and skills to make informed decisions about their health and well-being. LiveWell's free services include alcohol and other drug education and consultations, recovery support, basic needs navigation support, suicide intervention, sexual assault and relationship violence confidential support, peer health education workshops and programs, and one-on-one Peer Wellness Coaching appointments. To learn more and schedule an appointment, visit the LiveWell website. livewell.uw.edu



Peer Wellness Coaching

This wheel highlights the interconnected nature of our well-being, teaching us the importance of developing lifelong skills to manage difficult situations, build resiliency and thrive. If you are looking to improve your skills and knowledge about an aspect of your well-being, schedule with a Peer Wellness Coach for 1-1 support! Peer Wellness Coaching is free, easily accessible and has same-week availability. livewell.uw.edu/pwc

LiveWell Confidential Advocates

For students impacted by sexual assault, relationship violence or stalking, the best way to protect your confidentiality and get access to help and support is to connect with a LiveWell Confidential Advocate. LiveWell's Confidential Advocates offer support by providing information on available resources, reporting options, and trauma-informed medical and mental health care. To learn more or to schedule an appointment, please visit the LiveWell website. livewell.uw.edu/survivor-support-advocacy

TITLE IX

Title IX is a federal gender-equity law prohibiting sex- and gender-based discrimination in education programs and activities. Sexual assault, sexual harassment, relationship violence and stalking are among the forms of discrimination UW policy prohibits. If you experience one of these forms of violence or harassment, you have the right to request supportive measures and access available resources, regardless of whether you wish to request a university investigation or alternative resolution process. You also have the right to report the incident to the University or the police.

Submitting an online Title IX report will connect you with a case manager who will explain supportive measures and resolution options, and provide referrals to additional resources. If you are seeking confidential support, or are not yet sure if you want the University to know about your experience, a Confidential Advocate is a good place to start.

Title IX Coordinator: Valery Richardson | titleix@uw.edu | 206-221-7932 | uw.edu/titleix

NAVIGATING SUPPORT SYSTEMS

If you are seeking confidential support, safety planning or resources for healing:

LiveWell Confidential Advocates
livewell.uw.edu/survivor-support-advocacy

If you are seeking supportive measures, want to learn about resolution options, or want the University to be aware of a situation:

Title IX Case Manager
uw.edu/titleix/report

If you want to report to the police (for incidents that occurred on the UW campus in Seattle):

UW Police Department
911 or 206-685-8973 (non-emergency)
police.uw.edu

If you want to report to the police (for incidents that occurred in the City of Seattle):

Seattle Police Department
911 or 206-625-5011 (non-emergency)
seattle.gov/police



FINANCIAL RESOURCES

The First-Year Checklist outlines to-do items related to topics here, such as:

- Set up direct deposit with Student Fiscal Services
- Create a UW Handshake account
- Build a budget
- Make a deposit to your Husky Card account

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Emergency Aid: Emergency aid is available for the unpredictable or unexpected costs that cause significant stress and impact academic success and personal well-being. uw.edu/emergencyaid

Financial Aid Food Security Grant: Through the Office of Student Financial Aid, students can apply for a \$100 grant that goes directly on their Husky Card and can be used to purchase food at any on-campus vendor. fyp.uw.edu/hggetfood

Financial Aid Office: Talk to a financial aid counselor to see if adjustments can be made to your financial aid and find other options for help. finaid.uw.edu | 206-543-6101

Food Pantry: Provides students who experience food insecurity access to shelf-stable food, fresh produce and ready-to-eat items at no cost — just bring your Husky ID. uw.edu/anyhungryhusky

DO YOU NEED A JOB?

On-campus hiring occurs year-round, and there are a few central websites where on-campus jobs are listed.

Handshake is a great platform to find on-campus opportunities. It connects students with employers, both domestic and international, for your next incredible internship or employment opportunity.

Work-study is a great way to help pay for your education while gaining invaluable experience by working part-time.

