

International Student Application for Undergraduates 2009–2010

Washington State University

offers many academic programs recognized throughout the world for their excellence. As one of America's top research universities, motivated students work side by side with nationally and internationally known scholars. Enjoy the academic and cultural advantages of a major university, along with the friendly atmosphere of a small town. Helping students succeed remains the University's most important goal.

Come to a university that rewards excellence.

Washington State University welcomes high achieving students from all over the world. As a result, many scholarships have been developed to reward students, including international students, for their academic excellence and hard work. International Academic Award scholarships are available to qualifying students (visit www.ip.wsu.edu/ie/scholarships for details), in addition to the departmental and college awards that are available to students who complete the University scholarship application (available at www.finaid.wsu.edu/scholar). Come to a university that appreciates the importance of international students and shows it with scholarships.

International student life snapshot

- Join 1,250 international students from 90 countries on campus
- Learn from internationally known professors who care about your success
- Enjoy a clean, safe, friendly community
- Travel using the inexpensive city bus system
- Participate in one or many of the 200+ student clubs and organizations, including more than 15 international clubs
- Select your studies from 250+ fields, including 150 undergraduate degree options and 70 graduate programs (including master's and doctoral degrees)
- Spend time with a local family (including dinners, holidays, and family events) through the WSU Friends and Family program
- Make friends and share your cultural perspectives with other international and domestic students at the International Center



World Class. Face to Face.

Admission Requirements for International Undergraduate Applicants 2009–2010

Priority Admission Application Dates: FALL SEMESTER—January 31 • SPRING SEMESTER—October 1

ADMISSION APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE PRIORITY DATES WILL BE CONSIDERED ON A SPACE-AVAILABLE BASIS ONLY. APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE EVALUATED UNTIL ALL REQUIRED MATERIALS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS.

Admission Requirements

Secondary School. You must complete at least 12 years of elementary through secondary school, culminating in an appropriate secondary certificate or external examination. Your grade point average must be at least 2.7 on a 4.0 scale. Your schooling should reflect adequate preparation in humanities, mathematics, basic sciences, and social sciences.

If you have attended or are attending a U.S. accredited high school for four full years (grades 9-12), you must submit official scores from the SAT I or ACT (must include writing component), and you must complete the high school core course requirements: four years of English, three years of math, three years of social sciences, two years of sciences (at least one of which is laboratory science), and one year of fine or performing arts or an academic elective.

College or University Transfer. You will be considered for transfer admission based on work completed at the time of your application. Washington State University will consider your application if you have completed at least one full-time year of study at an accredited postsecondary institution outside of the United States and if you have maintained a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Alternatively, the University will accept your application if you have at least 27 semester (or 40 quarter) hours of transferable work from a regionally accredited college or university of the United States with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5. Depending on the breadth and depth of the curriculum offered at the college or university you have attended, we may consider the first year or two of your postsecondary education to be secondary level. Some academic departments have additional certification requirements over and above general University admission standards. See departmental Web sites for more information.

English Proficiency. To be admitted to the University, you must either prove your English language proficiency or qualify for a waiver of the language proficiency requirement by any of the means listed below.

1. Examinations. Meet the minimum acceptable scores shown for any of the following examinations. Provide the University with your official test scores, which must be less than two years old.

- TOEFL exam (**international only**):
520 paper-based or 68 Internet-based
- MELAB: 73
- IELTS: 5.5
- CPE: Pass (A, B, or C)
- SAT I: Critical Reading 500
- GCSE or GCE: O-level pass in English
- International Baccalaureate (IB): Pass in English

2. Language Courses. If you have the academic qualifications for admission but fail to meet the minimum English language proficiency requirement, you may attend classes at the University's Intensive American Language Center (IALC). You will be considered for admission if you complete the Level 5 competency examination at the IALC with a minimum grade of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and meet all other eligibility requirements for admission to the University. For more information, contact the Intensive American Language Center at the following address: Intensive American Language Center, PO Box 643251, Pullman, WA, 99164-3251, USA. Phone: 509-335-6675. Internet: www.ialc.wsu.edu.

