At UW Tacoma, we believe brilliance flourishes when you break free from the mold and march to the beat of your own drum. Don’t mistake our laid-back vibe for slacking off—we take education seriously. We offer an incredible range of programs that will ignite your curiosity and fuel your passions.

Learning is more than textbooks and lectures. We invite you to discover Tacoma, Washington’s gritty second city. Unleash your inner explorer and discover the hidden gems that make this city truly one-of-a-kind.

Your journey is all about the people you meet on the way—the dreamers, the rebels with a cause, the game-changers and everyone in-between. Our tight-knit community weaves together unique personalities, from inspiring faculty to like-minded students. Here we encourage you to embrace your authentic self.

Now is the time to embark on a university experience that defies the ordinary and celebrates the extraordinary. Get ready for a journey like no other where the path ahead is anything but predictable.

tacoma.uw.edu/admissions
YOU’LL LIKE

THE LONGEST SHORELINE ELECTRIC
SEEN AT THE ALASKA-YUKON-

HYGGE (COZIEST) CITY
IN AMERICA
Seattle-Tacoma metro
Bestplaces.net, 2018

BEST MONTHLY AVG. STARTING SALARY
Adjusted for cost of living
WalletHub.com, 2023

MID-SIZE CITY WITH THE MOST JOB OPENINGS
Careerbuilder.com, 2021

METRO AREA WITH THE FASTEST-RISING INCOME
U.S. Census Bureau, 2020
Let's dive into the story of a 250-foot long illuminated bit of awesomeness. Back in 1909, during the Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition in Seattle, this incredible sign emerged, beckoning people to venture south from the shores of Lake Washington. Talk about some A+ trolling!

Fast forward to 2019, artist John James Nelson decided to put a modern twist on this iconic sign, setting it up on old pilings near Titlow Beach. It's a beautiful blend of old and new, just like the UW Tacoma campus.

Whether you're a fan of history or a lover of contemporary art, one thing's for sure—from its rich past to its vibrant present, Tacoma has something for everyone.
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.
75 CITY PARKS
87 MILES OF TRAILS
#25 BEST U.S. CITY IN THE FOR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES NICHE.COM, 2023

BEER. BURGERS. BANDS. ALL IN A 25-FOOT TALL COFFEE POT BUILDING

#7 BEST CITY FOR COFFEE RENT.COM/BLOG/BEST-CITIES-FOR-COFFEE TACOMA HAS 180 COFFEE SHOPS

6 DOWNTOWN MUSEUMS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS

39” AVERAGE YEARLY RAINFALL THAT’S LESS THAN MIAMI!
MILES TO MT. RAINIER NATIONAL PARK
THE TALLEST MOUNTAIN IN THE CASCADE RANGE AT 14,410 FEET

THE FIRST WELL-KNOWN UFO SIGHTING OCCURRED IN 1947, NEAR MT. RAINIER. NINE CRESCENT-SHAPED OBJECTS MOVED “LIKE SAUCERS SKIPPING ON WATER,” HENCE THE TERM FLYING SAUCER WAS BORN.

#3
TOP “BOOMING” CITY IN THE U.S.
NBC-THE TODAY SHOW, 2023

35
SELFIE MURALS IN TACOMA
HOW MANY CAN YOU FIND?
The UW degree
Picture this: one university, three awesome campuses. Sounds pretty cool, right?

But let’s dive deeper into what it truly means for you. First things first, when you rock that cap and gown, your degree will proudly bear the name University of Washington. And trust us, that’s a big deal. UW is a powerhouse known for groundbreaking research, academic excellence, and producing grads who are out there changing the world!

Bottom line: UW Tacoma grads are UW grads, part of an incredible legacy that stretches far and wide.

We love to brag.

