

On-Campus

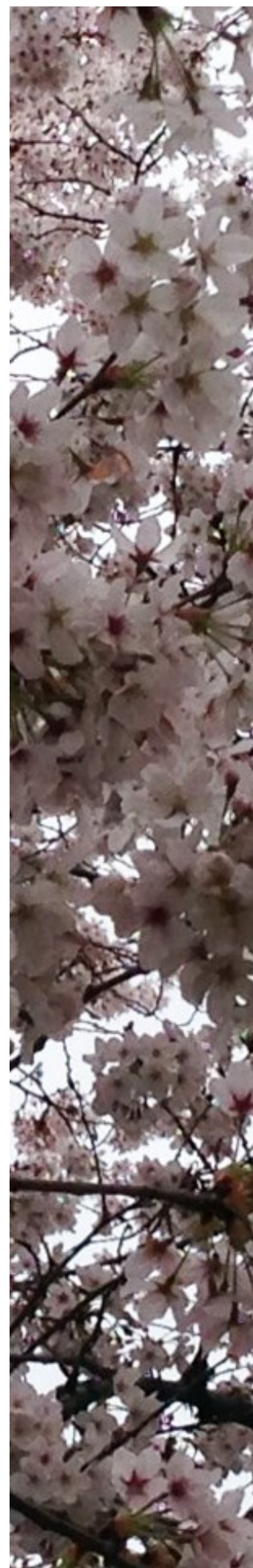
The Four Columns/Slyvan Grove: The first University of Washington building was constructed in 1861 and featured a portico with four ionic columns. When the university opened that same year, on November 4th, there was only one professor, King County had a population of about 300, and the Civil War had just entered its sixth month. When campus officially moved from downtown to the current location, only the columns survived the journey. After several brief stays in the quad and upper-campus buildings they were permanently relocated to Slyvan Grove as the center piece to this natural amphitheater. Make sure to pass through the medicinal herb garden, more than 2 acres hosting over 1,000 different species of plants from around the world.

The HUB: The original Student Union Building was opened in 1949 after more than 30 years of planning and design by students, faculty, and staff. The building was viewed as the “hub of campus life” and the term was coined by the student run newspaper. Later, the acronym became today’s Husky Union Building. Recently remodeled in 2010-2012, the space is now more open and provides space to a large variety of on-campus activities. With bowling, video games, the ASUW Bike Shop, a food court, Starbucks, Karaoke rooms, and multiple student organization office headquarters, the HUB really is the center of student life at the UW.

The Quad: Featuring gothic architecture, brick pathways, and green lawns, the Liberal Art Quadrangle is surrounded by six buildings that house the arts, humanities, and social sciences. It is one of the primary gathering places on campus for students looking to lounge and take advantage of the sunshine and open spaces. Keep your cameras ready when spring comes around and the native Japanese Yoshino Cherry trees are in bloom.

Red Square: The Central Plaza is known as Red Square because of its red brick paving. This large plaza is really the central gathering place on campus, connecting the arts at Meany Theater with Odegaard and Suzzallo libraries and the largest classrooms on campus in Kane Hall. It’s common to find events, student organizations, or orators all mingling together to take advantage of the heavy foot traffic that passes through every day. On a clear day you can see all the way down to Mt. Rainier and over to the Olympic Mountains. On a rainy day make sure to tread carefully as these bricks are well known to be slippery when wet. If you’re looking for some escape from the rain or the noise, check out the reading room on the second floor of Suzzallo. You’ll see why it’s nicknamed “The Harry Potter Room” but please keep your voices to a whisper as you snap your selfie.

Drumheller Fountain/Rainier Vista: This section of campus was designed by the famous landscape architects, the Olmsted Brothers, in 1906. Over the years Drumheller fountain has served campus in many ways including water supply and storage, log rolling competitions, a breeding ground for ducks and geese, and perhaps most famously as part of a past college ritual (now banned) where unsuspecting freshman were tossed into its waters earning it the nickname “Frosh” pond. There is hardly a more famous view of campus than that of the fountain with Mt. Rainier in the rising in the background.