3. Waivers. You may satisfy the English language proficiency requirement if **any** of the following are true:

- a. You have attended a U.S.-accredited high school for at least three projected years and will graduate. (SAT will be required).
- b. You have attended a U.S.-accredited college/university and
 1. By the beginning of classes you have completed English 101 and 102 with a minimum of a "B," and have earned at least 27 semester (40 quarter) hours of transferable U.S. college credit with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5; or
 2. By the beginning of classes, you have earned at least 53 semester (80 quarter) hours of transferable U.S. college credit with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5.
- c. You were schooled in one of the following countries: Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Guyana, Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, Jamaica, Liberia, New Zealand, Trinidad, Tobago, or Zambia.
- d. You were schooled outside the United States in a country not included in the list above and the language of instruction was English. If so, you must provide an official letter from the school stating that English was the language of instruction while you attended there.

Finances. If you are an international student seeking assistance with an F-1 or J-1 visa, you must complete the Certificate of Financial Responsibility (page 4) to demonstrate that you have adequate financial resources to meet your educational expenses. Faxes or copies are not acceptable. Bank signatures and/or bank statements cannot be more than three months old. Please read the instructions that accompany the Certificate of Financial Responsibility form carefully.

If you do not require immigration (visa) assistance, completing the Certificate of Financial Responsibility is **not** required.

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A non-refundable \$50 (U.S.) application processing fee must accompany this application.

Optional: If you know your Washington State University ID number, please list it here:

Detach, complete, and return to: **Office of Admissions, Washington State University, PO Box 641067, Pullman, WA 99164-1067, USA.**
Please type or print neatly in black or blue ink.

Application Status

- Degree-seeking, *requiring* immigration (visa) assistance
 Degree-seeking, *not* requiring immigration (visa) assistance
 *Non-degree-seeking, *requiring* immigration (visa) assistance
 *Non-degree-seeking, *not* requiring immigration (visa) assistance
 *See the non-degree description in the Admission Procedures section.

Applying to begin (Check one term.)

- Fall (mid-August to mid-December) Year _____
 Spring (mid-January to mid-May) Year _____
 **Summer and fall Session _____ Year _____
 **Summer only Session _____ Year _____

**Summer Sessions:
 Session A (mid-May to mid-June): 6 weeks
 Session B (early June to late July): 8 weeks
 Session C (mid-June to late July): 6 weeks

Intended major area of study (*required*)

Specify campus name if applicable

- Pullman Spokane
 Tri-Cities Vancouver

Distance Degree Program students must apply online at www.apply.wsu.edu.

Former name (if academic records are under another name):

Have you ever previously applied for admission to Washington State University?

- NO YES Year _____ Term _____

Have you previously attended Washington State University?

- NO YES Year _____ Term _____

Applicant Name (Please print your name with the same spelling that appears on your passport or national identification card.) Male Female

Family Name(s)

Given Name(s)

Other Name(s)

Mailing Address

Active until: Month _____ Year _____

Home Country Address (required)

Number and Street

Number and Street

City State or Province

City State or Province

Country Postal Code

Country Postal Code

E-Mail Address Telephone Number

Telephone Number

Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year) _____

Country of Permanent Legal Residence _____

Country of Birth _____

Country of Citizenship _____

If you are in the United States, what is your visa status? (Circle one.) F-1 J-1 Other _____ Please submit a copy of your I-94 departure card.

What visa status do you plan to use when you attend Washington State University? (Circle one.) F-1 J-1 Other _____

Have you satisfied the English proficiency requirement? NO YES If yes, and you fulfilled the requirement by examination, send your official scores directly to Washington State University (code 4705 for TOEFL).

Are you currently enrolled in or do you plan to apply for enrollment in Washington State University's Intensive American Language Center? YES NO

Parent or Guardian

Family Name

Given Name

Other Names

Address

Number and Street

City

State or Province

Country

Postal Code

This information is required for the University to consider your application as a degree-seeking student. Non-degree-seeking applicants do not need to complete this section.

List in order of attendance all high schools, colleges, or universities that you have ever attended before enrollment at the University, indicating special diplomas or certificates (e.g. GCE "O" or "A" levels, MCE certificates). Do not exclude or omit any schools, regardless of how many credits you earned there or the nature of the program in which you were enrolled (except ESL training). Have sealed, official course transcripts sent to the University. Failure to disclose and submit complete and accurate information may result in the denial of admission or subsequent dismissal from Washington State University. All documents sent to the Office of Admissions become the property of Washington State University and will not be returned.

