YOU belong HERE

UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON | TACOMA
Admissions Guide 2022–2023
THE CITY IS YOUR
CAMPUS

As an urban serving university, we transform lives and our community.

tacoma.uw.edu
HYGGE (COZIEST) CITY IN AMERICA
Seattle-Tacoma metro
bestplaces.net, 2018

BEST CITY FOR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES IN AMERICA
niche.com, 2022

BEST CITY FOR COFFEE
rent.com, 2021
TACOMA HAS 180 COFFEE SHOPS!

75 CITY PARKS
87 MILES OF TRAILS

GPA 3.21-3.80
MIDDLE 50% GPA OF ADMITTED FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS
Autumn 2021

59% STUDENTS OF COLOR 2021-22

6 DOWNTOWN MUSEUMS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS
UW Tacoma is built along the old Prairie Line railroad tracks
TRAINS RAN THROUGH CAMPUS UNTIL 2003

STUDY ABROAD
UW TACOMA STUDENTS HAVE TRAVELED TO STUDY IN EUROPE, AFRICA, ASIA, AUSTRALIA, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

#7
TOP PERFORMER FOR SOCIAL MOBILITY IN THE WEST
#1 IN WASHINGTON
U.S. News & World Report, 2022

#3
MID-SIZE CITY WITH THE MOST JOB OPENINGS
careerbuilder.com, 2021

15
OF OUR 22 BUILDINGS ARE RENOVATED 100-YEAR-OLD STRUCTURES

#4
METRO AREA WITH THE FASTEST-RISING INCOME 27%
U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2018

59 miles
to Mt. Rainier Nat’l Park
THE TALLEST MOUNTAIN IN THE CASCADE RANGE AT 14,410 FEET

NIRVANA DEBUTS IN TACOMA 1988
YOU belong HERE
We gratefully honor and acknowledge that we rest on the traditional lands of the Puyallup People where they make their home and speak the Twulshootseed language.
What doesn’t Jai’Shon know about UW Tacoma? The Auburn Riverside High School graduate and first-generation student got involved with campus activities from the start. As a Pack Advisor, he enjoyed welcoming new students to campus. This year, he’ll be welcoming new students as the ASUWT President.
GET YOUR UW DEGREE

#12 TOP PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN THE WEST
U.S. News & World Report 2022
COMMUNITY-ENGAGED LEARNING

Education happens both in the classroom and in the community.

UW Tacoma professors partner with local organizations to address everyday challenges including water and air pollution, gun violence, and affordable housing. Their passion for teaching and research ensures every student has the opportunity to learn in the classroom and in the community.
Just over 70% of employers end up offering their interns full-time jobs.

National Association of Colleges and Employers, 2019

SEE WHERE HUSKIES WORK!

Dr. Lorne Arnold
Growing up in Tacoma, Dr. Arnold always loved building things. He was that LEGO-obsessed kid who followed the instructions to the letter. Now he builds courses in the Civil Engineering program teaching future civil engineers to design roads, bridges, airports, and infrastructure that impacts our day-to-day lives.
An education from UW Tacoma sets you on the path to rewarding career, with the skills needed to succeed in the high-demand jobs of today and tomorrow.

**SCHOOL OF Education**

**Education** BA
Prepare justice-oriented K-12 teachers. Students earn an endorsement in Elementary Education and English Language Learners or Special Education.

**SCHOOL OF Engineering & Technology**

**Civil Engineering** BS
Design and construct public works, such as dams, bridges and other large infrastructure projects.

**Computer Engineering** BS
Design, construct and implement hardware/software elements at the forefront of modern circuit and microprocessor design, software engineering and embedded systems.

**Computer Science and Systems** BS
Direct application of computer science theories and principles to design software that meets current industry needs.

**Computer Science and Systems** BA
Pair computer science coursework with a minor of your choice to create an interdisciplinary major.

**Electrical Engineering** BS
Design circuits, algorithms and devices to collect, store, transfer and display electronic information for various applications.

**Information Technology** BS
Theoretical and practical approach to analyzing, designing, integrating and managing information systems to meet the needs of end users.

**Mechanical Engineering** BS
Application of engineering principles to model, analyze and design systems in aerospace, robotics, healthcare, energy and manufacturing.

**SCHOOL OF Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences**

**Arts, Media and Culture** BA
Focus on how art and media impact and transform culture

**Biomedical Sciences** BS
Examine life sciences and prepare for employment in healthcare and biology related fields.

**Communication** BA
Theoretical and practical examination of mass media through an interdisciplinary curriculum.

**Economics and Policy Analysis** BA
Use economic reasoning to engage critically with policy in various public service fields.

