

# Admission

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

## General Information

Admission to Washington State University is granted without regard to age, sex, race, religion, color, creed, handicap, national or ethnic origin, or marital status. 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 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.

Applications are available at [apply.wsu.edu](http://apply.wsu.edu) or from the Office of Admissions and Recruitment, PO Box 641067, Pullman, WA 99164-1067.

Applicants must apply with a full and complete application packet by January 31 for priority consideration for the fall semester, as space is limited. Applicants for spring semester should apply by November 15 for priority consideration. Applications submitted after census day of classes will not be considered.

Any freshman applicant planning to compete in intercollegiate athletics must submit scores on the College Board SAT to meet National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) regulations.

The University reserves a limited number of spaces in the incoming class for students with exceptional talent or potential, as determined by the departmental/college representative making the recommendation.

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 Faculty Admissions Subcommittee.

## Retention of Students

The grade point average for first-year students entering from high school in the fall semester 2016 was 3.40 (all campuses). Of the 4,527 first-year students who entered in the fall 2016, 4,181 were enrolled in the spring of 2017.

## Freshman Admission Requirements

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Freshman 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), test scores (ACT or SAT), and other relevant materials as requested. See Academic Regulation 2.

It is strongly recommended for students planning to major in science or science-related fields to complete at least three years of science.

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 freshman application form, the official high school transcript provided directly from the high school, the ACT or SAT score report from the testing agency, and the nonrefundable application fee. Students are encouraged to apply online at [apply.wsu.edu](http://apply.wsu.edu).

Factors considered in freshman admission include grade point average, standardized test scores, 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.

Students interested in the Honors College should email [honors@wsu.edu](mailto:honors@wsu.edu) or call 509-335-4505.

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

<http://admission.wsu.edu/requirements/credit.html>

See Academic Regulation 15 and Academic Regulation 6.

## Transfer Admission Requirements

<http://admission.wsu.edu/transfer/>

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.

## Adult Student Admission

<http://admission.wsu.edu>

Washington State University recognizes that students who have been away from the classroom for extended periods of time may have special needs. 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, grades, and standardized scores of the applicant. Examples of evidence of extraordinary talents that might not be apparent in the applicant's file include: exceptional music, athletic accomplishment, awards in science, math, or artistic competitions or similar measures of talent.

There are two tracks for admission under this policy. The first admits students who are minimally qualified with an AIN of 28 or above, but whose index scores do not meet the criteria set by the University for admission that year. Such students may be admitted upon the written recommendation of the chair/director of the relevant academic department, school, or program or the head coach of the relevant athletic team and the approval of the Vice President for Enrollment or designees. In the case of student athletes, the concurrence of the Faculty Athletic Representative is also required. Letters of recommendation must detail how the student's skills will contribute to the University.

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 President for Enrollment, or designees will further review students identified as having extraordinary talent but whose AIN scores are below a 28. 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 fall, the Vice President for Enrollment, or designees, will provide a written report to the Provost, Chair of the Faculty Senate, and the President 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 insure that the program is functioning to the advantage of the students and the university community as a whole.

### **Admission to WSU Spokane, WSU Tri-Cities, and WSU Vancouver, Global Campus, and WSU North Puget Sound at Everett**

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

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

<http://www.vancouver.wsu.edu/>

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

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

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

<http://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 reapply for 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 <http://ascc.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 <http://apply.wsu.edu> or contact the Office of Admissions for a FSR application.

### **Non-Degree Admission**

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Individuals may enroll at Washington State University as non-degree students for personal enrichment, professional development, 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 who are interested in applying as a non-degree-seeking student may apply at <http://apply.wsu.edu>.

### **International Student Admission Requirements**

<http://ip.wsu.edu/apply/admission-requirements.html>

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### **Running Start at the Pullman campus**

For fall and spring semesters, eligible Whitman County high school students may enroll through Running Start. For more information on the Running Start program, please contact the Registrar's Office at 509-335-1693.

### **Limited Enrollment Programs**

Since academic departments may establish additional requirements for admission or certification to specific programs, eligibility for admission to Washington State University does not ensure acceptance into any department or program as a certified major and degree candidate. 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 certification and acceptance into programs vary and students applying for admission to selective programs should contact the program or check its website or catalog section for more information.

### **Advance Payment on Tuition and Fees**

<https://wsu.edu/advancepay>

All new admitted undergraduate students, except former students returning and non-degree students are required to submit a nonrefundable advance payment on tuition and fees in the amount of \$200 to confirm their space at the University. Students must submit this fee by the due date in their admission letter otherwise their space may be given to another student.

### **Graduate Admission Requirements**

<http://gradschool.wsu.edu>