If you are still enrolled in a college, indicate when you plan to leave: Month _____ Year _____

Official Name of School	Location	Dates of Attendance From (Mo./Yr.) To (Mo./Yr.)	Diploma, Certificates, Degrees Received
Secondary School (High school)			
Higher Education (Colleges or universities)			

Instructions for Completing the Certificate of Financial Responsibility

For international students needing immigration (visa) assistance with F-1 and J-1 visas.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE CERTIFICATE OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

- The certificate must be completed and returned regardless of your source of funding. A bank official's signature and seal are required on a bank statement or on a letter from the bank. (These cannot be more than three months old.)
- The certificate and letter from the bank must verify that you will have at least \$33,660 available to meet your educational expenses for your first academic year (nine months), exclusive of travel expenses. If you plan to study at Washington State University

In computing your expenses, please consider the following factors:

- Students in F-1 and J-1 status are permitted by U.S. law to work only under certain limited circumstances.
- Employment opportunities at Washington State University or in the Pullman area are limited.
- The University has limited forms of scholarships and awards for undergraduate students to assist in meeting your educational expenses.
- While you are enrolled at Washington State University, we discourage you from depending upon employment as a major source of financial support.

during the summer months, you will need to document an additional \$3,750. Tuition and fees generally increase 7 percent each year.

- If you have a sponsor, you must provide the sponsor's address as well as a signed and dated letter of guarantee from your sponsor's bank or main office.
- If you have dependents, we recommend that you secure housing before bringing your dependents to Pullman. If you plan to bring your family, you must certify additional money for their living expenses (9 months): \$5,932 for your spouse, \$2,980 for the first child, and \$2,064 for each additional child. Please be aware that your spouse may apply for work permission *only* if he or she has J-2 status, and then only for his or her own support and that of the children. **Spouses who have F-2 status are not permitted to work under any circumstances.**
- Tuition and fees must be paid in full by the end of the first week of classes each semester.** You must have approximately \$10,000 total available upon arrival to cover tuition, fees, housing, food, medical insurance, student health service fee, and books. Please keep in mind that you are ultimately responsible for securing all of your financial resources. In the event that a private sponsor, government agency, or other funding source is delinquent with financial support, you are held personally responsible. **Registration, housing contracts, transcripts, diplomas, and an I-20 or DS-2019 are not issued for individuals who owe money to Washington State University.**
- Please review the financial estimates provided below.

Undergraduate Financial Estimate

August 2009–August 2010

	2009 Fall	2010 Spring	2009–2010 Year
Tuition and fees ¹	\$ 9,499	\$ 9,499	\$ 18,998
Room and food ²	4,521	4,521	9,042
Books ³	520	520	1,040
Health insurance ⁴	544	820	1,364
Student health service fee	120	120	240
CUB (student union) fee	120	120	240
Recreation Center fee	128	128	256
Stadium fee	25	25	50
Transit fee	15	15	30
Personal and miscellaneous ³	1,200	1,200	2,400
TOTAL	\$ 16,692	\$ 16,968	
Academic Year TOTAL			\$ 33,660
Summer of 2009			3,750
TOTAL Calendar Year (12 months)			\$ 37,410

An academic year is two semesters. Fall semester runs from late August through December. Spring semester is from January through early May.

These estimates, which do not include such expenses as travel, the support of dependents, or the one-time matriculation fee, are subject to change without notice. The fees generally increase 7 percent each year.

Explanation:

¹ Tuition and fees include building, operating, student service, and activities fees taken from recently published information and may vary slightly. The Washington State Legislature determines tuition, and at the time of this printing, 2009–2010 rates have not been officially determined.

² This estimate is based on a double room and average dining plan. The University owns and operates 20 residence halls for undergraduate students. Rooms are furnished, and dining facilities are within or adjacent to the hall. Please contact the Housing and Dining Office for more information. Contact information is on the back page

³ Cost of books and personal allowances will vary.

⁴ All international students are required to have health and accident insurance. Proof of equivalent insurance is necessary for this fee to be waived.

Estimated Dependent Expenses

	Per Month	Per Semester	Per Academic Year	Per 12 Months
Spouse	\$659	\$2,966	\$5,932	\$7,909
Each child:				
One child	\$331	\$1,490	\$2,980	\$3,973
Two+ children	add \$229/child	add \$1,032/child	add \$2,064/child	add \$2,752/child

International Student Checklist for Undergraduate Admission (Degree Seeking)

You must return the following items to Washington State University to be considered for admission.