Explore the websites below and start your search early.

UW Handshake
uw.joinhandshake.com

UW Housing & Food Services
fyp.washington.edu/hghfs

Work-study positions
fyp.uw.edu/hgworkstudy

UW Libraries
fyp.washington.edu/hglibrary



REMINDER: NEXT YEAR'S PRIORITY FAFSA/WASFA DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15, 2026.

SCHOLARSHIPS

UW students are competitive for scholarships supporting a wide range of pursuits. Take advantage of the following resources to support your scholarship search:

Office of Student Financial Aid Scholarship Information

Provides information and resources for need- and merit-based scholarships. fyp.uw.edu/hgscholarship

Office of Merit Scholarships, Fellowships and Awards

Supports students in identifying and applying competitively for scholarships that advance their goals. expd.uw.edu/scholarships

Mary Gates Endowment for Students

Scholarships to help students become independent learners and community leaders. expd.uw.edu/mge

Reserve Officer Training Corps

Merit-based scholarships that cover full tuition, a book allowance and a monthly stipend. afrotc.uw.edu

Send private scholarship checks to this address:

University of Washington Scholarships
PO Box 24967
Seattle, WA 98124
Please include your name and ID number.

WHEN IS TUITION DUE?

ON THE 3RD FRIDAY OF THE QUARTER

Payments must be received by Student Fiscal Services no later than the tuition due date. Mark all the important add/drop dates on your calendar. fyp.uw.edu/hgdates

Please note: Financial aid generally begins disbursing one week prior to the first day of the quarter.

OCT. 10
AUTUMN 2025

JAN. 23
WINTER 2026

APR. 17
SPRING 2026

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FINANCIAL AID

Should I apply for financial aid?

Yes, if you think you need help paying for college, we strongly encourage you to apply. There is no “income cutoff” or other simple method of determining whether you will qualify for need-based financial aid. In general terms, “financial need” is defined as the difference between what it costs you to attend school and what you and your family can afford to pay.

What are the various types of financial aid?

There are three main types of financial aid, based on your eligibility: grants/scholarships, which are considered “gift aid” and do not have to be repaid; work study, which allows you to work part-time on or off campus; and loans, which you borrow now and repay after graduating or dropping below half-time enrollment.

What costs can I use financial aid for during my enrollment at the UW?

You can use financial aid to cover expenses that are related to your education, such as tuition and fees, books/supplies, living expenses (on and off campus), transportation and other personal expenses you may incur.

How much will I need to borrow?

That depends on how long it takes to complete your degree, your eligibility for other aid besides loans and your personal spending habits. In 2020–21, 34% of UW undergraduates had debt at graduation. These students graduated with an average cumulative loan debt of \$20,793. This is below the national average of \$30,000 borrowed at public schools.

Why do I need loans? Can't I just use other forms of aid?

Of course, loans should be your last resort for paying for school. However, we do not have enough funds to award grants to all of you, so we end up awarding some loans to help you meet your financial need. We encourage students to fully utilize grants, scholarships and employment wages before considering loans. However, if you do need to fill a financial gap, you can decide how much or how little you want to borrow in loans. You can always repay your loans early, too, without penalty.

Who can I talk to about my financial aid options?

There are multiple ways you can connect with a Student Financial Aid Counselor: Call 206-543-6101 during our phone service hours, email us at osfa@uw.edu, or visit finaid.uw.edu.



ACADEMIC RESOURCES

FINDING ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Academic success includes reaching out for support early in your first year. Below are common support areas most UW students connect with early on. academicsupport.uw.edu

ACADEMIC COACHING

Meet with peer academic success coaches who provide support to develop study strategies and work with you to create a personalized plan for your academic goals.

TUTORING

The Center for Learning and Undergraduate Enrichment (CLUE) provides drop-in tutoring and exam reviews for specific subjects facilitated by peer tutors. Connect with peers in these programs and ask questions in a supportive environment.

