

Admission

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<https://admission.wsu.edu/>

General Information

Admission to Washington State University is granted without regard to age, sex and/or gender, race, religion, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, and other bases identified [in EP15](#). Admission to the University is granted to eligible applicants based on space availability, prior to registration but not after census day for each semester.

The following information relates to admission of new degree-seeking students only. It is not applicable to students previously enrolled in Washington State University during the regular school year.

It is the practice of Washington State University to admit all applicants if the total evidence indicates a reasonable probability of success. The total number of new students admitted for any one semester or in any specific department or program will be based on the number of students for whom facilities and resources can be made available.

Applicants must apply with a full and complete application packet by March 31 (first-year students) and August 7 (transfer students) for priority consideration for the fall semester. First-year priority application date for Top Scholar selection is January 31. Applicants for spring semester should apply by November 15 for priority consideration. In certain circumstances, priority dates may be delayed. Please consult the website for the most up-to-date information. Applications submitted after census day of classes will not be considered.

Any first-year applicant planning to compete in intercollegiate athletics should check with the WSU Athletics Compliance Office for information regarding eligibility requirements for the 2025-2026 academic year.

The University reserves a limited number of spaces in the incoming class for students with exceptional talent or potential.

Students who fail to meet the published admission requirements may contact the Office of Admissions for further information. Exceptions to the admission requirements may be made only by the Admissions and Enrollment Committee or its designee.

Applications are available at <https://apply.wsu.edu>.

Retention of Students

The grade point average for first-year students entering from high school in the fall semester 2023 was 3.50 (all campuses). Of the 4,132 first-year full-time students who entered in the fall 2023, 3,626 were enrolled in the spring of 2024 (87.8% retention rate).

First-Year Admission Requirements

<https://admission.wsu.edu/>

First-year applicants will be considered for admission on the basis of their academic records and other supporting documents, which include transcripts that show coursework through at least grade 11, completion of the College Academic Distribution Requirements (CADRs), and other relevant materials as requested. See Academic Regulation 2.

Applicants who have not graduated from high school at the time of application must maintain a satisfactory record, complete all required courses specified for admission to WSU, and provide evidence of graduation, higher credential such as an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree, or completion of the GED prior to enrollment. See Academic Regulation 1a. WSU reserves the right to withdraw an offer of admission if there is a significant drop in the applicant's academic performance following the offer of admission or if a student does not complete the CADRs as outlined above.

A complete application includes the application form, the high school transcript, and the nonrefundable application fee. Students are encouraged to apply online at <https://admission.wsu.edu/apply>.

Factors considered in first-year admission include unweighted grade point average, the strength of the high school course work (including senior year course work), grades the student has earned, and any improvements they have made in their academic performance. Although letters of recommendation are

not required, they are taken into consideration if they are helpful in speaking to the student's academic potential and abilities. Refer to the website for additional information.

As of March 2021, WSU no longer requires students to submit SAT/ACT test scores as part of the application process.

Students interested in the Honors College should email honors@wsu.edu or call 509-335-4505.

Advanced Placement (AP), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Cambridge International Examinations

<https://admission.wsu.edu/apply/application-process/transferring-credits/>

See Academic Regulation 15 and Academic Regulation 6.

Transfer Admission Requirements

<https://admission.wsu.edu/>

Overall academic preparation, including cumulative grades as well as grade trends are factors in the admission process for all students. See Academic Regulation 4.

Transfer Credit Policy

See Academic Regulation 6.

Associate Degree Transfer

See Academic Regulation 6.

Homeschooled Students

<https://admission.wsu.edu/apply/first-year-students/>

Washington State University welcomes homeschooled students. Homeschooled students must submit all high school and community college transcripts, as well as the Homeschool Academic Resume for admission consideration.

Adult Student Admission

<https://admission.wsu.edu/apply/first-year-students/>

Washington State University recognizes that students who have been away from the classroom for extended periods of time may have special circumstances. Therefore, in accordance with the policies set forth by the Washington Student Achievement Council, applications from students who are 25 years of age or over may be considered for admission on the basis of alternative criteria. Students are encouraged to contact the Office of Admissions for details.