UW Tacoma is

#1
BEST RETURN ON INVESTMENT IN WASHINGTON
Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce 2022

#2
“2022 BEST BANG FOR THE BUCK” IN THE WEST
Washington Monthly 2022

#8
TOP PERFORMER ON SOCIAL MOBILITY
U.S. News & World Report 2023

#10
TOP PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN THE WEST
U.S. News & World Report 2023
What will you study?

Whether you see yourself exploring the mysteries of science, diving deep into the wonders of humanities, sharpening your business skills, or making a positive impact through the social sciences, we’ve got the perfect academic pathway to ignite your curiosity and nurture your intellectual growth.

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS
Accounting
Arts, Media and Culture
Biomedical Sciences
Business Administration
Civil Engineering
Communication
Community Development & Planning
Computer Engineering
Computer Science & Systems
Criminal Justice
Criminal Justice - Online
Economics and Policy Analysis
Education
Electrical Engineering
Environmental Science
Environmental Sustainability
Ethnic, Gender and Labor Studies
Finance
GIS & Spatial Planning
Global Studies
Global Urbanism
Healthcare Leadership
History
Information Technology
Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences
Law and Policy
Management
Marketing
Mathematics
Mechanical Engineering
Nursing (RN to BSN)
Politics, Philosophy & Economics
Psychology
Social Welfare
Spanish Language & Cultures
Sustainable Urban Development
Urban Design
Urban Studies
Writing Studies

UNDERGRADUATE MINORS
American Indian Studies
American Popular Cultures
Applied Computing
Asian Studies
Business Administration
Business Data Analytics
Criminal Justice
Economics
Education and Community Engagement
Environmental Studies
Gender & Sexuality Studies
Geographic Information Systems (GIS certificate)
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

Some majors require an additional application in addition to a UW Tacoma application. Contact an Admissions Counselor for details.
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
You too can ride on a boat in another country! Participate in study abroad where the world is your classroom.
tacoma.uw.edu/global-affairs

Royze Banados, ‘21 BS Biomedical Sciences, traveled to Kabale, Uganda to study nutrition, food security and sustainable agriculture.
Learn from the best

Our faculty bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise from diverse backgrounds. Their passion for teaching and guiding students is unparalleled. Our faculty understands that to make a real impact on the world, you must start in your own backyard. This philosophy extends to the deep care faculty have for their students and to the community engaged research that focuses on issues impacting the city, state and region.

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STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO
UNTACOMA, AUTUMN 2022

DR. VERN HARNER
PROFESOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE
FROM OMAHA, NE
UW SEATTLE PH.D.
TRANS-FOCUSED RESEARCH

DR. YONN DIERWECHTER
PROFESSOR OF URBAN STUDIES
FROM STORM LAKE, IA
LONDON SCHOOL
OF ECONOMICS PH.D.
FULBRIGHT RESEARCH SCHOLAR

DR. RUBÉN CASAS
PROFESSOR OF WRITING
FROM ANAHEIM, CA
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-PH.D.
LEADS THE URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE
DR. LUNA ZHANG
PROFESSOR OF BUSINESS ANALYTICS
FROM CHENGDU, CHINA
LEHIGH UNIVERSITY PH.D
2023 DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH AWARD

DR. LORNE ARNOLD
PROFESSOR OF CIVIL ENGINEERING
FROM TACOMA, WA
UW SEATTLE PH.D
STUDIES ROCK SLIDES

$11.8 MILLION AWARDED IN RESEARCH GRANTS
WE DO A LOT OF RESEARCH!
Learn with the best

At UW Tacoma, brilliance knows no bounds. Many of our students have faced adversity in their lives, yet their resilience and determination shine through. Social mobility is at the heart of our mission, as over half of our students are the first in their family to pursue higher education. Their passion for learning is matched only by their commitment to creating positive change for their families and the world.