WRITING CENTERS

Receive individual support at any stage of the writing process, including technical and career writing. Peer writing tutors are available at the Odegaard Writing & Research Center.

STUDY CENTERS

Informal study spaces for specific subject areas. These spaces can include support from teaching assistants, departmental advisers, and peers. Explore all the study centers on campus: fyp.uw.edu/hgcenters

MAINTAINING ACADEMIC INTEGRITY COMMUNITY STANDARDS + STUDENT CONDUCT

- Take pride in doing your own work. You worked hard to be here, and we believe in you and your capabilities to be academically successful.
- Make a plan that allows ample time for all your assignments, studying and exams. This helps ensure that the pressure of deadlines does not lead you to engage in cheating.
- Check your syllabus for specifics on what your instructor expects of you. There may be expectations that one class has and another does not.
- Learn how to be a successful Husky and make a positive impact at the UW by reviewing the Student Conduct Code. fyp.uw.edu/hgcodeofconduct

Artificial intelligence (AI), such as ChatGPT, can offer opportunities for learning. Also, its use could be misconduct. Check with your professor about appropriate AI use.

The First-Year Checklist outlines to-do items related to topics here, such as:

- Create a plan to build your college study skills
- Know the tutoring spaces on campus
- Check the course reserves for textbooks
- Read the UW-IT Quick-Start Guide
- Learn about UW Libraries resources
- Review the Office of Undergraduate Research resources
- Transfer your Individual Education Plan (IEP) or 504
- Review the UW Equivalency Guide
- Review credits for exams (AP, IB, A-Level)
- Check your degree audit
- Visit the Student Technology Loan Program

CONNECT WITH ACADEMIC ADVISING

As you prepare to meet advisers and register for classes at your Advising & Orientation session, consider the following:

FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

- Learn about General Education and why it is important. fyp.uw.edu/hggened
- Ask yourself: How can I be intentional and flexible about my course choices?
- Ask yourself: How can I use my first quarter courses to explore my interests both inside and outside the classroom?
- Practice using course registration and planning tools such as MyUW, Register.UW, and DARS.
- Learn how to identify prerequisite coursework for majors. fyp.uw.edu/hgchooseamajor
- Review student evaluations in the course evaluation catalog. uw.edu/cec
- Be strategic about planning your course schedule; discover interesting courses and majors. dawgpath.uw.edu
- Looking for more guidance? Check out the first-year advising guide for tips on how to navigate your first year. advising.uw.edu/guides/first-year

TRANSFER STUDENTS

- Learn the requirements for your intended major(s) and understand the department application/declaration process.
- Check to see if all your credits have transferred from your previous institution.
- To understand how the credits from your previous institution apply toward your UW degree, run a degree audit (DARS). uw.edu/students/reg/dars
- Ask your academic adviser how the Satisfactory Progress Policy will impact your timeline. fyp.uw.edu/hgsatprog
- Plan for first quarter registration: Ensure you have a balanced schedule and register for the courses you need.
 - Course 1: _____
 - Course 2: _____
 - Course 3: _____
 - Course 4: _____
- Looking for more guidance? Check out the transfer student advising guide for tips on how to navigate your first year. advising.uw.edu/guides/transfer

ACCESSING YOUR STUDENT RECORDS

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

FERPA is a federal law that governs the use of student educational records. Students have full access to their academic records by logging into their MyUW account, but access is limited or restricted to others, including parents and family members.

registrar.washington.edu/students/ferpa

The following offices have individual processes to authorize users to view student information:

- Financial information (students must log in with their UW NetID): fyp.uw.edu/hgrelease
- Housing: fyp.uw.edu/hgreleasehfs
- Medical: fyp.uw.edu/hgreleasemed



DISABILITY RESOURCES

DISABILITY RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS (DRS)

Helps students find disability-related accommodations. Mary Gates Hall 011 | fyp.uw.edu/hgdrs

DISABILITY AND DEAF CULTURAL CENTER (D CENTER)

A space where students can foster community at the UW and beyond.

