

# YOUR JOURNEY TO WASHINGTON

## HIGH SCHOOL MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

### COLLEGE ACADEMIC DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS | CADR

All University of Washington applicants must complete a minimum level of courses in five subject areas. We highly encourage you to go beyond the minimum requirements. Taking the recommended amount of years for these subject areas shows us that you are challenging yourself academically.

<https://admit.washington.edu/apply/freshman/cadr/>

SUBJECTS	REQUIRED	RECOMMENDED
English	4 years	
Mathematics	3 years	4 years
Social Science/Social Studies	3 years	4 years
World Languages	2 years	3/4 years (2 years must be the same language)
Lab Science	3 years	4 years
Senior Year Math-Based	1 year	
Fine, Visual, or Performing Arts	.5 year	
Academic Elective	.5 year	

## UNDERCLASSMAN TIMELINE

### 9th GRADE (FRESHMAN): ESTABLISH YOUR COLLEGE INTENT

- Meet with your HS counselor and let them know you want to go to college. With your counselor develop a class plan that goes beyond the minimum requirements and when you will take the CADR classes
- Get involved and begin documenting: sports, clubs, volunteering, jobs, internships, family responsibilities, and awards/achievements
- Start thinking about looking into getting experience relevant toward a major you may be interested in  
<http://www.washington.edu/uaa/advising/degree-overview/majors/list-of-undergraduate-majors/>
  - Look up UW HS Programs <https://www.summer-camp.uw.edu/>
- Sign up for our annual MOR sponsored events/conferences:
  - Esperanza En Educacion (EEE)
  - Native American Student Day (NASD)
  - Rising Southeast Asian Students (Rising SEAS)
  - Readiness for Islander Success in Education (RISE)
  - Young, Gifted, & Black (YGB)

### 10th GRADE (SOPHOMORE): GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY

- Meet with your HS counselor and make sure you are completing the CADR courses. Plan to go beyond the minimum requirements and potentially add honors curriculum to make sure that you're a strong applicant
- Sign up to take the PSAT
- Explore ways to earn college credit while in HS: Running Start, Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), College in the High School
- Continue involvement in school and community activities from freshman year: sports, clubs, volunteering, jobs, internships, family responsibilities, and awards/achievements
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## UPPERCLASSMAN TIMELINE

### 11th GRADE (JUNIOR): PREPARE FOR AND TAKE COLLEGE TESTS

- Meet with your HS counselor and make sure you are completing the CADR courses. Plan to go beyond the minimum requirements
- Register for the AP/IB exams (if applicable). Don't forget to list UW as a recipient of your scores
- If not already, start taking on leadership roles in activities, such as "Team Captain" or "Club Officer" in areas like: sports, clubs, volunteering, jobs, internships, family responsibilities, and awards/achievements
- Explore the Writing Section: <https://admit.washington.edu/apply/freshman/how-to-apply/writing-section/>
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  - Native American Student Day (NASD)
  - Rising Southeast Asian Students (Rising SEAS)
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  - Young, Gifted, & Black (YGB)
  - Shades of Purple Conference (in the summer after junior year) for rising seniors**

### 12th GRADE (SENIOR): FINISH STRONG

- Meet with your counselor and make sure you take all your final CADR course requirements and more!
- Take college-prep English & a Senior Year Math Course
- Complete your Personal Statement & have multiple people review it
- Register for AP/IB exams (if applicable). Don't forget to list UW as a recipient of your scores
- Submit your Financial Aid information via Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) before the priority deadline:
  - FAFSA <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> **REMEMBER TO SUBMIT FOR THE CORRECT ACADEMIC YEAR**
  - WASFA <https://readyssetgrad.wa.gov/wasfa>
- Come to a UW Fall Conference:  
<https://mor.uw.edu/events-programs/>
- Apply for Scholarships
- Timeline
  - Fall
    - September 1st: University of Washington freshman application opens
    - October-November: iDub Conferences (Application workshop)
    - October 1st: FAFSA/WASFA Application Opens
    - November 15th: UW Application Due
  - Winter
    - January 15th: Priority Deadline for FAFSA/WASFA
    - March 1-15th: Admissions Decisions Delivered
  - Spring
    - May 1st: Confirmation Deadline
    - May 2nd-8th: Housing Priority Application Period for Incoming Freshmen