**Environmental Science** BS
Science focused on understanding and solving environmental issues.

**Environmental Sustainability** BA
Understand, analyze and solve environmental and sustainability challenges.

**Ethnic, Gender and Labor Studies** BA
Examine how communities form and are transformed, with a focus on the relationship between social class, race and ethnicity, and gender.

**Global Studies Concentration** BA
Explore artistic, cultural, political and economic patterns in an international context. Advanced language study is an integral component.

**History** BA
Analyze roots and causes of contemporary issues in society, politics and culture.

**Individually-designed Concentration** BA
Create your own program of study by mixing courses under the guidance of faculty and academic advisors.

**Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences** BA
A broad exposure to key areas of knowledge within the arts and sciences.

**Law and Policy** BA
Develop theoretical reasoning and analytical skills for assessing current topics in law and policy.

**Mathematics** BS
Explore a broad range of ideas in mathematics and its applications with a strong theoretical and practical basis.

**Politics, Philosophy & Economics** BA
An interdisciplinary approach to study social phenomena through the analysis of the institutions, values, and markets that shape them.

**Psychology** BA
Examine the psychological, biological, and contextual determinants of human behavior.

**Spanish Language and Cultures** BA
Develop Spanish language skills, intercultural competence, and historical and political contexts of Spain, and the Americas.

**Writing Studies** BA
Focus on writing dynamically across genres for diverse audiences.

**MILGARD SCHOOL OF Business**

**Accounting**
Focus on recording and reporting financial transactions and the use of that data in fiscal decision-making in public and private accounting.

**Finance**
Study financial markets, portfolio management, financial planning, investing, banking and how financial services function in a global economy.

**General Business**
Explore a wide range of business disciplines, including data analytics, entrepreneurship, finance, international business, management and marketing.

**Management**
Develop the ability to get work done with and through other people in a variety of organizations and in rapidly changing environments.

**Marketing**
Study consumer behavior, product development, advertising, retailing, sales management, distribution and social media to develop competitive marketing strategies.

**SCHOOL OF Nursing & Healthcare Leadership**

**Healthcare Leadership** BA
Prepare for leadership roles in a variety of healthcare organizations with a focus on equity, information technology and budgeting.

**Nursing** RN to BSN*
An efficient path for Registered Nurses (RN) to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Emphasizes communication, critical thinking, cultural sensitivity, policy and quality management. *Must be a Washington-licensed RN before starting this program.

**SCHOOL OF Social Work & Criminal Justice**

**Criminal Justice** BA
A multidisciplinary understanding of crime and justice from a social justice perspective.

**Social Welfare** BA
Prepare competent, ethical and culturally-responsive social workers committed to social justice and evidence-based practice with an emphasis on poor and underserved populations.
CAREER-FOCUSED MAJORS

SCHOOL OF Urban Studies

Sustainable Urban Development  BA
Study the global movement for significant “greening” of urban development through environmental quality, economic prosperity and social equality.

Urban Design  BS
Create and improve livability in our cities. Using community engagement and digital skills to produce design solutions.

Urban Studies  BA
Study cities and how they function, how people interact, the role of government, and how growth and development are planned.

Minors
American Indian Studies
American Popular Cultures
Applied Computing
Asian Studies
Business Administration
Business Data Analytics
Corporate Responsibility
Criminal Justice
Economics
Education and Community Engagement
Environmental Studies
Gender & Sexuality Studies
Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
Global Engagement
Health and Society
History
Innovation and Design
Human Rights
Latino Studies
Law and Policy
Mathematics
Politics
Religious Studies
Restoration Ecology
Social Science Research Methods
Sociology
Spanish Language & Cultures
Sports Enterprise Management
Sustainability
Sustainable Urban Development
Teaching, Learning & Justice
Technical Communication
Urban Studies

Experience-based PROGRAMS

Global Honors
Research, travel, and seminar-learning are part of global learning and community innovation exchange for highly-motivated students.
tacoma.uw.edu/global-honors

Study Abroad
Participate in intellectually rigorous study abroad and other global learning opportunities.
tacoma.uw.edu/global-affairs

Future-focused PROGRAMS

Career Development
Use our resources to develop, evaluate, and implement career and post-education decisions.
tacoma.uw.edu/career

Legal Pathways
Get access to legal education in the South Sound through LSAT preparation, mentorship, and law school application support.
tacoma.uw.edu/legal-pathways

tacoma.uw.edu/majors
DIVERSITY
is more than a checkbox, it is our strength.

