

Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences

HOW TO APPLY

Step One: Apply to UW Tacoma

- Complete the UW Tacoma **Application for Transfer Admission** with payment of the \$60 application fee online at:
www.tacoma.washington.edu/apply
- Request an **official transcript** for all college-level coursework. High school transcripts are required **only** if foreign language or mathematics requirements were completed in high school. Please see the transcript request form included in this packet for complete instructions.

Step Two: Apply to Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences

- The personal statement is a critical element in the review of your application and will be used to assess your fit within the degree program and the University. Your personal statement should:
 1. **Briefly describe your goals.** What are your educational and career goals? How do you expect your coursework will help you attain these goals? If you are unsure of your specific career goals, let us know what areas you would like to explore and how you think this degree will help you. If you have college or community service, employment or other experience that complements your academic or career goals, include it here.
 2. **Briefly discuss your college career to date.** Do you feel that your grades accurately reflect your ability? If you've had to interrupt your college career or attend part-time in order to meet other responsibilities or obligations, describe them.
 3. **Discuss aspects of your life that may not be evident through a review of your academic record.** You may include cultural experiences that would enrich the diversity of the your academic program and the UW Tacoma community; social and economic disadvantages that you may have had to overcome; growing up in an unusual environment and how it affected you.

If you are not applying online, you will need to include your typed personal statement with your application or e-mail it to iasgoals@u.washington.edu.

Tips

Be specific. Don't spend your time telling us things such as "I've always wanted to attend this program because I want a degree" or "My whole family graduated from the UW, so naturally I want to be a part of the tradition." Such reasons are legitimate, but they aren't valuable to the process because they don't tell us anything distinctive about you. Let us know what makes you unique. Give details and specific examples. Be sure your statement clearly outlines your educational and career goals. Attention to content and expression will be considered along with the mechanics of writing.

AUTUMN QUARTER PRIORITY DATE

May 1

WINTER QUARTER PRIORITY DATE

October 15

SPRING QUARTER PRIORITY DATE

January 15

Applications received after these dates will be reviewed on a space-available basis.

Remember, several items are required to complete your application. Transcripts often take several weeks to arrive. **Your application will not be reviewed for admission until all materials have been received.**

IAS admits students for every quarter except Summer.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Make sure you will have fulfilled the admission requirements before you begin classes. For more information on admission requirements, go to:

tacoma.washington.edu/ias/academics/ba/admission.cfm

HOW TO CONTACT INTERDISCIPLINARY ARTS & SCIENCES

tacoma.washington.edu/ias

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Mail personal statement to:
**University of Washington Tacoma
Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences
Campus Box 358436
1900 Commerce Street
Tacoma, WA 98402-3100**

Or e-mail it to:
iasgoals@u.washington.edu

University of Washington Tacoma
Request for Transcripts

Complete this form and mail to the transcript office at any previous colleges or universities you have attended.
Please type or print clearly. This form may be duplicated as needed.

Date: _____

Attention: Registrar or Transcript Office

Please send a copy of my official transcripts to:

Office of Admissions
University of Washington Tacoma
Campus Box 358400
1900 Commerce Street
Tacoma, WA 98402-3100

Note to the Registrar or Transcript Office:

When possible, UW Tacoma requests electronic transcript submission from all Washington state community and technical colleges. Please use ET Code 412 for processing.

I am enclosing \$ _____ to cover the expense.

(Note to applicant: Cost will vary depending on the institution. We suggest calling the institution to find out the fee charged for official transcripts.)

Print your name as it appeared on your official school record

Last

First

Middle

Current Street Address

State

ZIP Code

Student Number
or Social Security Number

Date of Birth

Month/Year Enrolled

Daytime Phone Number

Thank you,

Signature