General information

UW Tacoma is first and foremost a change agent for our region, providing access to students in a way that transforms families and communities. As an urban-serving university, we impact and inform economic development through community-engaged students and faculty. We conduct research that is of direct use to our community and region. And, most importantly, we seek to be connected and relevant to our community’s needs and aspirations.

UW Tacoma is the anchor tenant in Tacoma’s historic downtown warehouse district, across from Union Station, the Washington State History Museum, the Museum of Glass and the Tacoma Art Museum. The campus is part of a vibrant neighborhood, with street-level space on Pacific Avenue reserved for retail use.

Mission

The University of Washington Tacoma educates diverse learners and transforms communities by expanding the boundaries of knowledge and discovery.

Values

Our fundamental purpose is to educate students for life as global citizens. UW Tacoma is a distinctive expression of the University of Washington that provides access to an exceptional education for citizens who choose to live and learn in the South Puget Sound region.

We recognize that an excellent education connects knowledge across disciplines. At UW Tacoma, excellence is founded on integrity, dedication and collaboration. We believe that learning is a vehicle that advances students toward fulfilling lives and meaningful careers.

Our community of learners is strengthened by a diversity of voices. Listening to the UW Tacoma community, we have identified four core values that guide us: Excellence, Community, Diversity and Innovation. We share these values and strive to live them.

Degrees

The University of Washington Tacoma confers the following degrees:

- Bachelor of arts (B.A.)
  - Computer Science and Systems
  - Criminal Justice
  - Healthcare Leadership
  - Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences
  - Social Welfare
  - Sustainable Urban Development
  - Urban Studies

- Bachelor of arts in business administration (B.A.B.A.)

- Bachelor of science (B.S.)
  - Computer Engineering and Systems
  - Computer Science and Systems
  - Environmental Science
  - Information Technology and Systems

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- Bachelor of science in nursing (B.S.N.)
- Master of accounting (M.Acc.)
- Master of arts (M.A.)
  Interdisciplinary Studies
- Master of business administration (M.B.A.)
- Master of cybersecurity and leadership (M.C.L.)
- Master of education (M.Ed.)
- Master of nursing (M.N.)
- Master of science (M.S.)
  Computer Science and Systems
  Geospatial Technologies
- Master of social work (M.S.W.)
- Doctor of education (Ed.D.)

State Board of Education Certificates

The University of Washington Tacoma is authorized by the State Board of Education to offer professional certificate programs in education for administrators and teachers. UW Tacoma prepares and recommends individuals for the following state certificates:

- Initial Teaching Certificate (K-8)
- Educational Administrator Certificate (for principals and program administrators)

Accreditation

The University of Washington Tacoma is accredited as a unit of the University of Washington by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. Individual academic programs may have other accreditations as well (see individual program sections).

KeyBank Professional Development Center

The mission of the KeyBank Professional Development Center is to expand access to the resources of the University of Washington Tacoma by offering advanced, non-degree education to individuals and organizations in the South Puget Sound region. For more information, please contact the center at 253-692-4618 or visit tacoma.uw.edu/keypdc.

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Academic Calendar

Autumn Quarter 2014
Instruction begins .................................................................................................................. . Sept. 24
Veterans Day holiday ........................................................................................................ Nov. 11
Thanksgiving holidays ........................................................................................................ Nov. 27 - 28
Last day of instruction ........................................................................................................ Dec. 5
Final examinations ................................................................................................................ Dec. 6 - 12

Winter Quarter 2015
Instruction begins .................................................................................................................. . Jan. 5
Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday ..................................................................................... Jan. 19
Presidents Day holiday ....................................................................................................... Feb. 16
Last day of instruction ......................................................................................................... March 13
Final examinations ............................................................................................................... March 14 - 20

Spring Quarter 2015
Instruction begins .................................................................................................................. . March 30
Memorial Day holiday ......................................................................................................... May 25
Last day of instruction ......................................................................................................... June 5
Final examinations ............................................................................................................... June 6 - 11
Commencement .................................................................................................................. . June 12

Summer Quarter 2015
Instruction begins .................................................................................................................. . June 22
Independence Day holiday ................................................................................................. July 3
Term A ends ........................................................................................................................ July 22
Term B begins ..................................................................................................................... July 23
Quarter ends ........................................................................................................................ Aug. 21

Dates in this calendar are subject to change without notice.