

WASHINGTON STATE  
*Council of*  
**Presidents**

**Washington Council  
Fall Counselor Workshops**

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# About the Council of Presidents

We represent and coordinate initiatives and advocacy, fostering collaboration among Washington's public four-year college and universities with partners at the state, regional, and national levels.

We offer high school counselors a central location to:

- Learn about Washington's public, four-year institutions.
- Advocate for our collective institutions on policies, practices and processes related to the transition from K-12 to college.
- Engage with the student-centered mission and education of our institutions and get to know the impact of our sector on the communities and economics of Washingtonians.

## Our Member Institutions

Central Washington University	Eastern Washington University	The Evergreen State College
University of Washington	Washington State University	Western Washington University

# Our Message to Your Students

## **You are College Material!**

Whether you're planning for college, considering it, or haven't thought about it yet, there's a place for you at a Washington public university where you can pursue your dreams, obtain career credentials, and follow your passion.

### **Recommendations for a Successful Transition to College**

- Communicate with high school counselors and college admissions advisors early and often.
- **Apply early!**
- Institutions will provide guidance on the next steps and are committed to reaching out and welcoming students.
- Ask about special programs and student support services while in high school.
- Ask questions and seek clarity.
- **Remember, Yes You Can!**

# Removing Barriers to Admissions

Guaranteed  
Admissions

Single  
Admissions  
Application

No Standardized  
Tests for  
Admissions

Holistic  
Admissions

Basic Needs

# Minimum Admission Standards

We start  
from a  
place of  
**Yes**



## First-Year Student Admission

- **2.0 or higher** cumulative, unweighted GPA
- **Completion of coursework** for college (CADRs)
- Meeting minimum admission requirements above **does not** guarantee admissions
- **Multiple** Paths
  - Path 1: General Admissions
  - Path 2: Guaranteed Admissions



## Tips for Success

- Math and English coursework is **critical to admissions**
- Students are encouraged to take math all **four-years of high school**
- Finish senior year **academically strong**



## Alternative Admissions

- Students that do not meet First-Year Student Admission Standards **may** be admitted through alternative admissions
- **Students are strongly encouraged** to complete English and Math coursework
- Do not qualify for **WAGAP**

# College Academic Distribution Requirements (CADRs)

- **Minimum number** of high school course credits required in six subject areas.
- These requirements apply to admissions at **Washington public, four-year institutions.**
- **First-Year Students**
  - Earn a high school diploma or equivalent, **and**
  - Enroll in college with fewer than 40 quarter/26 semester credits of college-level coursework, **or**
  - Enroll in college with 40 or more quarter/26 or more semester hours of college-level credit or an associates degree and enter a public baccalaureate institution directly from high school.

24 Credit High School Diploma								
17 Foundational							7 Electives	
English	Science	Math	Social Studies	Health & