

International Student Admissions

Students who are not U.S. citizens, permanent residents or refugees, or who are living in the U.S. under an F, B, H, J, L or M visa, are considered international students.

The University of Washington Tacoma accepts transfer applications from international students who have completed one or more years of study (at least 40 credits) at an accredited higher education institution in the U.S. Students who have earned fewer than 40 college-level credits must apply as freshmen and meet the requirements for international freshman applicants. The minimum number of completed credits and prerequisite coursework requirements to be admitted to a major vary by program.

The University of Washington Tacoma accepts freshman applications from international students who have attended high school entirely in the U.S.

International students can be admitted in any quarter that their chosen degree program regularly admits students.

Note: UW Tacoma currently offers very limited housing for students (including international students), although there are many housing options near the campus. Additionally, though we are continuing to expand our services to students, at this time please be aware that there are limited support services available for international students.

Students are welcome to submit transcripts from non-U.S. colleges and universities. Credentials must be original documents or photocopies stamped as certified-true copies by school officials or other educational authorities. All transcripts written in any language other than English must be accompanied by English translations in the same format as the originals, certified as accurate by a qualified translator and providing an evaluation of the foreign credentials. Interested students should download the International Students application materials from the UW Tacoma website.

Applying as an international freshman student

The University of Washington Tacoma accepts freshman applications from international students who have attended high school entirely in the U.S. Freshmen are currently admitted for autumn quarter only.

To complete the international freshman student application process, you must submit the following:

- **Application for freshman admission**
Complete the University of Washington Tacoma application for freshman admission along with the nonrefundable US\$75 application fee. The application fee can be paid with a credit or debit card or an electronic check. If you have any questions about the application process, contact the Office of Admissions at 253-692-4742.
- **Transcripts**
International freshman applicants are required to have completed all years of high school in the U.S.; transcripts are not required for freshmen during the application process. A final high school transcript will be required if you are admitted.

English proficiency exam scores

All applicants must submit official English proficiency exam scores that meet the university's minimum requirement to be considered for admission. Scores must be sent directly from the testing agency to the university; unofficial reports or photocopies will not be accepted.

Only the exams listed in the table below may be used to satisfy this requirement.

Financial information

Submit the statement of responsibility form with a bank or financial institution statement showing sufficient funds to attend this school.

Transfer verification

Complete the top portion of the international student transfer verification form and give it to your current international student adviser for completion. Include copies of all I-20 forms from current and former institutions.

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY EXAM SCORES

<i>Test</i>	<i>Minimum score required for admission</i>
Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) (paper-based)	580
TOEFL (Internet-based)	70
(total of Reading, Writing and Listening sections)	
TOEFL (computer-based)	237
Michigan Language Test (MLT) (UW administered)	90
International English Language Testing System (IELTS - academic only)	7

Applying as an international transfer student

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International students can be admitted in any quarter that their chosen degree program regularly admits students. International students must apply before the priority application date for their degree program.

To complete the international transfer student application process, you must submit the following:

■ Application for transfer admission

Complete the University of Washington Tacoma application for transfer admission along with the nonrefundable US\$75 application fee. The application fee can be paid with a credit or debit card or an electronic check. If you have any questions about the application process, contact the Office of Admissions at 253-692-4742.

■ Transcripts

Please submit an official transcript from every college or university attended. Students are welcome, but not required, to submit transcripts and official documentation from non-U.S. colleges or universities. Credentials must be original documents, or photocopies stamped as certified-true copies by school officials or other educational authorities.

Note: If you are a U.S. citizen who attended school outside the U.S., you are required to submit transcripts from all non-U.S. schools.

All non-U.S. transcripts written in any language other than English must be accompanied by English translations in the same format as the originals and certified as accurate by a qualified translator. Additionally, all foreign transcripts, regardless of the language they are written in, must be evaluated by a foreign credentials agency. Results should be forwarded directly to the Office of Admissions at the University of Washington Tacoma. The student is responsible for ensuring that these processes are accomplished and documentation is forwarded.

■ English proficiency exam scores

All applicants must submit official English proficiency exam scores that meet the university's minimum requirement to be considered for admission. Scores must be sent directly from the testing agency to the university; unofficial reports or photocopies will not be accepted.

Only the exams listed in the table on page 20 may be used to satisfy this requirement.

■ Financial information

Submit the statement of responsibility form with a bank or financial institution statement showing sufficient funds to attend this school.

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■ Departmental requirements

Academic departments may have supplemental materials or admissions requirements beyond those listed above. Students should check with the program offices for the most current information.

Applying as an international graduate student

Not all UW Tacoma graduate programs can accept international applicants. For more information on international graduate admissions, please contact the graduate adviser for the academic program.