## PRE-COLLEGE FRESHMAN SUMMER

### PRE-COLLEGE FRESHMAN: START YOUR HUSKY JOURNEY

- Summer: Attend Advising & Orientation (A&O) Session
- Fall: Early Fall Start (EFS)

	English	Math	Social Sciences	World Languages	Lab Sciences	Senior Year Math	Fine/Visual/Performing Art	Academic Elective
Required	4 years	3 years	3 years	2 years	3 years	1 year	0.5 year	0.5 year
Recommended		4 years	4 years	3/4 years	4 years			
9th Grade								
10th Grade								
11th Grade								
12th Grade								

UW Deadlines	Date
UW Application Opens	September 1st
FAFSA/WASFA Application Opens	October 1st
UW Application Closes	November 15th
FAFSA/WASFA Application Priority Deadline	January 15th
UW Admissions Notification Period	March 1st - 15th
Confirm your offer to the University of Washington	May 1st

COST OF ATTENDANCE 2020-21 (ANNUAL)	
ACADEMIC EXPENSES	AMOUNT
Tuition	\$12,242
Books & course supplies	\$900
LIVING EXPENSES	
Housing & Food	\$16,068
Personal/Misc. Expenses	\$2,388
Transportation	\$492
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,090</b>

## HOLISTIC REVIEW

The University of Washington has a holistic review process. While we look at many factors while reviewing applications for admissions, academic preparation and performance are still primary.

SAT/ACT no longer required. At the UW, we want to see a broader picture of the student and their achievements and we caution students and their families against placing too much emphasis on standardized tests.

### Preparation & performance

Indicators of preparation and performance include:

- An overall strong level of academic achievement, as demonstrated by grades and rigor of curriculum.
- Taking advantage of college-preparatory courses during high school, such as Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Running Start or college in the high school; or academic subjects beyond the minimum required for college entrance.
- Taking full advantage of the senior year
- Demonstrating a positive grade trend

*Note: The UW does not weight or prioritize one model of college-level course over another. Comparable coursework completed through AP, IB, Cambridge, Running Start and College in the High School are viewed equally for admission purposes.*

### Personal achievements & characteristics

What have you done outside of the classroom? Personal achievements and characteristics may include:

- Demonstrating a commitment to community service and leadership
- Exercising significant responsibility in a family, community, employment situation or through activities
- Attaining a college-preparatory education despite economic disadvantage (Washington state residents only)
- Demonstrating cultural awareness or unique perspectives or experiences

## Helpful Links

Admissions

| <https://admit.washington.edu/apply/freshman/>

Office of Minority Affairs & Diversity (OMAD)

| <https://www.washington.edu/omad/>

Office of Multicultural Outreach & Recruitment (MOR)

| [mor.uw.edu](http://mor.uw.edu)

Office of Student Financial Aid

| <https://www.washington.edu/financialaid/>

National Association of College Admission Counseling

| <https://www.nacacnet.org/>

Fastweb

| <https://www.fastweb.com/>

The Wash Board

| <https://www.thewashboard.org>

FAFSA

| <https://fafsa.ed.gov>

WASFA

| <https://www.readysatgrad.org/wasfa>

Disability Resources for Students

| <https://depts.washington.edu/uwdrs>

Husky Promise

| <https://www.washington.edu/huskypromise/>

Equivalency Guide (For Running Start/Transfer)

| <https://admit.washington.edu/apply/transfer/equivalency-guide/>

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER

Transferring from a Washington State Community of Technical College is another option to pursue a degree from the University of Washington in Seattle. Talk to your high school counselor about how to prepare for community college.

