

# FOSTER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE 2019-20 FACTSHEET

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## 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](http://www.washington.edu/students/crscat)

Business Courses - [www.washington.edu/students/crscat/#BusAdmin](http://www.washington.edu/students/crscat/#BusAdmin)

### 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 2018, U.S. News & World Report ranked the Foster School of Business Undergraduate Program:

1st in the Northwest of the United States

24th among all national business schools

14th among public institutions

### SPECIALIZATIONS AT FOSTER

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

- 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 83, or IELTS score of 7.
- 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 \$2,189 - \$5,332 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: \$379/Quarter (2018-2019 rates). Additional information about insurance can be found here: [www.washington.edu/ship/international-student-insurance-health-plan/](http://www.washington.edu/ship/international-student-insurance-health-plan/)

**TIMELINE**

If you will be starting...	Summer Quarter 2019 (Jun-Aug)	Autumn Quarter 2019 (Sept-Dec)	Winter Quarter 2020 (Jan-Mar)	Spring Quarter 2020 (Mar- Jun)
Application Deadline	February 1st	April 1st	September 1st	September 1st
Acceptance Documents Issued (DS-2019, etc.)	Mid-May	Mid-June	Mid-October	Mid-January
Course Registration begins	May	July	November	February
FIUTS Orientation (recommended)	June 21-23	Sept 17 (tent.)	January 3-5	March 27-29
Foster School Orientation (required)	June 24	Sept 24	January 6	March 30
Instruction Begins	June 24	Sept 25	January 6	March 30
Last Day of Instruction	August 23	December 6	March 13	June 5
Final Examination Week	Last day of class	December 7-13	March 14-20	June 6-12

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

*Nominations by students' home university are sent to Theresa Maloney (tmaloney@uw.edu). After being nominated, students will receive an email from Theresa with instructions to submit application materials online.*

*Students will upload the following:*

- Copy of passport identification page
- Official bank letter or bank statement indicating sufficient funds balance
- All college transcripts, translated into English
- TOEFL (IBT): 83 or IELTS: 7 score report (Not required for passport holders of English speaking countries)

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**WEBSITES**

Incoming Exchange Students | [www.foster.uw.edu/centers/gbc/undergraduate/inbound-exchange-students](http://www.foster.uw.edu/centers/gbc/undergraduate/inbound-exchange-students)

Global Business Center | [www.foster.uw.edu/centers/gbc/](http://www.foster.uw.edu/centers/gbc/)

FIUTS (Foundation of International Understanding Through Students) | [www.fiuts.org/](http://www.fiuts.org/)