

# “Access” Worksheet

[noun] the state or quality of being approachable | [verb] to make contact with or gain access to; be able to reach, approach, enter, etc.

- Instructions**
1. Skim UWT’s current values statements, below
  2. Turn this Worksheet over and add bullet points describing the attributes of “Access” as a UWT value
  3. Share your answers at your tables and agree on some common themes to define what “Access” at UW Tacoma.

Excellence	Community
<p>UW Tacoma...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• commits to excellence in teaching, scholarship, research and service</li> <li>• offers a curriculum that balances core knowledge and skills with responsiveness to student and community need</li> <li>• embraces an interdisciplinary approach to knowledge that instills problem-solving and critical thinking skills for meaningful lives</li> <li>• engages minds by connecting knowledge with experience, fostering wisdom</li> <li>• infuses global and local awareness into its thinking and actions</li> <li>• encourages student-faculty-staff interaction and a reciprocal exchange of knowledge</li> <li>• nurtures a community of learners and develops the whole person by offering opportunities to learn and grow both inside and outside the classroom</li> <li>• provides an environment where students can succeed</li> </ul>	<p>UW Tacoma...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• celebrates the success of its people</li> <li>• fosters an atmosphere in which individuals work together to make their best contributions</li> <li>• preserves a culture of connection and collaboration as it grows</li> <li>• partners with communities to improve the human condition</li> <li>• cultivates mutually supportive relations with educational partners</li> <li>• contributes knowledge that serves diverse communities</li> <li>• honors the cultural and civic heritage of its community</li> <li>• serves as a catalyst for economic, technological and community development</li> </ul>
Diversity	Innovation
<p>UW Tacoma ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• promotes an environment where diverse perspectives and experiences are expected</li> <li>• seeks out and supports individuals who may experience barriers in gaining access to college</li> <li>• stimulates a vibrant learning community by presenting lectures, events and performances that inspire new views</li> <li>• encourages and rewards intercultural competence</li> <li>• aligns its values with its actions in support of justice and fairness</li> <li>• attracts and retains a community of people and ideas representing diverse cultures and experiences</li> </ul>	<p>UW Tacoma...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• generates new knowledge and embraces varied ways of knowing</li> <li>• perpetuates the pioneering spirit of UW Tacoma’s beginnings</li> <li>• seeks new ways to create opportunity</li> <li>• inspires creative ways of seeing and solving problems</li> <li>• expands resources and makes thoughtful use of existing ones</li> <li>• lives in harmony with the environment and is a wise steward of natural resources</li> <li>• grows stronger through the collective wisdom of its community</li> </ul>

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*EXAMPLE* UW Tacoma ...

- promotes a college-going culture among South Sound high schoolers, military veterans, and adults hoping to change the trajectory of their lives
- encourages openness and mutual learning among students, faculty, and staff