Admission of Students with Extraordinary Talents

Washington State University wishes to make educational opportunities available to students whose extraordinary talents have the potential to enrich our intellectual, cultural, and social environments, but whose overall academic credentials may not qualify them for regular admission.

WSU departments, colleges, or programs may request special consideration for students who possess such extraordinary talents provided the talent is of a nature that would not normally be reflected or assessed during the regular admission process. The current admission process considers the curriculum and grades of the applicant. Examples of evidence of extraordinary talents that might not be apparent in the applicant's file include: exceptional musical ability, athletic accomplishment, awards in science, math, or artistic competitions or similar measures of talent.

A three-person panel consisting of the Chair of the Faculty Senate, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate, and the Vice Provost for Enrollment Management or designees will review students identified as having extraordinary talent. A written recommendation of the relevant chair/director or head coach will be required to support the student's admission. In the case of student athletes, the students who are assessed to have potential to contribute to the University through their special skills and advance themselves

through the university experience will be considered for admission. Students who fail to meet the university's minimum core requirements or in the case of student athletes who fail to meet NCAA requirements will not be admitted to the university under this policy.

The University will carefully monitor the number and progress of students admitted under rules 1-c and 1-e. Every year, the Vice Provost for Enrollment Management, or designees, will provide, as a part of the annual Enrollment presentation, an update to the Faculty Senate on the number of students admitted, their academic qualifications, extraordinary talents, or the basis for their admission. The report will also assess the academic progress of students previously admitted under these rules to ensure that the program is functioning to the advantage of the students and the university community as a whole.

Admission to WSU Everett, WSU Spokane, WSU Tri-Cities, WSU Vancouver, and Global Campus

<https://everett.wsu.edu/>

<https://spokane.wsu.edu/>

<https://tricities.wsu.edu/>

<https://vancouver.wsu.edu/>

<https://globalcampus.wsu.edu/>

Former Students Returning (FSR) Not Enrolled the Previous Academic Semester

<https://admission.wsu.edu>

If you previously enrolled at any Washington State University campus and you were absent for more than one semester (excluding summer), you are considered a former student and you need to reactivate your admission.

FSR applicants will be granted admission if they are in good academic standing. FSR applicants whose previous academic record at Washington State University is unsatisfactory will be required to follow established academic reinstatement procedures (see <https://reinstatement.wsu.edu>) prior to admission. Applications submitted after census day of classes will not be considered.

FSR applicants who have attended other institutions since their last enrollment at Washington State University are required to submit an official transcript directly from each institution attended. Applicants will be considered for admission on the basis of their academic records and other supporting documents which include post-secondary transcripts, grade trends, strength of curriculum and academic preparation.

Apply at <https://apply.wsu.edu>.

Non-Degree Admission

<https://admission.wsu.edu>

Individuals may enroll at Washington State University as non-degree students for personal enrichment, professional development, certificate completion, or other reasons. Enrollment in courses for non-degree students is limited to space availability, and non-degree students register for courses after degree-seeking students. Financial aid is not available for non-degree students. Students intending to complete a certificate program must provide academic credentials to prove admissions eligibility. Students who are interested in applying as a non-degree-seeking student may apply at <https://apply.wsu.edu>.

International Student Admission Requirements

<https://ip.wsu.edu/future-students/>

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Running Start at WSU

Qualified high school students may be eligible to enroll at the Pullman or Tri-Cities campuses through the Running Start Program. For more information, see:

Pullman Running Start Program: <https://registrar.wsu.edu/running-start/>

Tri-Cities Running Start Program: <https://tricities.wsu.edu/running-start/>

Limited Enrollment Programs

Several academic programs are unable to accept all interested students. In these situations, and others which may arise in the future, the most highly qualified students will be selected up to the enrollment limits in the specific programs. Details for admission into major programs vary. Academic departments may establish additional requirements for admission to specific programs. However, eligibility for admission to Washington State University is determined independently from limited enrollment programs. Students applying for admission to selective programs should contact the department or check its website or catalog section for more information.

Graduate Admission Requirements

<https://gradschool.wsu.edu>