HUB 327 | fyp.uw.edu/hgdcenter





BRINGING CREDIT INTO THE UW

Generally, college-level credit brought into the UW will contribute to the 180 credits required for graduation. The following tools and information will help you understand how your credit will count toward your degree.

INTERPRETING COURSE EQUIVALENCIES

SPECIFIC EQUIVALENCY

Many transfer courses are listed with a specific UW course equivalency and are found at the top of your unofficial UW transcript.

EXAMPLE BIO A 201 (5)

This community college course is offered for five credits and is designated as equivalent to a specific UW course, BIO A 201, which is also offered for five credits. The course meets the Natural Sciences (NSc) component of UW graduation requirements.

NOT A SPECIFIC EQUIVALENCY

A 1XX or 2XX instead of a course number indicates that the course credit transfers but is not equivalent to a specific course at the UW. 1XX indicates transfer courses offered at the 100 level; 2XX indicates courses offered at the 200 level.

EXAMPLE UW 1XX

The course is considered an interdepartmental course, as the UW does not have an equivalent department. The course is assigned the generic UW 1XX equivalency and may be used toward general graduation requirements as appropriate.

EXAMPLE BIOL 2XX

Content is not equivalent to a specific UW course but does generally correspond to a specific UW program. In this case, the biology program accepts the course for credit.

COURSES TAKEN AS PART OF A SEQUENCE

In some cases, you must complete an entire sequence of courses at your transfer institution to be awarded specific UW course equivalencies. If only one or two courses are completed, then the credit is usually awarded as departmental 1XX or 2XX.

EXAMPLE CHEM 152,162 (5,6) if both courses taken; otherwise, CHEM 1XX

In this example, both chemistry courses must be completed to earn the UW equivalencies; if only one course is completed, then the credit is usually awarded as departmental 1XX or 2XX.

DID YOU KNOW?

A student's class standing is determined by the total number of credits earned, not by the number of years of college attendance or by the completion of an associate's degree.

FRESHMAN = 0-44 CREDITS

SOPHOMORE = 45-89 CREDITS

JUNIOR = 90-134 CREDITS

SENIOR AND BEYOND = 135+ CREDITS

ARE YOU MISSING CREDITS?

If you have college credit that you don't see on your unofficial transcript in your MyUW portal, please review the following steps:



ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGY

ESSENTIAL SITES

my.uw.edu MyUW is the front portal of University of Washington for anybody with a UW NetID. Access the web resources you need to fulfill your goals at the University.

register.uw Register.UW helps you create an academic plan for next quarter, next year, or all the way to graduation; audit your progress; discover which courses you may need to complete your degree; and share plans with your adviser.

dawgpath.uw.edu DawgPath is a web application that can help you manage your course load, discover interesting courses and majors, and connect with your adviser.

it.uw.edu Your comprehensive portal for IT tools, software, services, and resources to support your success at the UW.

uw.edu/mobile Mobile UW brings the mobile apps for a wide range of UW services to your fingertips.

washington.edu/calendar The UW Event Calendar shows listings for events, performances, lectures, exhibits and more on all three campuses.

notify.uw.edu Notify.UW sends notifications about course availability. Subscribe to courses you are interested in and choose to be notified via email and/or SMS text message when a seat opens up.

LEARNING TOOLS

canvas.uw.edu Canvas is the official learning-management system of the UW, used in many UW courses.

uw.hosted.panopto.com Panopto is the UW-IT-supported lecture-capture solution, allowing for easy recording and viewing of videos from courses, lectures and presentations.

polleverywhere.com Poll Everywhere brings interactive learning to UW classes and is the official audience-response system of the UW.

stlp.uw.edu The Student Technology Loan Program allows you to borrow laptops, tablets, audiovisual tools and accessories for free.