STUDENT SUPPORTS
Advocacy & Support
Campus Safety & Security
Career Development
Center for Equity & Inclusion
Childcare & Student Parents
Disability Resources
First Generation Students
International Student & Scholar Services
Psychological And Wellness Services
Student Health
Student Scholarships & Fellowships
Teaching & Learning Center
University Academic Advising
UW Libraries
Veteran & Military Resource Center
Amy Keller interned at NASA’s Langley Research Center in Virginia. The mechanical engineering major is literally reaching for the stars, working on an autonomous tower to eventually generate solar power on the moon.

**THE POWER OF INTERNSHIPS**

An academic internship is one of the most rewarding things you can do while you are a UW Tacoma student. Apply your learning in the real world, gain industry experience and make important professional connections.
80% of UW Tacoma graduates stay in Washington

ERIC BARONE
'11 BS COMPUTER SCIENCE & SYSTEMS
VIDEO GAME DEVELOPER & CREATOR OF “STARDW VALLEY”

ANGELA SURESH
'17 BA COMMUNICATION
COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST
425 BUSINESS MAGAZINE “30 UNDER 30”

MARK GLEN
'96 BA LIBERAL STUDIES
CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER
MILITARY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

DEE SONNTAG
'13 BA POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS; HUMAN RIGHTS
TACOMA MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

MONIKA ANONUEVO
'14 BA PSYCHOLOGY
TALENT MANAGEMENT
NINTENDO
Be the best

Our alumni are game changers. They’ve got big hearts and even bigger minds that they use in their respective fields and communities. They came to campus with dreams and we helped make them reality.

This place is more than 46 acres of brick, it’s a culture, a mindset, one that cares about transformation and lifting people up so they can lift up others.
You are more than a checkbox.

At UW Tacoma, we believe in celebrating the richness of human diversity. Our inclusive community embraces students from all walks of life, backgrounds, and experiences. We don’t just talk about diversity, we live it. Your unique perspectives, lived experiences, and cultural identities are not only respected but valued here. Together, we will break down barriers, foster understanding, and build bridges of empathy that transcend differences. Your voice matters, and we are committed to empowering you to thrive academically, personally and socially.
Don’t let the term “small classroom” mislead you into picturing miniature desks. At UW Tacoma, small means a personalized learning experience where you engage one-on-one with professors who know your name and are genuinely invested in your success. You’ll build lasting friendships here with classmates that extend well beyond the academic term.

All information shown is current as of Autumn quarter 2022.
Oops! Overslept again? Don’t worry, you’ve got this! Good thing you live on campus. Quick, freshen up with a splash of water, throw on some decent clothes, and off to class you go. Living on campus offers countless perks—like making lifelong friends, diving into exciting events, and living in the heart of the city. Plus, why not join a themed Living Learning Community that aligns perfectly with your interests? The best of urban and campus living is right at your doorstep.

**AMENITIES**

- Spacious Studio, 1- and 2-BR Units (Shared)
- Private Bathrooms
- Utilities and WiFi
- Furniture Essentials Provided
- Full Kitchen
- Washer/Dryer in Unit
- Community Room
- Secured Garage with Paid Permit
- Living Learning Communities
- Nearby to Bus, Train and Lightrail

**CHECK OUT FLOOR PLANS AND PRICING.**
tacoma.uw.edu/housing
Play here

Get ready to unleash the fun at the Y-M-C-A! Our campus is home to our very own YMCA. Step inside and explore our cutting-edge gym, equipped with top-of-the-line cardio gear, weights, and an adrenaline-pumping rock-climbing wall. The University Y Student Center is more than a fitness center, it’s the vibrant heartbeat of our campus. Engage in intramural sports, student government, and clubs that ignite your passions. And here’s the best part: as a UW Tacoma student, you enjoy exclusive access to YMCA facilities nationwide.

3,000 student visits occur monthly to our YMCA

50+ registered student organizations

250+ campus events 2022-23

SCAN. ENGAGE. LEAD. PLAY.
tacoma.uw.edu/student-life
We believe in your unique potential. While grades play a part in our application review, they are just one piece of the puzzle. We’re interested in the full story—the challenges you’ve overcome, the passions that drive you, and the leadership qualities you possess. Share your journey with us, from extracurricular activities to personal growth. We take everything into account, ensuring we recognize the individual you are.

**REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES**
- English (4 years)
- Math (3 years)
  - Algebra, Geometry, Algebra II
- Social Sciences (3 years)
- Science (3 years)
  - Including 2 years of labs
- World Language (2 years)
- Sr. Quantitative Course (1 year)
  - Intermediate algebra or higher, stats, chemistry or physics
- Fine, Visual or Performing Arts (½ year)
- Academic Elective (½ year)

**COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION**
- Create a Common App account
- Self-reported transcripts and a personal statement
- $60 application fee (waivers are available)

**RUNNING START STUDENTS**
- Apply as a freshman student
- Send your official community college transcripts after completion of your Running Start experience. A complete evaluation will be done upon receipt.

START YOUR UW TACOMA APPLICATION TODAY!
tacoma.uw.edu/apply

Did you know you could have guaranteed admissions to UW Tacoma? See if you qualify:
IT’S A BLOCK PARTY!
When the sun comes out, so does the neighborhood.
UW Tacoma students celebrate spring with a big block party. Paint your face, collect swag, karaoke and enjoy all student’s favorite: FREE FOOD.

IMPORTANT FRESHMAN APPLICATION DEADLINES

EARLY ACTION DEADLINE
11/15
RECEIVE A DECISION BY JANUARY

AUTUMN QUARTER DEADLINE
1/15
FOR PRIORITY ADMISSION AND SCHOLARSHIP CONSIDERATION

WINTER QUARTER DEADLINE
10/15
FOR PRIORITY ADMISSION AND SCHOLARSHIP CONSIDERATION
IMPORTANT TRANSFER APPLICATION DEADLINES
FOR PRIORITY ADMISSION AND SCHOLARSHIP CONSIDERATION

WINTER QUARTER DEADLINE
10/15

SPRING QUARTER DEADLINE
1/15

AUTUMN QUARTER DEADLINE
3/15
Transfer admission

tacoma.uw.edu/transfer

Ooh, looks like you’re out of high school and have some college credits under your belt. Now you’re ready to take the next step! Check out the transfer admission criteria below and be sure to check out those helpful links on the right-hand side of the page.

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
- Completed required high school classes
- 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)

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

tacoma.uw.edu/admissions/international-transfer-students
- 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
- $75 international application fee

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

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

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

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

QUESTIONS?
SCAN THIS FUZZY LITTLE BOX.

OR START YOUR TRANSFER APPLICATION NOW!
Paying for college

**UW Husky Promise**
It’s our promise to Washington residents that we will not let financial challenges stand in the way. Full tuition and standard fees will be covered by grants or scholarship support for eligible students. Guaranteed.

UW Tacoma’s Office of Student Financial Aid & Scholarships provides education, guidance, and support to individuals and families in the financial aid process. Here are some resources to start:

- **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’s estimated financial aid and cost to attend UW Tacoma.

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

### Estimated Direct Costs 2023-2024

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**Estimated Indirect Costs**

- Housing*: $15,948
- Living with family: $5,604
- Personal: $2,508
- Transportation: $1,074
- Books and supplies: $900

* On-campus housing is optional and rates vary per room type and length of stay.

**Questions? The answers you seek are here.**

[Tacoma.uw.edu/finaid/getting-started](https://tacoma.uw.edu/finaid/getting-started)
$53.0 million in financial aid was disbursed 2022-23

66% students received aid in 2022-23

32% students qualified for the Husky Promise 2022-23
Plan a visit

Like what you see? Well, there’s a lot more we can show you. Stop by our new Welcome Center on campus or connect with our office to plan the visit experience that works best for you: tacoma.uw.edu/visit

CONTACT YOUR ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR
We are available for one-on-one consultations to answer your questions and help you navigate the admissions process. Call, email or live chat.

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