

# University of Washington

## Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Transfer to UW-Seattle

### *for Students*

You may have heard that the UW has changed its admission policy for students who plan to transfer from Washington community colleges. Are you wondering what those changes are? You can read about them in detail on the Web at <http://www.washington.edu/students/uga/tr/reqs/>. But, if you want quick answers to some common questions, we offer the following FAQ.

### **1. I heard that the University of Washington-Seattle's Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA) for admission has been discontinued. Is this true?**

No, not yet. If you earn your associates degree by or before spring quarter 2004, you apply to enroll at the UW-Seattle by or before fall quarter 2004, and you satisfy the DTA admission criteria, **you are still eligible to apply using the Direct Transfer Agreement pathway**. However, students who earn their associate degree after spring 2004, or who apply to the UW winter 2005 or later will be considered for admission to the UW under a new policy.

### **2. What exactly is the new policy?**

Under the new transfer application review, there is **no minimum GPA that will guarantee admission to the UW**. That's the big difference from the old policy. The new process allows us to look at your application from many different angles. We can make admissions decisions based on the many different facets of who you are and what you have accomplished in your life. Under the new transfer application review, we will take a number of factors into account including:

- cumulative transfer GPA based on all transferable college-level courses attempted;
- intended major;
- college courses taken in preparation for the intended major, and grades earned in such courses;
- (recommended) completion of foreign language study through the 103-level, or equivalent, when applying to the College of Arts and Sciences;
- evidence of a need to enroll at the UW and the availability of the applicant's intended academic program at other Washington public educational institutions;
- documented academic or artistic awards and achievements, or work experience that demonstrates success in a field related to the intended major;
- improved grades after an extended absence from college or evidence of a new maturity in approaching college work;

- cultural awareness;
- educational and economic disadvantage and personal adversity;
- admission test scores (ACT or SAT), if provided; and
- high school courses, grades, and test scores if you have completed fewer than 40 credits;

**Applicants with an academic associate’s degree or who have earned 90 transferable credits will be in the best position to transfer to the University of Washington. However, applicants who have earned fewer transferable credits will also be considered.**

### **3. What GPA do I need to get admitted to the UW under the new policy?**

Again, there is no GPA that guarantees admission. However, it may be helpful to know that transfer students at the UW earned an average 3.30 GPA at their previous colleges before being admitted. It’s also good to know that applicants with a 2.50 GPA or higher are assured of consideration.

### **4. I heard it’s impossible to get into the UW under the new policy. Is this true?**

No. The UW is still very accessible to applicants from Washington State community colleges. We know this is true because the UW is committed to a **proportionality agreement** with Washington community colleges. The agreement states that at least 30% of new undergraduates enrolled at the UW in a given year will come from Washington community colleges. Since the proportionality agreement will remain intact, the UW has to admit about the same proportion of community college students that it has for some time now. Last year 31% of UW admits came from Washington community colleges.

### **5. What if I’m doing well now but earned poor grades in the past? Should I still apply?**

Yes. When we calculate your GPA, we will look at **all transferable, academic college-level coursework**. That means we calculate your GPA using both the early grades and the later grades. But, if we see that you are doing much better now, we will take that into consideration when we review your application.

### **6. Do I still have to satisfy the core subject requirements?**

Yes. The core subject requirements are usually satisfied in high school, but if you didn’t satisfy them in high school, you can take college courses to make up the deficiency.  
Need more info? <http://www.washington.edu/students/uga/tr/reqs/core/>

**7. I'm a Running Start student. How do I apply to the UW under the new transfer admission process?**

Running Start applicants who plan to enroll at the UW upon graduation from high school, apply as they always have—as Freshmen.

**8. Am I going to be offered deferred admission?**

The UW is currently overenrolled. As long as that overenrollment persists, many DTA-qualified applicants for all academic quarters of 2004 may have their admission deferred to a quarter later than the one for which they applied.

**9. I am interested in applying to UW Bothell and UW Tacoma. How will the new policy affect me?**

The new policy applies only to the UW-Seattle campus. If you are interested in attending UW Tacoma or UW Bothell, you should contact these campuses directly. They have their own admissions processes and deadlines.

UW Bothell [www.bothell.washington.edu](http://www.bothell.washington.edu)

UW Tacoma [www.tacoma.washington.edu](http://www.tacoma.washington.edu)

**10. Will this policy affect my application to the UW Seattle Evening Degree Program?**

No. Like UW Tacoma and UW Bothell, the UW Evening Degree Program is more accessible than the Seattle campus. Also, all three programs provide access to University of Washington faculty, a strong education and a University of Washington bachelor's degree. Also, the UW Evening Degree Program is the UW's only program that promises you can earn your bachelor's degree while you work. You can find out more about UW Evening Degree at: <http://www.outreach.washington.edu/edp/>

Please note that the UW Evening degree, UW Bothell and UW Tacoma offer fewer majors than the UW Seattle campus. Be sure you know what each school offers before you apply.

**11. How do I find out more about transferring to the UW?**

Go to the newly revised University of Washington transfer admission website, <http://www.washington.edu/students/uga/tr/>. There you'll find the new policy and everything else you ever wanted to know about transferring to the UW. In addition, pick up a copy of the newly revised *Transfer Admission & Planning* at your community college, or request a copy from the Office of Admissions at [www.washington.edu/students/uga/tr/mailto](mailto:www.washington.edu/students/uga/tr/mailto). If you need to talk to an admissions counselor, call the UW Admissions Office at 206-543-9686 for an appointment.