IMA/Hec Edmundson Pavilion/Husky Stadium: Located on the east side of Montlake Boulevard, these student-athlete oriented facilities host some of the biggest events on and around campus. Husky Stadium is the home of Football every fall and has a capacity of around 70,000. The Alaska Airlines Hec Edmundson Pavilion is host to Husky Basketball and has a capacity of 10,000. The Intermural Activities Building (IMA) is one of the largest gym facilities in the region boasting more than 100,000 square feet of multipurpose space including swimming pools, tennis, basketball, squash, and handball courts, weights and personal training services, a rock climbing gym, private classes and much more.

The Henry Art Gallery, 15th Ave NE & NE 41st St: This UW art gallery not only offers an array of exhibitions, but also a variety of lectures and educational programming. The Henry draws from the rich arts community of Seattle and the Pacific Northwest, and fosters collaboration between public, private, and student groups. The Henry is free to students with a Husky Card, but is \$10 for the general public.

The Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture, 17th Ave NE & NE 45th St: Immerse yourself in the vibrant and diverse cultural and natural history of the Pacific Northwest. The Burke Museum recently celebrated its 125th year. It remains a notable presence in the region and recently took in a twenty-thousand-year-old, eight-and-a-half foot mammoth tusk that was discovered during construction in South Lake Union. While free to students with a Husky Card, general admission is \$10.

Near Campus

Chaco Canyon Café, 4757 12th Ave NE: This restaurant may have a casual atmosphere, but it's not casual about quality. As Seattle's first organic vegan restaurant, Chaco's chefs know how to whip up tasty dishes to suit all palates. Fill up on their famous Lentil Burger, refresh yourself with a live juice, or indulge in a decadent slice of macadamia "cheesecake." 206.522.6966; www.chacocanyoncafe.com

Village Sushi, 4741 12th Ave NE: A welcome escape from the cold settings of conveyor belt sushi bars that have become so popular, Village Sushi offers delectable, affordable rolls right in the heart of the U-District. Fire up your taste buds with their Spicy Tuna Roll, or get outside your comfort zone with a savory "Caterpillar Roll" (don't worry, no actual caterpillars are involved). If sushi doesn't call your name, try one of their many other scrumptious dishes like the Salmon Teriyaki, Shrimp & Vegetable Tempura, or Nabeyaki Udon. 206.985.6870; www.villagesushiseattle.com

Agua Verde Café, 1303 NE Boat Street: There are so many words one could use to describe Agua Verde Café — tasty, fun, local, organic, sustainable, handmade, authentic — just these don't seem to do it justice. On a sunny day, customers can sit on the patio and enjoy flaky whitefish tacos with house-made salsa; if it's rainy, inside has the perfect atmosphere to sit back with a juicy margarita and imagine yourself in a Mexican paradise. If you're feeling adventurous, the café offers kayak rentals starting at just \$17/hr (lifejacket included). (206) 545-8570; aguaverde.com/café

Solstice Café, 4116 University Way NE: Sitting at the base of "The Ave", Solstice is the quintessential Seattle café. Luxuriate on a comfy couch and let your cares melt away under a wash of sultry mood lighting and sweet aromas. Unlike chain cafes, Solstice's hip baristas get to choose which soundtrack plays while they whip up some truly tasty coffee. Don't care for coffee? We recommend an extra-spicy chai with a slice of house-made cardamom cake. Trust us, you won't regret it. 206.675.0850; www.cafesolsticeseattle.com



Cowen and Ravenna Parks, 15th Ave NE & Cowen Pl NE: Cowen and Ravenna Parks may be attached, but they are two drastically different places. Start your trek in a traditional space with lots of open fields, restrooms, and a play area at Cowen Park. To find Ravenna Park, make your way east on a gently sloping trail. If you have been lucky in your path selection, you will soon pass a reflecting pool bejeweled with koi; continue on and find yourself in a northwest rainforest capable of making you forget you're in the middle of a major metropolitan city. Walk the numerous trails, enjoy the intertwining streams that work their way through masses of lush greenery, and take a moment perched atop an aged boulder to contemplate the grandeur of your surroundings.