GET CONNECTED

fyp.uw.edu/hggetconnected Wireless internet access is available throughout most buildings on campus and some outdoor areas around campus. Wired internet access is available in all residence rooms, and Husky OnNet provides a secure temporary connection to the UW network from off campus.

itconnect.uw.edu/uware Download essential software from UW-IT's software catalog and discover online productivity tools available to empower your academic career.

itconnect.uw.edu/email You have two basic options for email: Forward UW email to a personal email inbox, or use an email service offered through the UW, either UW Gmail or UW Exchange Online.

scout.uw.edu Scout helps students at the University of Washington find campus study spaces, places to eat on campus and tech items that meet specific criteria.

AUTUMN 2025

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/SUNDAY
1	SEPTEMBER 22 Dawg Daze September 17-26	23	24 Instruction begins	25	26	27-28
2	29	Last day to change registration without fee 30	OCTOBER 1	2	3	4-5
3	6	7	8	9	Tuition due 10	11-12
4	13	14	15	16	17	18-19
5	20	21	22	23	24	25-26
6	27	28	29	30	31	NOVEMBER 1-2
7	3	4	5	6	7	8-9
8	10	Veterans Day 11	12	13	14	15-16
9	17	18	19	20	21	22-23
10	24	25	26	Thanksgiving 27	Native American Heritage Day 28	29-30
11	DECEMBER 1	2	3	4	Last day of instruction 5	6-7
12	8	9	10	11	Last day of autumn S/NS* deadline 12	Final exams Dec. 6-12 13-14 Winter Break through Jan. 4

WINTER 2026

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/SUNDAY
1	JANUARY 5 Instruction begins	6	7	8	9	11: Last day to change registration without fee 10-11
2	12	13	14	15	16	17-18
3	Martin Luther King Jr. Day 19	20	21	22	Tuition due 23	24-25
4	26	27	28	29	30	FEBRUARY 31-1
5	2	3	4	5	6	7-8
6	9	10	11	12	13	14-15
7	Presidents' Day 16	17	18	19	20	21-22
8	23	24	25	26	27	MARCH 28-1
9	2	3	4	5	6	7-8
10	9	10	11	12	Last day of instruction 13	14-15
11	16	17	18	19	Last day of winter S/NS* deadline 20	Final exams Mar. 14-20 21-22 Spring Break through March 29

SPRING 2026

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/SUNDAY
1	MARCH 30 Instruction begins	31	APRIL 1	2	3	5: Last day to change registration without fee 4-5
2	6	7	8	9	10	11-12
3	13	14	15	16	Tuition due 17	18-19
4	20	21	22	23	24	25-26
5	27	28	29	30	MAY 1	2-3
6	4	5	6	7	8	9-10
7	11	12	13	14	15	16-17
8	18	19	20	21	22	23-24
9	Memorial Day 25	26	27	28	29	30-31
10	JUNE 1	2	3	4	Last day of instruction 5	6-7
11	8	9	10	11	Last day of spring S/NS* deadline 12	Final exams June 6-12 13-14 13: Commencement

SUMMER 2026

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/SUNDAY
1	JUNE 22 A-term and full-term instruction begins	23	24	25	26	28: Last day to change full- and A-term registration without fee 27-28
2	29	30	JULY 1	2	3	4-5 4: Independence Day
3	6	7	8	9	Tuition due 10	11-12
4	13	14	15	16	17	18-19
5	20	21	Last day of A-term/S/NS* deadline 22	Instruction begins B-term 23	24	25-26
6	27	28	Last day to change B-term registration without fee 29	30	31	AUGUST 1-2
7	3	4	5	6	7	8-9
8	10	11	12	13	14	15-16
9	17	18	19	20	Last day of full-term & B-term/S/NS* deadline 21	Autumn Break through Sept. 29 22-23

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The most up-to-date calendar can be found at fyp.uw.edu/hgdates.

*You may choose to have a numerically graded course graded as Satisfactory/Non-Satisfactory (S/NS): registrar.washington.edu/students/goc

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