



The School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences at the University of Washington Tacoma prepares diverse students to contribute to a complex multicultural society and encourages sustainable citizenship at the local, national, and global levels. Using an interdisciplinary approach to knowledge, inquiry, and problem-solving, students learn to create, analyze, and express themselves in ways that enhance their own development, their sense of community within human and natural environments, their ability to deal with problems of injustice and inequality, and their dedication to positive change.

- UW Tacoma's original – established in 1990—and largest program with 18 areas of study and more than 1,100 students enrolled.
- New degree in Biomedical Sciences is one of the fastest-growing programs at UW Tacoma.

**SIAS SCHOLARSHIPS:**

- James F. Brown Endowed Scholarship
- Mary Cline Memorial Research Award
- Lori Lynn Furlong Distinguished Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship
- Dolph S. Kleiner Memorial Scholarship
- Tim Quandt Memorial Endowed Student Support Fund
- Michael & Margaret Kalton Endowed Scholarship
- MultiCare Biomedical Sciences Scholarship
- Rohrer First Generation Scholarship
- Sandra Sarr MacDonald Undergraduate Arts Fund
- School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences Scholarship Fund
- Carol Van Natta Graduate Research Fund

**QUICK FACTS**



**2,749**

Enrolled student headcount

**1,541** Undergraduate pre-majors

**1,176** Undergraduate majors  
*Culture, Arts & Communications (216)*  
*Science & Mathematics (443)*  
*Politics, Philosophy & Public Affairs (169)*  
*Social & Historical Studies (109)*  
*Social, Behavioral & Human Sciences (239)*

**13** Graduate students (MA)

**57%** Female **43%** Male

**36%** Underrepresented minorities

Caucasian.....36.3%  
 Asian American .....19.4%  
 Hispanic.....17.5%  
 Two or more races.....10.3%  
 African American .....9.9%  
 International.....2.1%  
 Not reported .....2.0%  
 Hawaiian/Pacific Islander....1.9%  
 American Indian.....<1%

**17%** Military-affiliated



**10,595** Alumni

Undergraduate degrees.....10,494  
 Graduate degrees.....184

DEAN  
**Anne Clark Bartlett, Ph.D.**

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DEGREES OFFERED  
**CULTURE, ARTS & COMMUNICATIONS**  
 AMERICAN STUDIES, BA  
 ARTS, MEDIA, AND CULTURE, BA  
 COMMUNICATIONS, BA  
 SPANISH LANGUAGE & CULTURE, BA  
 WRITING STUDIES, BA

**SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS**  
 BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES, BS  
 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, BS  
 ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY, BA  
 MATHEMATICS, BS

**POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY & PUBLIC AFFAIRS**  
 LAW AND POLICY, BA  
 POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY, & ECONOMICS, BA

**SOCIAL & HISTORICAL STUDIES**  
 ETHNIC, GENDER, AND LABOR STUDIES, BA  
 GLOBAL STUDIES (CONCENTRATION)  
 HISTORY, BA

**SOCIAL, BEHAVIORAL & HUMAN SCIENCES**  
 INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED (CONCENTRATION)  
 INTERDISCIPLINARY ARTS AND SCIENCES, BA  
 PSYCHOLOGY, BA

**MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES**

The academic year for FTE runs from summer through spring, while the academic year for degrees runs autumn through summer. All information shown is current as of Autumn Quarter 2020.



**AREAS OF FACULTY EXPERTISE (SELECTED)**

African-American literature  
 Agroecology  
 American and cultural studies  
 American history  
 American literature  
 American philosophy and metaphysics  
 Anthropology  
 Applied ecology  
 Art history, public history  
 Chinese language  
 Civil and environmental engineering  
 Clinical psychology  
 Community arts  
 Communication  
 Comparative literature  
 Comparative religion  
 Conservation biology  
 Creative writing  
 Developmental psychology  
 East Asian languages and civilization  
 Economics  
 Educational psychology  
 Environmental and aquatic chemistry  
 Evolution  
 Film studies  
 Geography  
 Gender  
 Geoscience, oceans and atmospheres  
 History  
 International development  
 Labor and ethnic studies  
 Latin American studies  
 Marine ecology  
 Marine invertebrates  
 Mathematical biology  
 Mexico  
 Modern European thought and culture  
 Pacific Rim studies  
 Philosophy  
 Plant-animal interactions  
 Political economy  
 Political science  
 Rhetoric  
 Sociology  
 Spanish, Portuguese, Latin American lit.  
 Studio arts  
 Third World development  
 Women studies  
 Writing studies

**STUDENT INTERNSHIPS  
& JOB PLACEMENT**

950 Art Gallery, Tacoma  
 Al Squared  
 Boys & Girls Club, Tacoma  
 Center for Dialogue and Resolution, Tacoma  
 Centro Latino, Tacoma  
 City of Olympia  
 City of Tacoma  
 Colectiva Legal del Pueblo, Burien  
 Fremont Abbey Arts Center  
 Human Centered Design & Engineering, University of Washington Seattle  
 Joint Base Lewis-McChord  
 Lydia Hawk Elementary School, Lacey  
 Mt. Rainier National Park  
 Museum of Glass Tacoma  
 Nine9Line Veteran Services, Lakewood  
 Northwest Immigration Rights Project, Tacoma  
 Orting School District  
 Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium, Tacoma  
 Premier Media, Tacoma  
 Salish Cancer Center, Fife  
 UW Medical Center  
 Somali Community Services of Seattle  
 Tacoma Pierce County Health Department  
 Explorer Media and Marketing  
 Workforce Central, Tacoma  
 Washington State University

**FACULTY DOCTORATES (SELECTED)**

Columbia University  
 Comenius University, Slovakia  
 Harvard University  
 Illinois State University  
 Indiana University  
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
 Northern Illinois University  
 Purdue University  
 Rutgers University  
 Stanford University  
 University of California, Berkeley  
 University of Chicago  
 University of Cincinnati  
 University of Delaware  
 Universitat Frankfurt  
 University of Illinois  
 University of Iowa  
 University of Massachusetts  
 University of Minnesota  
 University of Missouri - St. Louis  
 University of Oregon

**FACULTY**

Professors.....15  
 Associate Professors.....44  
 Assistant Professors.....22  
 Teaching Professors.....2  
 Associate Teaching Professors.....23  
 Assistant Teaching Professors.....18  
 Lecturers.....7

**STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS  
(SELECTED)**

- The Ledger (Student newspaper)
- Media Awareness Group
- Multicultural Student Association
- Pre-Law Society
- Project Earth
- Tahoma West (literary journal)

University of Oxford  
 University of Pennsylvania  
 University of Texas at Austin  
 University of Texas at El Paso  
 University of Toronto  
 University of Washington  
 University of Wisconsin – Madison  
 Yale University