Greenlake: One of Seattle's most popular destinations for runners and outdoor activity enthusiasts alike, Greenlake is just 2 miles from campus and offers plenty of trails and play structures for all ages and ability levels. Take a walk or ride some wheels on the designated path around the lake for 2.8 miles or relax by the shore as the locals bustle all around you. Seattleites know how to take advantage of a sunny day so make sure to arrive early or you'll miss out on the multitude of local restaurants and shops lining the edges of the lake.

Shiga's Imports 4306 University Way NE: It is not very often one comes across a store on the Ave with a history so deeply rooted in the U-District. Offering customers unique items from various parts of Asia, Shiga's Imports was founded at its current location in the early 60's, boosted by the tourism boom that followed the Seattle World's Fair. The founder, Andy Shiga, helped spearhead a continuing tradition in the U-District when he brought his fellow Ave merchants together to put on the first University District Street Fair in 1969. This store is definitely worth checking out!

www.shigasimports.com

The Dreaming Comics and Games, 5226 University Way NE: Possibly the friendliest comic shop you will ever visit, The Dreaming (whose name pays homage to Neil Gaiman's "Sandman" comics) offers all of your favorite mainstream titles, as well as a strong selection of comics from independent sources. If comics aren't your style, their selection of card and board games might just pique your interest. Either way, you are sure to find a great community vibe and a kindred spirit to geek out with.

www.thedreamingcomicsandgames.com

Red Light Vintage & Costume, 4560 University Way NE: A truly independent place to find the funky, the retro, and the just plain weird. Whether you're a real hipster or a new wave post-punk rocker, Red Light has been the destination for the full-spectrum of fashionistas for almost 20 years. Careful, though: it's easy to lose track of time while wading through the wildly curated racks. *www.redlightvintage.com*

University Bookstore, 4326 University Way NE: It's a well-known fact that students at the University of Washington bleed Purple and Gold, and for 114 years the University Bookstore has provided Huskies with all the swag they could ever need to show their true colors. Brand your car, your bike, your office, your dishes, your spouse, your dog... really, there's not much that doesn't look better with a big purple or gold "W" plastered on it. *www.bookstore.washington.edu*



Bigtime Brewery, 4133 University Way Northeast: Opened in 1988, Big Time Brewery was one of Seattle's first brew pubs. Featuring their own signature brews and a kitchen famous for pizzas and daily specials, this spot has become a staple for grad students and trivia lovers alike. Brewery tours are available Monday through Friday or by appointment.

Downtown Seattle

Pike Place Market: So much more than just athletic fish mongers flinging deceased marine life at each other, the Pike Place Market has a rich history that traces back to Seattle's not-to-savory beginnings. Now, however, the close-knit Market shopkeepers welcome thousands of visitors each year to their independently-run storefronts and European-style eateries. Here you'll find some of the best and freshest food in the city, like the Great Chowder Cook-Off Hall-of-Fame winning recipe of Pike Place Chowder, or the locally grown meats and produce that line the Market's walkways. Not hungry? The Market is also home to a variety of artisans looking to share their wares—unique jewelry, hand-blown glass, and one-of-a-kind paintings are just a few of the treasures you might find on any of the three floors that comprise this landmark. If learning is more your "thing", Market Ghost Tours offers a spooky twist on the already spine-tingling history of the Market, so don't be afraid to drop in on one of their daily tours.

The Great Wheel: The largest Ferris Wheel on the West Coast is located on Pier 57 overlooking Elliott Bay in Downtown Seattle. For \$13 (discounts for children and seniors) you can hop on and get a unique view of Seattle and the surrounding waters of the Puget Sound. The ride takes between 10 and 20 minutes and there is even a VIP Gondola if you're willing to spend \$50 per person for leather seats, glass floors, and a champagne toast at the Fisherman's Restaurant.

