



University Transfer Workshop

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

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Workshop Goals

Today you will learn:

- How to choose a university for transfer
- How to research a school
- How to plan your transfer process

College Advising



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How to Choose a University

Choosing a University: What to consider



Location & Setting (rural/urban/suburban)



Majors offered

If you have questions about selecting a major for transfer, please contact your IE advisor



Tuition and financial assistance

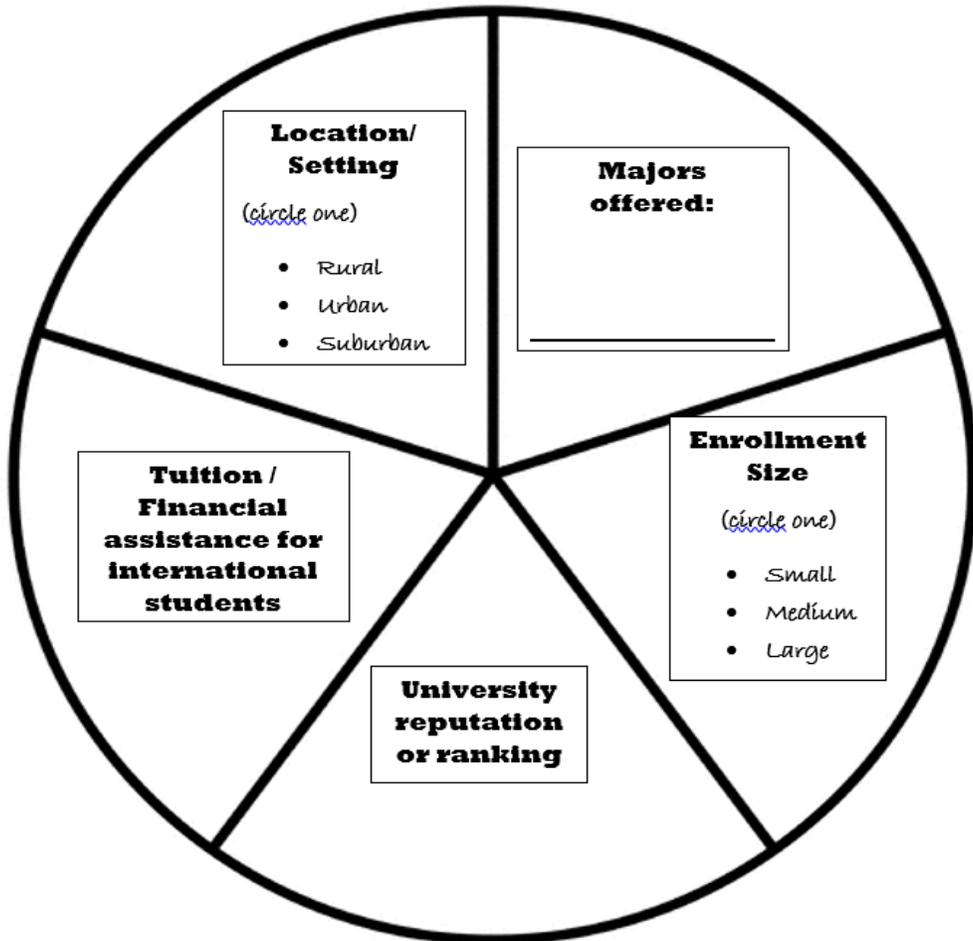


Enrollment size



University Reputation (Ranking)

Priorities Balance Pie Chart



What are
your
priorities?

ACTIVITY:

PRIORITIES BALANCE PIE CHART



How to Research Transfer Schools

College Search Resources

- U.S. News Best College Rankings

[http://colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/
best-colleges](http://colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-colleges)

- Peterson's

<https://www.petersons.com/>

- College Board: College Search

<https://collegeboard.org/>

Is this school right for me?