- 38% WHITE
- 21% ASIAN AMERICAN
- 14% HISPANIC/LATINO
- 10% AFRICAN AMERICAN
- 9% TWO+ RACES INDICATED
- 4% INTERNATIONAL
- 1% NATIVE AMERICAN
- 1% HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER
- 2% NOT INDICATED
- 54% FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS
Maryam Al Darraji

Maryam’s family escaped the Iraq War when she was a child. After arriving in the U.S., she learned English at Kent-Meridian High School and enrolled at UW Tacoma to study biomedical sciences. Maryam taught Arabic and English to her peers and mentored other first-generation students. For her contributions on and off campus, she was named to the prestigious tri-campus UW Husky 100.

uw.edu/husky100

As the most diverse college in Washington, we offer a wide range of support to help all of our students succeed.

- Academic Advising
- Tutoring
- On campus Social Workers
- Peer Advisors
- Career Development
- Center for Equity and Inclusion
- The Pantry
- Veteran and Military Resource Center
- Psychology and Wellness
- Student Health Services
GET INVOLVED
Make friends. Have fun.

2012
THE 1ST SPRING LU`AU WAS HELD—TODAY IT’S ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR STUDENT-RUN EVENTS

17%
MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS
10% RECEIVE VA BENEFITS

7,813
POUNDS OF FOOD WAS DISBURSED TO FOOD-INSECURE STUDENTS 2021-22

GOT A MINUTE?
MAKE A SANDWICH
There’s lots to do on campus
- Join clubs, or start your own
- Run for office (ASUWT)
- Plan campus events
- Become a mentor/mentee
- Tend the Giving Garden
- Write for a student publication

Serve your country or your community
- Veteran & Military Resource Center
- Army ROTC (@Pacific Lutheran University)
- Husky Volunteers

Stay healthy
- University YMCA Student Center
- Psychological & Wellness Services (PAWS)
- Virginal Mason Franciscan Health
- Student Advocacy & Support
- The Pantry

700+
STUDENTS PARTICIPATE
IN INTRAMURAL SPORTS
EVERY YEAR

1991
OUR FIRST AND OLDEST
STUDENT ORGANIZATION,
THE BLACK STUDENT
UNION, WAS FOUNDED

THE UNIVERSITY
YMCA
STUDENT CENTER
STUDENTS CAN ENTER ANY
YMCA IN THE NATION
LIVING ON CAMPUS

Experience apartment-style living at the Court 17 Residence Hall. Court 17 is a safe living environment with controlled entry access and is steps from campus, shops, gyms, restaurants and museums. Opt for a themed Living Learning Community to fit your interests.

- **Studio/1 Bath**
  Houses 2 students

- **1 Bedroom/1 Bath**
  Houses 2 students

- **2 Bedroom/2 Bath**
  Houses 4 students
Visit our website for current housing costs and application dates
tacoma.uw.edu/housing

AMENITIES
- Spacious studio, 1- and 2- BR units (shared)
- Private bathrooms
- Utilities/WiFi
- Furniture essentials provided
- Full kitchen
- Washer/dryer
- Community room
- Secured parking garage (with paid permit)
- Convenient access to bus/train/light rail
HOW TO APPLY

Admissions requirements

All first-year applicants who hold a 2.0 high school GPA, meet all College Academic Distribution Requirements (CADRs) and present a complete application will be reviewed for admission.

**CADRs**
tacoma.uw.edu/cadrs

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**APPLICATION**
tacoma.uw.edu/apply

- Create a Common App account
  - Self-reported transcripts and a personal statement will be required
- $60 application fee (Waivers are available)
- (Optional) SAT or ACT test score, submitted directly from the testing agency.
  - Use school code: 4445 (SAT) or 4493 (ACT)
- Submit official AP, IB, or CLEP scores (if applicable)

**RUNNING START STUDENTS**

- Apply as a first-year student
- Send your official community college transcripts in June
- Meet with an admissions counselor to discuss how your credits will transfer

Meet with an admissions counselor.
In person, email or live chat.
tacoma.uw.edu/meet-your-counselor
Chanise Jackson
Chanise entered UW Tacoma as a first-year student from Virginia. She chose UW Tacoma for a reason. “I remembered reading about UW in general and being intimidated by the size of the Seattle campus, so I started looking for similar institutions that would allow the same education but with a more intimate mission and scene,” she said.

The law and policy major has a passion for public service, human rights and activism. In 2021, Chanise was named a Truman Scholar, a prestigious honor given to only 62 students nationwide.
You are a transfer student if you are earning your first bachelor’s degree, are no longer are in high school and have taken coursework at another college.

