

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

Program Introduction & Application Requirements

Who we are...

In September 2007 the UW Business School received a transformational gift from the Foster Foundation. To honor this gift and the life of the Foundation's co-founder, the School was renamed the Michael G. Foster School of Business.

Our undergraduate program was already regarded as one of the best in the country, and Foster's generous gift will help our School move forward to meet the constantly evolving demands of business education.



Foster undergraduates receive a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration. To earn that degree, students complete a set of core courses designed to teach the essential concepts of business. In their senior year, students take a capstone course that integrates these core skills and competencies.

How we compare to the others...

In 2008, we have been recognized by *U.S. News and World Report* and by *Business Week* magazine. *U.S. News and World Report* ranked the undergraduate program 25th among over 400 public and private national business schools. The program ranked 14th among public institutions.

Business Week magazine ranked our program 11th among public institutions, 33rd among both public and private universities, and 4th for giving its students return on their investments.

The pages of our website and on-line presentations will give you a glimpse of what makes our program great. We hope that you'll come [visit us](#) to see for yourself!

What you can do with a business degree...

The outlook is bright for our graduates. According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, the job market remains positive for the class of 2008. NACE's recent employer survey found that employers still expect to hire more new college graduates in 2007-08 than they did in 06-07 and for the most part, average starting salary offers to 07-08 graduates are on the rise.

The University of Washington provides numerous opportunities for students to meet with hundreds of top recruiters. Each year, more than 350 employers actively recruit on campus and hundreds of top employers visit UW business-related career events.

Employers such as Accenture, Amazon.com, Boeing, Deloitte, Ernst & Young, Expeditors International, KPMG, Merrill Lynch, Microsoft, PricewaterhouseCoopers, T-Mobile, Phillip Morris USA, Frito-Lay and Enterprise Rent-A-Car consistently hire Foster School of Business undergraduates for full-time career positions and for internships.

Common UW business undergraduate entry-level job titles include: business analyst, internal auditor, financial analyst, consultant, account representative, marketing specialist, accountant, recruiter, manager sales and information systems specialist.

About thirty percent of our students continue their study as graduate students. Although their chosen fields vary widely, a good number continue on to earn master degrees in business, including our own Masters in Professional Accounting, and many use their solid educational foundation to go on to law school. Our graduates represent the Foster School of Business in colleges and universities across the country.

Quick Facts – AUTUMN 2008

- 1870 Students Enrolled
- Ages range from 18 to 54; median age is 21
- 48% Women; 52% Men
- For the 2007-2008 academic year 276 business students received Foster scholarships, ranging from \$1000 – \$10,000
- Transfers represented 30% of UAG applicants and 31% of new admits

ENROLLMENT BY ETHNICITY

- American Indian/Alaska Native 17
 - Asian/Pacific Islander 561
 - Black/African American 34
 - Hispanic 80
 - International 122
 - Ethnicity unknown 82
 - White/Caucasian 1003
- Students with multiple ethnicities may be counted more than once.

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**CAN'T VISIT OUR CAMPUS?
VIEW OUR ONLINE PRESENTATIONS!**

www.chooseUWbusiness.org

OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday from 8 until 5

APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE: 206.685.3400

DROP-IN ADVISING: Monday through Thursday from 11:30 until 2:30

Office Closed on UW Holidays

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How you can apply...

AS AN INCOMING FRESHMAN

The only application you need to fill out to be considered for Freshman Direct admission to the Foster School of Business is the application to the University of Washington. If you choose "Business Administration" as your primary major on your UW application, we will automatically consider you for admission to the business school.

AS A UW OR TRANSFER STUDENT

APPLICATION MATERIALS ON WEB:

www.chooseUWbusiness.org

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLYING

Admission is competitive. Admissions materials, including the business application and registration forms for the Writing Skills Assessment will be posted on our website a few months before the application deadline. Apply by these dates: April 5 for summer/autumn; October 5 for winter.

Minimum Academic Requirements

An applicant must have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA for each of the following.

- all college credits*
- all business course credits*
- all UW credits
- all UW business course credits
*including transfer credits

Writing Skills Assessment (WSA)

All applicants must take the WSA. In the assessment session, students are given 90 minutes to plan and write two essays.

A Personal Statement

We consider things besides academics when reviewing files, so we require a personal statement that addresses:

- cultural awareness
- economic and educational disadvantage
- personal adversity
- evidence of leadership skills

Upper Division Admission Group (UAG)

The majority of students are admitted as part of the UAG. At the time they apply, students must have completed:

- a total of 60 transferable college credits
- calculus
- college-level English composition
- financial accounting
- microeconomics or macroeconomics

Early Admission Group (EAG)

UW students who began their coursework at the UW as freshmen may apply in the spring of their freshman year if they have been enrolled no more than three quarters and have completed:

- at least 30 credits at UW, of which at least 28 are numerically graded, and no more than 59 credits overall
- microeconomics
- calculus
- college-level English composition

APPLYING TO UW

If you are not currently a student at UW, Seattle, you must apply to the University as well as to the Business School. You may do this simultaneously, but you will not be admitted to the School if you are not admitted to University. The University's application deadline is earlier than the School's. Refer to UW's admissions website at: admit.washington.edu

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION PREREQUISITES

The chart below presents a quick picture of the courses required before application and, if admitted, those required before entering the program. Course numbers are for courses offered at UW, Seattle, but equivalents will be considered. If you have taken courses at a Washington State community college, you can check for equivalencies on the web at:

admit.washington.edu/BeforeYouApply/Transfer/Plan/EquivalencyGuide

Pre-application courses must be completed by the application deadline; pre-admission courses must be completed by the last day of spring quarter for autumn admission and by the last day of the autumn quarter for winter admission.

Course	Pre-application	Pre-admission
Calculus (MATH 112 or 124) ¹	EAG/UAG	
English Composition (College-Level) C LIT 240, ENGL 109-110, 111, 121, 131, 197, 198, 199, 281	EAG/UAG	
Financial Accounting (ACCTG 215) ²	UAG	
Microeconomics (ECON 200) ³	EAG/UAG	
Macroeconomics (ECON 201) ³		UAG
Managerial Accounting (ACCTG 225) ²		UAG
Introduction to Law (MGMT 200)		UAG
Statistical Methods (QMETH 201) ⁴		UAG

1. We will also accept MATH 134, MATH 145, or Q SCI 291 for calculus.
2. If transferring from a college where the fundamentals of accounting are taught in a 3-part series, you must complete the first course before the application deadline and the second and third courses by the end of quarter of application.
3. UAGs may take either micro- or macroeconomics before applying, but they must complete both by the end of the quarter of application. EAGs must take micro- before applying.
4. We will also accept STAT 220, STAT 311, STAT 390, PSYCH 315, PSYCH 317 and PSYCH 318, Q SCI 381, MATH 390, or IND E 315 for statistics.

APPLICATION EVALUATION

Early Admission Group (EAG)

Admission is more competitive for this category than it is for UAGs. EAG candidates are evaluated on their overall academic record, grades in courses required before application, and written communication skills.

Upper Division Admission Group (UAG)

For UAG applicants, index scores are created from three admissions factors, which are standardized, then assigned the following weights.

- Combined GPA (40%)
- Pre-application GPA (25%)
- Writing Skills Assessment (35%)

Beyond this index, consideration is given to such factors as cultural experiences, significantly higher recent grades, exceptional extracurricular activities or leadership experience, and the effect of personal disadvantage on earlier education.