Activity: Research Hunt-Find your match schools

Step 1) sign on to <https://www.collegeboard.org/>

Step 2) Find 2-3 schools that:

- Offer your major
- Cost is in your budget and/or offer scholarships to international students
- Match the size of school you want
- Are in your preferred type of location (city or rural)

Preparing for the Application Process



Application Checklist

- 1) Application (often online)
- 2) Application Fee
- 3) Application Deadline (May need to apply to university and the specific major. Deadlines/requirements may be different)
- 4) Personal Statement
- 5) English Proficiency
- 6) Transcript (Bellevue College, other colleges, high school-depends on school)

Note: You may submit your transcript twice (at time of application and once you have completed degree)
- 7) Letters of Recommendation (not as common but some schools require)

What do I need to apply?

Activity: Research the application requirements for University of Washington or Seattle University (your choice)

Step 1) Go to <http://www.Washington.edu/> or <https://www.seattleu.edu/>

Step 2) Find the following:

1. Application Fee
2. Application Deadline
3. English Proficiency Requirements
4. Personal Statement Required?
5. Letter of Recommendation Required?
6. Identify the admissions contact information for the school
7. Identify the advising contact for the program, if this is a separate contact



Personal Statement Resources

BC Writing Center (part of Academic Success Center)

a. Writing Personal Statements Video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_B47floSiTY&list=PLZtObdON6KbyGVvVE7qdPd1le-zJc6wnH&t=428s

b. Personal Statement document (found on IE website)

c. Schedule a meeting with Writing Lab staff



Writing Lab www.bellevuecollege.edu/asc/writing

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Personal Statement

What is a personal statement?

A personal statement is usually a 2-to-3-page, double-spaced essay describing your experiences, interests, academic achievements, and future goals. It is your opportunity to vividly show off who you are by describing your talents, creativity, motivation, and values, which your grades alone do not show. A compelling personal statement can distinguish you as a student who will be an asset to the university community, especially if your test scores and grades put you in the “maybe” category for admission. Because the personal statement is such an important part of the admissions process, allow yourself 3 to 4 weeks to work on it.

Set Up a Meeting-Writing Lab Staff

<https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/asc/writing/how-to-access-writing-lab-tutors-online/appointments-at-the-writing-lab/>

Make appointments through our [Bellevue College Writing Lab Bookings](#) page

The appointment tutor will meet with you on *Teams* for up to 50 minutes per day.

An appointment may be made from 24 hours to 28 days in advance.

To request an appointment on the Bookings page:

- **First** select a service
- Then select a date and a time from those available
- And then enter your information in the form below the calendar–be sure to spell your email address correctly, so you receive the confirmation message!

Note: Appointments are *not* required to visit a tutor at the Writing Lab: You can also visit us during our business hours in our [Teams General Channel!](#) In-person visits are possible Monday – Thursday 10:00am to 3:30pm in D204.

The screenshot displays the booking interface for the Bellevue College Writing Lab. At the top, the Bellevue College logo is visible on the left, and the text 'Bellevue College Writing Lab' is centered. Below this is a 'Select service' section. It contains three service options, each with a globe icon and an information icon:

Service	Duration	Cost
Feedback on Draft	50 minutes	Free
Explaining Assignment	50 minutes	Free
Personal Statements	50 minutes	Free

The 'Personal Statements' option is highlighted with a red bracket.

Seattle University English Proficiency

Option 1: Exam Option

TOEFL 86 iBT

IELTS 6.5

The logo for Seattle University, featuring the word "SEATTLEU" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters on a red rectangular background.

Option 2: Transfer from a regionally accredited college/university

You must:

- a) have 45 credits for a regionally accredited college/university at the time of application,
- b) complete college-level English composition with a 3.0 or higher grade, and
- c) have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher

Note: there are a few other ways to meet the English Proficiency requirements. Please check with your IE Advisor if you want to review these other options.