Seattle Central Library: Nestled in the heart of Downtown Seattle, the Central Library is an architecturally striking public space. Consisting of several discrete "floating platforms" seemingly wrapped in a large steel net around glass skin, the library boasts more than 1.5 million books and other media materials. Find one of the reading rooms with views of Elliott Bay, or browse the internet for more local Seattle destinations at one of the 400 public computer terminals.

Washington State Ferries: The Washington State Ferry system is an absolute must for visitors and weekend explorers alike. Whether your destination is Bremerton, Bainbridge, the San Juan Islands or Victoria BC, the phrase "getting there is half the fun" rings true. The ferry system offers a leisurely and relatively inexpensive way to enjoy the abundant natural beauty of Puget Sound. Seagulls in search of stray popcorn provide onboard entertainment with special appearances by sea lions, eagles and whales. Stunning views of the mountains, Puget Sound, and the Emerald City provide the backdrop for a perfect day. The galleys offer breakfast, lunch and a variety of local goodies (including, of course, Starbucks coffee). Onboard vendors are cash-only, so don't forget to stop by an ATM before heading out!

When planning your Puget Sound voyage, there are several important things to note. The first, and most important, is that "departure time" is by no means the time to get in line. This is especially true on weekends, holidays or during commuting hours. It's best to arrive at least 45 minutes before your desired departure—you don't want to be the car behind the last car allowed on. Bikes and walk-ons should have no trouble arriving closer to departure time.



The Columbia Tower: For one of the best views of Seattle and the surrounding region, head up to the Sky View Observatory on the 73rd floor of Columbia Center. For just under \$15 (or \$9 with student or military ID) you can take advantage of the tallest viewing area west of the Mississippi with 360 degree views of Mt Rainier, Bellevue, the Cascades, Elliott Bay, the Olympics, the Space Needle, and the city of Seattle. You can't beat the view on a clear day, but even in the rain or fog you'll find plenty of great photo opportunities. For those with a fear of earthquakes and high winds, the Columbia Tower is equipped with viscoelastic dampers and triangle shaped bracing built to withstand hurricane force winds, making it one of the strongest and safest buildings in the Pacific Northwest.

Seattle Art Museum: On the outskirts of the "downtown" area of Seattle, the Seattle Art Museum offers an indoor and outdoor art experience. Support this organization with \$20 to go inside and view their permanent collections and traveling exhibits from Frederic Remington and Latoya Ruby Frazier; or you can cross the street to the waterfront to enjoy Seattle's free public outdoor art in the Olympic Sculpture Park.

Seattle Center/Queen Anne

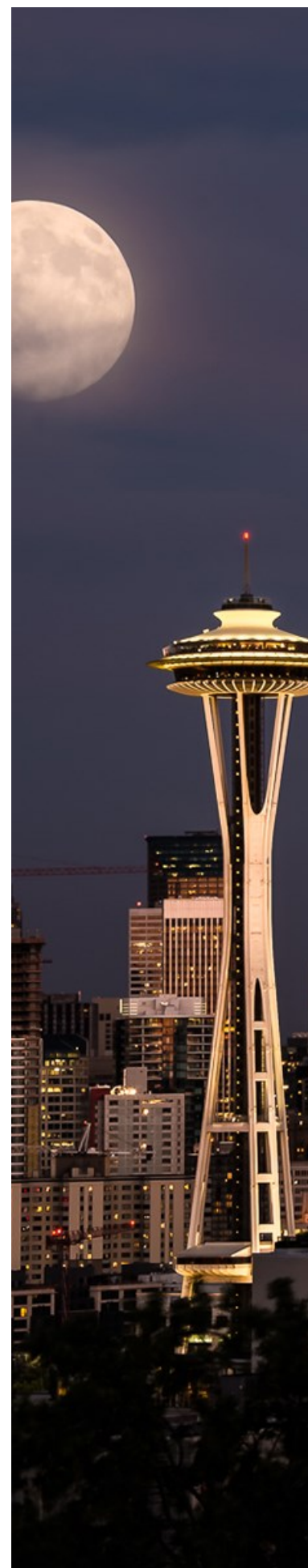
Space Needle: What would Seattle be without its iconic salute to the Space Age? Well, not much, apparently. There are more Seattle souvenirs sold with images of this colossal landmark than any other figure. The Space Needle, along with much of the surrounding Seattle Center development, was designed and created for the 1962 World's Fair. Some 605 feet high and built to withstand windstorms, earthquakes, and a never-ceasing amount of rain, this is the best (or, at least, the most economical) way to get a bird's-eye view of Seattle. At the very top, you'll find the observation deck, a gift shop with ample amounts of swag for purchase, and the obligatory Starbucks to caffeinate you for the journey back down to Earth. At the more comforting height of 500 feet is the Space Needle restaurant, Sky City, which offers a fantastic Sunday brunch. The restaurant spins at the rate of one revolution an hour—it's the perfect digestive aid.