**MORE than 40 transferable credits**
- Minimum 2.0 GPA in transferable courses
- **Official college transcripts**
  Official high school transcripts may be needed
- **$60 Application fee** (Waivers available)

**LESS than 40 transferable credits**
- Minimum 2.0 GPA in transferable courses
- Complete the CADRs [tacoma.uw.edu/cadrs](tacoma.uw.edu/cadrs)
- **Official college AND high school transcripts**
- *(Optional)* **SAT or ACT test score**, submitted directly from the testing agency. Use school code: 4445 (SAT) or 4493 (ACT)
- Submit official AP, IB, or CLEP scores *(if applicable)*
- **$60 Application fee** (Waivers available)

**GUARANTEED ADMISSIONS**
Washington residents who have completed an approved transfer degree (DTA) at a Washington community college with a minimum cumulative 2.75 GPA, and have applied by the due date are guaranteed general admission to UW Tacoma.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**
[tacoma.uw.edu/admissions/international-transfer-students](tacoma.uw.edu/admissions/international-transfer-students)
- **Personal statement**
- **Submit transcripts**
  Foreign college transcripts must be submitted WITH official English translations.
- **Proof of English proficiency**
  Can be fulfilled through accepted coursework at a U.S. college or by submitting official test scores directly from the testing agencies: [tacoma.uw.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency](tacoma.uw.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency)
- **$75 international application fee**
TRANSFER TOOLS

- **Transfer Planning Worksheets**
  Worksheets include major prerequisites, application details, UW Areas of Inquiry and transfer equivalency tools.
  tacoma.uw.edu/admissions/planning-your-transfer

- **MYPLAN.UW.EDU**
  MyPlan is the UW's online academic planning tool, enabling you to search courses, check course equivalencies, create academic plans, build multi-quarter schedules and share your plans with your admissions counselor. You do not have to be enrolled to use MyPlan. myplan.uw.edu

- **UW Course Equivalency Guide**
  Check the UW Equivalency Guide for Washington state community and technical colleges. admit.washington.edu/apply/transfer/equivalency-guide

- **Transfer Tuesdays**
  Sessions include information on the transfer admissions process, degrees and majors offered, and general campus information. Some sessions will host academic programs. Register online: tacoma.uw.edu/transfertuesdays

*Some majors may require an additional application in addition to a UW Tacoma application. Contact an admissions counselor for details.

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**TRANSFER IMPORTANT DATES**

Apply by these dates for priority admission and scholarship consideration.*

- **Winter Quarter deadline:** OCTOBER 15
- **Spring Quarter deadline:** JANUARY 15
- **Autumn Quarter deadline:** MARCH 15

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**Ready to apply?**

tacoma.uw.edu/apply

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**Alex Zerbe**

The “Zaniac” earned his AA at Seattle Central College 20 years ago. When the pandemic put a hold on “Seattle’s Funniest Prop Comic” he enrolled in history classes at UW Tacoma and has excelled at juggling family, career and school.
Students from all economic backgrounds have the opportunity to attend UW Tacoma.

Husky Promise is our guarantee to Washington residents that we will not let financial challenges stand in the way. Full tuition and standard fees will be covered by grant or scholarship support for eligible students. Guaranteed.

The cost of attendance 2022-2023

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#6 "BEST BANG FOR THE BUCK" IN THE WEST
#1 IN WASHINGTON
Washington Monthly, 2021
UW Tacoma’s Office of Student Financial Aid & Scholarships provides education, guidance, and support to individuals and families in the financial aid process.

**studentaid.gov**
Complete the FAFSA to be eligible for federal and state grants, loans and/or work study.
UW Tacoma code: 003798

**wsac.wa.gov/wasfa**
Complete the WASFA if you’re a DREAMer or undocumented resident.
UW Tacoma code: 003798

**huskypromise.uw.edu**
Review the eligibility requirements for the Husky Promise Scholarship.

**tacoma.uw.edu/netpricecalculator**
Our online tool is designed to help you and your family estimate financial aid and cost to attend UW Tacoma.

**tacoma.uw.edu/scholarships**
We offers a variety of scholarships for students. Some are based on merit; others require applicants to demonstrate financial need.

**Let’s get started:**
tacoma.uw.edu/finaid/getting-started

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**$56.4 MILLION**
Financial aid disbursed 2021-22

**68%**
Students received financial aid 2021-22

**$41.5 MILLION**
Scholarships & Grants awarded 2021-22
VISIT UW TACOMA
tacoma.uw.edu/visit

A campus visit, whether virtual or in-person is an excellent way to explore UW Tacoma. Connect with an admissions counselor to find the visit experience that works best for you!
Contact your admissions counselor

We are available for one-on-one consultations to answer your questions and help you navigate the admission process. Call, email or live chat!

tacoma.uw.edu/meet-your-counselor
253-692-4742 or 800-736-7750
uwtinfo@uw.edu

Stay connected!

Join our mailing list. We’ll let you know about upcoming events and application deadlines:
tacoma.uw.edu/requests

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