

Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences

Information for Evening students

You can complete an IAS degree in the evening! IAS has classes that start at both 4:15pm and 6:30pm to meet the needs of evening students. We also offer a few Saturday courses (9:30am - 2pm or 8:30am – 1:00pm) most quarters. Here are the answers to our most frequently asked questions from night students.

What concentrations or minors can I get in the evening?

Concentrations:

It depends on how quickly you are going to get your degree. For full-time (12-15 credits per quarter) evening students, you must remain very flexible in the types of courses you take, so General Studies is the concentration that best fits the evening offerings. It allows you to finish a degree as quickly as possible.

For part-time evening students (10 credits or less per quarter), it may be possible to complete another concentration, such as American Studies; Arts, Media and Culture or Self and Society. Concentrations that will be difficult to earn at night are Psychology, Communication, Environmental Studies or Science, Politics and Values or Political Economy. Check with an IAS adviser.

Minors:

Nonprofit Management is an evening minor, if you include the 4:15pm start time. The rest of the minors are not designed for evening students.

I am working full time right now, but in a year, I plan to quit so I can finish my degree. Can I earn an Education minor at that point?

With good academic planning, it may be possible. You'll need to work closely with an adviser each quarter to keep your options open.

Where can I get advising in the evening?

We have four (4) program advisers in IAS:

Noell Bernard - 253-692-5779	noelleon@u.washington.edu
Heather Hucks - 253-692-5740	hhucks@u.washington.edu
Linda Kachinsky - 253-692-4423	linsky@u.washington.edu
Loretta Lukaczer - 253-692-4577	lukaczer@u.washington.edu

Most of the time, our office hours are 9-5, but evening students have four options to get advising services:

- The IAS advisers will take appointments on Wednesday and Thursday evenings (until 6:30pm) the first two weeks of the quarter (good for graduation applications) and the week the Registration Guide is available for the next quarter. The front desk will make these appointments for you when you call 692-4450.
- The rest of the quarter, IAS offers evening advising hours by appointment with an adviser. Call or email an adviser directly.
- If you have a long lunch break consider drop in advising for quick questions-- daily 12:30 to 1:30pm.
- Many evening students prefer phone advising for convenience. Call the IAS front desk at 253-692-4450 to set that up.

The IAS front desk (for entry codes, portfolio questions, and general IAS questions) will be open Wednesday and Thursdays evenings until 7pm the first two weeks of the quarter and the first week the Registration Guide is available. The front desk can also be reached via email at iasentry@u.washington.edu for entry code requests. For questions about the portfolio please use ias@u.washington.edu or visit our website:

<http://www.tacoma.washington.edu/ias/advising/ug/portfolio>

Faculty office hours are posted on the course syllabus.

What if I have a question about my transcripts and/or financial aid?

In the first week of the quarter, Enrollment Services is open until 7pm M-TH. During the rest of the quarter, they have evening hours on Wednesday and Thursday until 7pm. Financial aid advisers will be there to help you on a drop in basis. You can also call 253-692-4400 to talk with the Enrollment Services staff during the day. They can help with registration problems as well.

Where can I eat on or near campus?

Restaurants open until 8 pm

- Chin's Teriyaki
- Taco Del Mar
- Starbucks
- Subway
- Cutter's Point Coffee
- Abella Pizzeria

Restaurants open until 10pm

- The Swiss
- Old Spaghetti Factory
- The Rock-- Wood Fired Pizza & Brewery
- The Harmon Brewery

Where can I park my car?

There are four (4) pay parking lots on campus:

- C Street at 21st

- 21st and Jefferson
- 19th between Market and Fawcett
- Court 17 garage (enter from 17th and Court C)

Time-limited street parking is available along Pacific Avenue, Jefferson Avenue and Market Street. After 6pm, there is no charge.

Parking tips:

- Street parking on Pacific and Jefferson Avenues is limited to one or two hours before 6pm. These time limits are strictly enforced. Moving to another limited time parking space is not an option as you will be ticketed for that.
- The parking lot at C Street and 21st is priced for short-term parking. If you are going to be on campus less than four hours, this is the best deal. For all-day parking, the other lots are more economical.
- If you are just taking a 4:30pm class, consider parking at the free Tacoma Dome Transit Center garage and taking the free Light Rail directly to campus. It runs every 15 minutes until 8pm so you have plenty of time to get back to your car.
- If you are a 7pm only student, street parking is free then, although some students prefer the parking lots for hassle free convenience.

What about walking to my car after dark?

The University of Washington, Tacoma encourages students to use the Campus Safety Escort Program. The service operates Monday through Thursday from 5:00 pm to 10:30pm, except holidays, breaks and summer quarter. The program is staffed with contracted security personnel. This service is free of charge to anyone who requests it. DIAL #300 or #333 on a campus telephone and a Campus Safety Escort will walk you safely to your vehicle.

What are hours of the campus library?

Please check their website for the latest information <http://www.tacoma.washington.edu/library/>

Connect to UW Libraries' real-time, online reference service

Q&A Live is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. At times, you may be chatting with a librarian from another academic library or the national 24/7 Reference cooperative service.

What are the hours of the computer labs?

Please check their website for the latest information
<http://www.tacoma.washington.edu/compserv/>

Need Academic Support? Contact the Teaching and Learning Center (TLC)!

The Teaching and Learning Center provides a wide variety of instructional resources and support for teaching and learning at UW Tacoma. Learning is an ongoing process that

takes practice, commitment, and time. We are here to create a stimulating learning environment and to help you to achieve your academic goals.

Check their website for hours and support they offer.

<http://www.tacoma.washington.edu/ctl/>

Can I take on-line courses?

IAS does not usually offer on-line courses. If you want to pursue this option, check first with an IAS adviser to see if you could take an on-line course through the UW Seattle campus or a local community college. Financial aid generally will **not pay** for those courses. Every student needs to take a minimum of 45 credits at UWT to meet the senior residency requirement. Always check with an IAS adviser before signing up and paying for non-UWT courses. They will know if it can count towards your degree.