- ❑ A completed and signed Washington State University International Student Undergraduate Application.
- ❑ A check or international money order for \$50 (U.S.) for the required nonrefundable application fee. (Checks must be drawn from a U.S. bank and be made out to Washington State University.)
- ❑ Official English language proficiency (ELP) examination score forwarded directly to Washington State University by the testing agency. Do not send your student copies of ELP scores. For more information regarding waivers of the examination requirement, please refer to the English proficiency information on page 2 in the Admission Requirements section of this packet.
- ❑ A Certificate of Financial Responsibility, required only if you plan to attain F-1 or J-1 status with the University's assistance. Your Certificate of Financial Responsibility must show assured support for the first year and projected support for the total years needed to complete your degree. Projected support should reflect a 7 percent increase for each year of study. An official bank letter must accompany application materials as proof of funds availability. Documents should not be more than three months old. **Original documents must be submitted. Do not send copies or faxes of these documents.**
- ❑ A copy of your passport identity page or national identification card. If one or more dependents will be accompanying you, you must also send a copy of the passport identity page or national identification card for each dependent.
- ❑ A copy of your I-94 departure card, if you are already in the United States.
- ❑ Official educational credentials of all secondary (high school) institutions that you have attended, including transcripts*, graduation certificates, and—if applicable—all national examination results in English.**
 - If you have not graduated from secondary school, send your most recent grade report with your application and a final transcript and graduation certificate after you graduate.
 - If you completed grades 9 through 12 in the United States or at a U.S. accredited high school, please submit an ACT (must include writing component) or SAT I test score. This should be sent to Washington State University by the testing agency.
- ❑ Official educational credentials of all post-secondary (college or university) institutions that you have attended, including transcripts*, graduation certificates, and—if applicable—all national examination results in English.**

*Transcripts should provide the following information: (1) school name and address, (2) dates of attendance, (3) subjects studied, (4) credits and grades received for coursework, and (5) institutional and/or country grading scale.

**If the documents are not issued in English, please submit English translations with the original documents. English translations should be complete, literal, word-for-word translations presented in the same format as the original documents. Grades should not be converted to a U.S. scale.

International Student Checklist for Undergraduate Admission (Non-Degree Seeking*)

You must return the following items to Washington State University to be considered for admission.

- ❑ A completed and signed Washington State University International Student Undergraduate Application. (Required for all international students.)
- ❑ A check or international money order for \$50 (U.S.) for the required nonrefundable application fee. (Checks must be drawn from a U.S. bank and be made out to Washington State University.)
- ❑ Official English language proficiency (ELP) examination score forwarded directly to Washington State University by testing agency. Do not send your student copies of ELP scores. For more information regarding waivers from the examination requirement, please refer to the English proficiency information on page 2 in the Admission Requirements section of this packet.
- ❑ A Certificate of Financial Responsibility for the time period in which you intend to study. (Required **only** for international students seeking immigration (visa) assistance.)
- ❑ Provide a one-page statement of intent, describing what, why, and how long you would like to study at Washington State University. (Required **only** for non-degree-seeking international students who need immigration (visa) assistance.)

As a non-degree student, you will only receive immigration documents for a maximum of 12 months, subject to review by the Office of Admissions. If you later choose to change from non-degree-seeking status to degree-seeking status, you must complete an admission application as a degree-seeking international student.

Non-degree students are required to enroll in a full-time course of study. (Required **only** for international students who have F-1 or J-1 student status.)

*You are regarded as a non-degree-seeking student if you take regular University courses but do not intend to receive (nor will you receive) a degree from the University.

Keep a copy.

You should retain a copy of all documents submitted as evidence of financial responsibility. You will need documentation of funding for the U.S. Consulate official when applying for a visa and for immigration officials when entering the United States.

Important Contacts

For immigration counseling, personal advising, admission requirements, the status of your application, or information on orientation or visiting campus:

International Programs

Washington State University
108 Bryan Hall
PO Box 645110
Pullman, WA 99164-5110
USA

Phone: 509-335-4508
E-mail: international@wsu.edu
Web: www.ip.wsu.edu

For questions about admission requirements, the status of your application, or campus visitations:

Office of Admissions

Washington State University
370 Lighty Student Services Building
PO Box 641067
Pullman, WA 99164-1067
USA

Phone: 509-335-5586
Toll-free within the United States:
888-GO-TO-WSU (888-468-6978)
E-mail: admiss2@wsu.edu
Web: www.wsu.edu

For information on living accommodations:

Housing, Dining, and Residence Life

Washington State University
Streit-Perham Administrative Office Suite
PO Box 641726
Pullman, WA 99164-1726
USA

Phone: 509-335-4577
E-mail: housing@wsu.edu
Web: www.livingat.wsu.edu