UW Seattle		UW Bothell	UW Tacoma
TOEFL (iBT) recommended 92 or higher	Option 1	TOEFL (iBT) 83 or TOEFL PBT 557	TOEFL (iBT) 83 or TOEFL PBT 558
TOEFL (iBT) minimum 76		TOEFL (iBT) 76 - 82 or TOEFL PBT 540 - 553 (Admission requires completing a specified section of B WRIT within the First Two Quarters at UW Bothell)	TOEFL (iBT) 82 or TOEFL PBT 557 or below is not accepted
IELTS recommended 7.0		IELTS 6.5	IELTS 6.5
IELTS minimum 6.0		IELTS 6.0 (Admission requires completing a specified section of B WRIT within the First Two Quarters at UW Bothell)	IELTS 6.0 or below is not accepted
	Option 2 (must meet all requirements)	1. minimum 2.75 transferable coursework GPA	1. minimum 2.75 transferable coursework GPA
		2. minimum grade of 3.0 (B) in the equivalent of UW ENGL 131 English Composition (ENGL& 101 at BC)	2. Complete two college-level English composition classes with a GPA of 3.0 (B) or higher in <u>each</u> course (for example: ENGL& 101 and ENGL 201 at BC)
		3. minimum grade of 3.0 (B) in the equivalent of UW ENGL 141 Writing from Research (ENGL 201 at BC)	
		4. Complete 90 transferable quarter credits	3. minimum 30 transferable college-level credits from another accredited U.S. higher education institution

English Proficiency Requirements for UW

University of California English Proficiency

Applying as a transfer student?

You can demonstrate English proficiency by completing the two UC-transferable English composition courses [required for transfer admission](#) and receiving at least a “C” or “B” grade/mark, depending on the campuses you’re applying to. If you do so, you are not required to submit IELTS/TOEFL exam scores.

You are considered proficient if:

- You’re applying to Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Merced, Riverside or Santa Barbara and received grades/marks of “C” or higher in the English composition courses.
- You’re applying to UCLA, San Diego or Santa Cruz and received grades/marks of “B” or higher in the English composition courses.

Some campuses may request an interview to determine English skills during the application review process. Davis, UCLA and Santa Barbara may strongly recommend or require additional English proficiency testing for applicants admitted to their campuses.

Keep in mind: UC does not accept English composition courses from international universities where English is not the language of instruction.

<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/preparing-to-transfer/basic-requirements.html>

Duolingo Test is accepted in Autumn 23 admissions

- ▶ University of Washington
 - ▶ Seattle: 105 (120 or higher recommended)
 - ▶ Bothell: 105
 - ▶ Tacoma: 105* (It is encouraged that students consider the IELTS or option 2 in previous slide)

- ▶ Seattle University: 110
- ▶ Washington State University: 105
- ▶ Western Washington University: 105

- ▶ University of California
 - ▶ Berkeley, Davis, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Irvine, Merced, Riverside : 115
 - ▶ UCLA: 120 recommended

Disclaimer: Updated January 2023. Information may change. Checking with transfer schools to confirm is recommended.

Common Application Mistakes: Advice from UW Seattle

1. Not meeting the English proficiency requirement
2. Not submitting departmental application and not having a second major. This includes not preparing for the Writing Skills Assessment (WSA) for UW Business Programs

Bothell: <https://www.uwb.edu/babusiness/admission-requirements/assessment>

Seattle: <https://foster.uw.edu/academics/degree-programs/undergraduate-programs/admissions/standard-admission/wsa-registration/>

Tacoma: <https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/business/writing-skills-assessment>

3. Personal statement errors
 - Being too general
 - Focusing on first choice of major and not listing second major (in application and personal statement)
4. Not having 40 transferrable credits at the time of application

Advice from former BC students now attending universities

- ▶ “Students interested in transferring to UW-Seattle should pay attention to classes that need to be completed pre-application.”
- ▶ “Meet with an advisor early in your studies to create an educational plan that will keep you on track for registration/graduation.”
- ▶ “Take sequential classes at the same school. Many universities don’t transfer in sequential classes that were taken at different schools.”
- ▶ “Plan to take any core/critical class with one attempt. Many capacity constraint/competitive programs do not have grade forgiveness policy which means they will re-calculate GPA with every course completion.”
- ▶ “The application process took longer than I expected. Don’t underestimate how long it will take to complete everything in the applications. Start the application process on the day that the application opens.”

