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**

- **Enrolled student headcount:** 2,749
  - 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

**Alumni**
- Undergraduate degrees: 10,494
- Graduate degrees: 184
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

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

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
- 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