Experience Music Project/Sci-fi Museum: Seattleites are notorious for their openly accepted nerdy-ness, and the EMP/Sci-fi museum manages to encompass the two big categories of fandom under one tin-foil-esque roof. For \$18 you can geek-out over Nirvana, Jimi Hendrix, famous sci-fi relics, and rotating exhibits that have included fantasy wonderlands, Hello Kitty, the Seattle Seahawks, and even LEGO™ model architecture. Make sure to stop by the Sound Lab to let your inner musician come out and play.

Fremont/Ballard

Fremont Troll: This neighborhood landmark and monster could only have emerged from its lair here, in the zany artists' republic of Fremont. Awe and guffaw, but don't wake the beast, 'else you might end up like the Volkswagen Beetle that is entombed in the Troll's eternal clutch. Constructed in 1991 by sculptors Steve Badanes, Will Martin, Donna Walter and Ross Whitehead, the troll is a favorite of children and adults alike, and it's free for all to see!

The Fremont neighborhood also offers fun boutiques, live music venues, and restaurants as well as an outstanding Sunday Market from 10 am to 5 pm.



Theo Chocolates: If you've got a sweet tooth and a passion for testing your palate, this local chocolatier could keep you busy for hours. They were the first organic and fair trade certified chocolate producer in the United States and carry some very inventive ingredient combinations including spicy chilies, coconut, crystalized ginger, and an 85% dark for the true aficionado. For a fun afternoon, take a tour of their factory to learn about the process of making some of the best chocolate confections in the world. And yes, there are free samples.

Bop Street Records: 2220 NW Market Street, The Wall Street Journal describes this store as one of the top 5 best music stores in America. It has even seen visits from some very famous musicians including Radiohead, Pearl Jam, and The Roots. Dave Voorhees, the founder, owner, and curator of the store will personally give you a tour of their more than half a million records. There's something for everyone when it comes to this record store.

Breweries: The Ballard neighborhood of Seattle is host to more than a dozen award winning and local micro-breweries. Rent a Cycle Saloon on your day off to enjoy a variety of spots responsibly, or stop by one of the many unique taprooms for a tasting at Reuben's Brews, Stoup Brewing, Maritime Brewery, or NW Peaks Brewery just to name a few. If variety and choice are more your thing, stop by Chuck's Hop Shop in Greenwood or the Central District for one of the largest tap and bottle selections in the city, you'll soon find out why it's known to some of the locals as "beer heaven."

Golden Gardens: A sandy beach hidden in Ballard along the shore of Puget Sound, Golden Gardens offers some of the best views, kite flying, boating, and beach activities that Seattle has to offer. Take a walk on the sand, or follow the Burke Gilman Trail to the Ballard Chittenden Locks to watch the boats and sea-life pass you by. For a real treat, try and snag one of the public fire pits on the beach for an evening bonfire.

Have any questions?

Seattle can sometimes be confusing with all of the separate bodies of water and unique neighborhoods. If you are looking for something to do that we haven't listed or are feeling lost, please do not hesitate to reach out to the current students, faculty, or Seattle locals. We all very much enjoy the city we live in and want you to feel as much at home as possible. Thank you for your participation.

Email: mba@uw.edu
Phone: 206-543-4661