Campus Visits

Visiting a campus is a great way to learn about a school and identify if it is a good fit.

Attend UW Seattle Transfer Thursdays

<https://admit.Washington.edu/visit/transfer-Thursday/>

Attend UW Tacoma Transfer Tuesdays

<https://www.Tacoma.uw.edu/admissions/transfer-tuesdays>

Attend UW Bothell in-person tour

<https://www.uwb.edu/admissions/visit>

Other Transfer Events

- Personal Statements for University Transfer
Sign up on BC's Academic Success Center website:
<https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/asc/workshops/>
- Seattle University
Campus Tours/Information Session
<https://www.seattleu.edu/undergraduate-admissions/visit/campus-tours/>

Attention International Students!

Are you planning
to transfer to a
university?

Bellevue College Bachelor Programs
Central Washington University
DigiPen Institute of Technology
Eastern Oregon University
Eastern Washington University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Seattle
Gonzaga University
Montana State University
Oregon State University
Portland State University

Seattle Pacific University
Seattle University
The Evergreen State College
University of Alaska Fairbanks
University of Washington - Seattle
University of Washington - Bothell
University of Washington - Tacoma
Washington State University
Western Washington University

Arizona State University
California Baptist University
California College of the Arts
California State University Monterey Bay
Pepperdine University
San Francisco State University
University of California, Davis
University of Nevada Las Vegas

Kansas State University
Texas Tech University
University of Tulsa
University of Colorado Boulder

Indiana University Bloomington
Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis
Minnesota State University, Mankato
Purdue University - West Lafayette
University of Iowa
University of Toledo

Binghamton University
Boston University
Columbia University (School of General Studies)
Drexel University
Rutgers University - New Brunswick
Temple University, Japan Campus
The University of Rhode Island
Toronto Metropolitan University
UNC Charlotte
University at Buffalo, The State University of New York
University of Pittsburgh
University of South Florida

International Transfer Fair

Date & Time: Monday, January 30, 2023 • 10:00am - 12:00pm

Location: BC Cafeteria

There may be some unexpected school cancellations before the event.

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A photograph of graduation caps flying through the air against a clear blue sky. The caps are black with blue tassels. Some hands are visible at the bottom, reaching up as if to catch or throw the caps. The image is partially obscured by a dark blue overlay on the right side of the slide.

When am I ready to graduate?

Meet with your IE Advisor: Second Year Meeting

- Understand 60-day grace period/options after graduation
- CPT/OPT Planning
- Understand the transfer process
- Submitting the Transfer Out Request to IE with an acceptance letter from your new school
- Applying for graduation
- Make an academic plan (identify courses and pre-requisites)

Next Steps:
It's important
to plan
ahead!



*Planning is bringing the future into the present so
that you can do something about it now.*

~Alan Lakein

A goal without a plan is just a wish

~ Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Next Steps: Planning for University Transfer

PLANNING BACKWARDS

**I want to go to
university:**

Quarter _____

Year _____

**60 days grace period
ends by:**

Date _____

I will graduate by:

Quarter _____

Year _____

Date _____

I will have 45 Credits by:

Quarter _____

Year _____

**2-3 people to write letters
of recommendation:**

Name:

Name:

Important Application Details:

Identify at least 3 schools I plan to apply to:

School Name: _____

Application Deadline: _____ Major Deadline: _____

English Proficiency Required? _____

Begin personal statement by? _____

Letters of Recommendation Required? _____

School Name: _____

Application Deadline: _____ Major Deadline: _____

English Proficiency Required? _____

Begin personal statement by? _____

Letters of Recommendation Required? _____

School Name: _____

Application Deadline: _____ Major Deadline: _____

English Proficiency Required? _____

Begin personal statement by? _____

Questions?



Thank you for Attending!

Next step:
Schedule a
Meeting with
your IE Advisor

Please take
our survey!