

FOSTER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE

2024-2025 FACTSHEET

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, USA

The Michael G. Foster School of Business at the University of Washington is located in beautiful Seattle, Washington USA. Seattle lies in the Northwest corner of the continental United States and is an idyllic location surrounded by both mountains and water. Seattle is home to many iconic companies including Starbucks, Amazon, Boeing, and many others, making it an ideal place to study business.

STUDY PROGRAM

COURSES

Students must attend the UW on a full-time basis. A full-time course load is 12-18 UW credits per quarter. 18 credits is the maximum. Quarters run for 10 weeks each. Incoming exchange students typically take three or four 100- to 400-level courses with each course carrying 4 UW credits.

Exchange students are responsible for ensuring that the credits they receive will transfer back to their home institution. Demand and space constraints make Finance and Accounting courses difficult to get into. Foster School incoming exchange students are allowed to take non-business coursework.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS & TIME SCHEDULE

The following links show course descriptions for all UW and Foster School courses. See the Time Schedule to determine which courses are offered during which term.

All UW Courses - www.washington.edu/students/crscat

Business Courses - www.washington.edu/students/crscat/#BusAdmin

Time Schedule - www.washington.edu/students/timeschd

LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

Class formats include lecture and discussion, in-class presentations and case studies. Grading is based on papers, group projects, case studies, class participation and exams. Exam formats may vary. Typically exams are held during the final week of the quarter.

LENGTH OF CLASS

A typical upper-division 4-credit business course runs 2 days per week, for 2 hours per day, for a total of 4 hours of class time each week or 40 hours of classtime during a quarter. Courses usually run either Monday and Wednesday, or Tuesday and Thursday anytime from 7:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. Courses outside the Foster School may be offered on different schedules.

HOW WE COMPARE TO THE OTHERS

In 2023, U.S. News & World Report ranked the Foster School of Business Undergraduate Program:

1st in the Northwest of the United States

17th among all national business schools

9th among public institutions

SPECIALIZATIONS AT FOSTER

Students at Foster can specialize in one or more of these seven formal majors:

- Accounting
- Entrepreneurship
- Finance
- Human Resources Management
- Information Systems
- Marketing
- Operations and Supply Chain Management

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GRADING

A	4.0-3.9	C	2.1-1.9	
A-	3.8-3.5	C-	1.8-1.5	
B+	3.4-3.2	D+	1.4-1.2	
B	3.1-2.9	D	1.1-0.9	
B-	2.8-2.5	D-	0.8-0.7	Lowest passing grade
C+	2.4-2.2	E	0.0	Failure

REQUIREMENTS

- Proof of English proficiency is required. This can be demonstrated with a minimum TOEFL Internet score of 76 (92 or higher recommended), or IELTS score of 6 (7 or higher recommended) or Duolingo score of 105 (120 or higher recommended).
- Be enrolled at a partner school at the 3rd or 4th year level.

LIFE ON CAMPUS

While in Seattle, students who are participating in the Foster School of Business undergraduate exchange program have the opportunity to integrate themselves into student life in a variety of ways. Many exchange students participate in extracurricular activities, such as student clubs, case competitions, or intermural sports teams. Student services include: Email Accounts, Sports Facilities, Advisors, Organized Trips, Social Activities, and Foster School Ambassador (buddy).

ACCOMMODATIONS

Students have the option of registering for on-campus housing. This is not guaranteed and is assigned on a first come, first serve basis. The cost ranges from \$2,272 - \$5,737 per quarter. Price range reflects different meal plans and number of roommates (projected rates). More information can be found here: <http://www.hfs.washington.edu/housing>

HEALTH INSURANCE

Students are required to have health insurance at the UW. They can provide proof of insurance from home country or purchase UW student insurance. Cost: 468\$/Quarter (2023-2024 rates). Additional information about insurance can be found here: www.washington.edu/ship/international-student-insurance-health-plan/

TIMELINE

If you will be starting...	Summer Quarter 2024 (Jun-Aug)	Autumn Quarter 2024 (Sept-Dec)	Winter Quarter 2025 (Jan-Mar)	Spring Quarter 2025 (Mar- Jun)
Nomination Deadline	February 1st	March 15th	July 1st	October 1st
Application Deadline	March 1st	April 1st	August 1st	November 1st
Acceptance Documents Issued (DS-2019, etc.)	Mid-May	Mid-June	Mid October	Mid January
Course Registration begins	May	July	December	March
Foster School Orientation	June 17	Sept 24	January 6	March 31
Instruction Begins	June 17	Sept 25	January 6	March 31
Last Day of Instruction	August 16	December 6	March 14	June 6
Final Examination Week	Last day of class	December 7-13	March 15-21	June 7-13

NOMINATION PROCESS

Exchange coordinators will be sent a nomination link prior to the nomination period. After submitting a nomination via an online form, both students and exchange coordinators will receive an email with student application instructions.

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Students will create an online account with instructions from the email sent after nomination. They will be asked to upload the following:

- Copy of passport identification page
- All college transcripts, translated into English
- TOEFL (IBT): 76 or IELTS: 6 score report, or Duolingo: 105
- *Exception: If your primary and secondary education took place in Australia, Canada (English-speaking provinces), the United Kingdom, Ireland, New Zealand or the U.S., you are exempt from this requirement.*

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Global Business Center: www.foster.uw.edu/centers/gbc/