



Acronym guide to UWT*

*that's the University of Washington Tacoma

As you may have noticed, UW Tacoma (UWT) loves acronyms! It is often how we communicate about various groups and locations on campus without spelling out the entire name. Below is a collection of the most frequently used acronyms along with a brief explanation of what and why they are named this way.

ADMC: Main Academic Building

GWP: Garretson Woodruff Pratt

BB: Birmingham Block

BHS: Birmingham Hay & Seed

WCG: West Coast Grocery

The main academic building houses the bulk of the classrooms on campus. Also in this building are the offices of the Chancellor, Social Work, Urban Studies, Education, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, Advancement, Enrollment Services and the Diversity Resource Center. The Convenience Store is also located in this building. One hundred or so years ago this building was the location of 4 separate businesses. When UWT took it over, we knocked down the walls and made it a single building, renaming each of the sections of the ADMC after the businesses that once occupied the space. You can always tell when you have entered a different section because the large double doors in the ADMC divide them all.

ASUWT: Associated Students of UW Tacoma

More often than not, this acronym refers to UWT's Student Government, but it is actually the name of a nearly 1000-strong association of students who choose to join at the start of each quarter. These students elect leaders to represent them on issues such as childcare, healthcare, legislative, and multicultural issues that directly impact the student body. The ASUWT office is located in the Mattress Factory.

CP: Cherry Parkes

CP is the home to the Institute of Technology and the Nursing program. It is the building that sits across from the Library and Gillenwater Plaza. Along with many classrooms, CP hosts a large computer lab on the lower level and the Information Technology Help Desk. The UW Autism Center is also located in the building.

CSS: Computer Software and Systems

CSS is one of the academic programs offered on campus. It is housed in the Pinkerton Building (also home to several offices of the Institute of Technology), across the street from the backside of Dougan.

DOU: Dougan Building

Dougan is home to several computer labs and classrooms used by the CSS program, but is most known as the home of the Milgard School of Business (MSOB), named after the late Gary Milgard, founder of Milgard Manufacturing. The Campus Safety office can also be found in this building.

IAS: Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences

Once referred to as the Humanities program, IAS is the largest academic program on campus. It offers classes that cover a variety of disciplines such as Psychology, Political Economy, Communications, and Environmental Science. It is located on the 4th floor of the WCG section of the main academic building (ADMC)

KEY: Keystone Building

Keystone is situated in the center of campus, across from the ADMC. It is home to Carwein Auditorium, named after UWT's first Chancellor, Vicki Carwein, and the Teaching and Learning Center (TLC).

MAT: Mattress Factory

The MAT also housed a business before joining the campus (yes, a mattress factory). It is the home of the student center/lounge "The oUWTpost," the Cashier's office, the Media department, and Student Affairs (SA). SA includes: Student Involvement, Student Housing, Judicial Affairs, Career Services, New Student Orientation, Disability Support Services (DSS), and the Counseling Center. It is also home to ASUWT (student government), Student Activities Board (SAB), Registered Student Organizations (RSOs), The Ledger (newspaper), Tahoma West (literary magazine), Finance and Human Resources, the Cashier's Office, Facilities Services, and the Copy and Mail Center. The small café Coco Bob's also calls the Mattress Factory home.

PINK: Pinkerton Building

The Pinkerton Building is located on the corner of Broadway and Jefferson Avenue. It is the home of the Institute of Technology and is the oldest building on any University of Washington campus!

RSO: Registered Student Organizations

RSO's are independent entities that are initiated and governed by students. RSO's are also commonly referred to as Student Clubs. RSO's interests span academic, professional, personal, and cultural topics. For example, previous RSO's have included: the Association of Student Accountants, the Black Student Union, Pre-Law Society, and the Queer-Straight Alliance. And typically, RSO's each have their own acronyms! The RSO office is located in the Mattress Factory

SAB: Student Activities Board

The SAB provides campus-wide programming on a variety of topics such as social issues, traditions, diversity, and generally try to create a sense of connection to the campus. Funded directly by student activity fees, this student-lead group is located in the Mattress Factory.

SAFC: Services and Activities Fee Committee

The SAFC a student-operated budgetary committee, however, the members are appointed directly by the Chancellor after a recommendation from the ASUWT student government. This group allocates money to various entities on campus that directly support and sustain student involvement.

SCI: Science Building

This is one of two buildings that were not converted from existing structures. It was constructed exclusively for use by the campus. SCI sits behind the Keystone building and is home to the Advising and Admissions office, General Education, science and computer labs, and classrooms.

STFC: Student Technology Fee Committee

The Tech Fee Committee is one of three student-run budgetary committees on campus. The STFC is a committee under student government that allocates funds for everything from the student email accounts to the campus software agreement with Microsoft, to the computers in the labs. Every full-time student pays a set amount per quarter into the fund.

TLC: Teaching and Learning Center

The TLC is housed on the second floor of the Keystone Building. The TLC provides a wide variety of instructional resources and support for learning at UWT. Quantitative (ex: math, statistics), Verbal (ex: reviewing drafts of papers), and Media (ex: enhancing power point presentations) Assistance is available in the TLC.

UUF: Use of University Facilities [form]

UUF's are forms that are completed upon reserving a room or space on campus for events and meetings. For more information on the UUF process, please visit the UUF website (www.tacoma.washington.edu/uuf).

WG: Walsh Gardner

The most common mistake by new students is the difference between this building (home to both Subway and Taco del Mar on the lower levels) and the WCG section of the main academic building (ADMC). They are separate locations. WG is home to the Language Resource Lab and one of the largest general use computer labs.

Map of Campus

