### Information for Students

#### A. University

**University of Washington, Seattle**


#### B. Location

Seattle, Washington, USA

#### C. Academics

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<th>i) Module Mapping &amp; Credits Transfer</th>
<th>Please ensure your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home School or Faculty before the exchange. Modules approved in the past might not be offered by the host university or approved by your Faculty when it is time for your exchange. Please check the latest course offerings at the host universities while you are preparing your Study Plan.</th>
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| ii) Academic Calendar | UW Seattle operates on a quarter system, with the following terms be available to exchange students:  
Fall: September to December  
Winter: January to March  
Spring: April to June  
[https://www.washington.edu/students/reg/calendar.html](https://www.washington.edu/students/reg/calendar.html) |
| iii) Exchange Duration | One quarter |
| iv) Examination | Students should check the exam timetable at their host university, and ensure they can stay at their host university until after the end of the official exam period. |
| v) Curriculum Structure | In order to be considered a full-time student for the J-1 visa requirements, you must take a minimum of 12 credits per quarter as an undergraduate student or 10 credits per quarter as a graduate student. Your tuition waiver will cover you through 18 credits per quarter. |
| vi) Entry Requirements | CAP of 3.5 out of 5.0 with no grade below C |
| vii) Language Proficiency Requirements | English |
UW Seattle is a suitable SEP destination for FASS, FoS, and SoC students; however, all students attending the UW on a university-wide exchange will be admitted through Undergraduate Admissions to the College of Arts & Sciences regardless of class standing or major in your home country. The college is divided by four academic divisions: art, humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences. This means that you will be able to select courses from a wide variety of departments during your time in Seattle. Please know that Communications, Economics, Psychology, Design, and Law, Societies & Justice courses in particular are extremely competitive so you should plan to take courses outside of these areas. If a course attracts more students than there are places, students enrolled in the UW degree program will be given priority above other students, including exchange students.

If you hope to take courses outside of the College of Arts & Sciences you do so at your own risk. Many departments have their own departmental exchanges and therefore cannot accommodate students from university-wide partners since priority is given to their own exchange students. Examples of schools/departments that have their own exchanges and may not be able to accommodate university-wide exchange students include, but are not limited to, College of Built Environments, Department of Economics, College of Engineering (including the Department of Computer Science & Engineering). The Foster School of Business will only accommodate students participating in the Foster School departmental exchanges. Please also be aware that we cannot guarantee any courses for exchange students so you should be very flexible with your course selections.

The Course Catalog provides a description of all UW courses, however, it should be noted that not all courses are offered every quarter. Consult the Time Schedule to view the available courses for a given quarter.

Course Numbering System:

- 100- and 200-levels: Lower-division courses which generally do not have extensive college-level prerequisites (aside from preceding courses in the same sequence).
- 300- and 400- levels: Upper-division courses are courses which require substantial college-level preparation on the part of the student.
- 300-level courses are directed primarily at juniors and seniors. Ordinarily they are not appropriate for well-prepared graduate students.
- 400-level courses should be appropriate for either seniors or graduate students.
- 500- and 600- levels: Graduate courses.
ix) **Module restrictions and prerequisites**

Communications, Economics, Psychology, Design, and Law, Societies & Justice courses in particular are extremely competitive so you should plan to take courses outside of these areas.

Courses in Architecture, Education, Law and Health Sciences are generally available to graduate students only. Professional programs including Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy as well as many studio classes are not open to exchange students.

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**D. Application**

i) **Procedures**

All NUS students have to be nominated by NUS before they can apply for a fee-waiver exchange at the host university.

The application procedures and list of supporting documents needed by the host university can be found in the SharePoint.

Please look for the SEP coordinator at your Dean’s Office for the link to the SharePoint.

ii) **Deadlines**

All NUS students must abide by the internal application deadline set by their home Faculty for exchange participation in the following academic year. After clearing the internal application and selection process, students have to take note of the application deadline set by the host university.

Failure to submit a formal application to the host university by the stipulated deadline, may result in your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.

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**E. Accommodation**

i) **University Accommodation**

As an incoming exchange student to the University of Washington, you are free to make your own housing arrangements. To help you decide which option is best for you, please review the various housing options at the following link:

https://www.washington.edu/studyabroad/visitingexchange/practical-matters/housing/

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**F. Visa**

Consular/Visa Regulation

UW’s [International Student Services (ISS)](https://www.washington.edu/studentlife/services/international/) Office will be your main point of contact for all items related to your visa and maintaining your immigration status.

As an exchange student you will enter the US on a [J-1 visa](https://www.washington.edu/studentlife/services/international/) and should familiarize yourself with the rules and regulations of this visa category.

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**G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance**

i) **Health/Medical Insurance**

All registered NUS students are covered under the university health insurance and the blanket travel insurance. For more information on the
blanket travel insurance, please refer to the following link: https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/

Students are strongly encouraged to purchase a supplemental travel insurance to ensure they are adequately covered during their exchange semester.

In addition, students will be required to enrol in the compulsory health insurance policy or scheme at their SEP host university.

*All students who attend US universities on exchange are required to purchase the health insurance recommended by their host university as part of the registration process. In addition, they can also purchase additional optional insurance from a private insurer for their term of study overseas. These short term optional insurance plans cover events such as personal accident, accidental medical expenses, emergency medical evacuation etc. As an exchange student, you are eligible to apply for an insurance waiver if you have comparable insurance that is valid in the US. Please note that you will still need to select UW Accident and Sickness Insurance when you first register. Once your waiver has been approved, then the ISO will remove the insurance charge from your account. For more information please go to [http://iss.washington.edu/health-insurance#toc2](http://iss.washington.edu/health-insurance#toc2) and select "Insurance Waiver." Submission of Measles Immunization is required.*

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**H. Cost of Living**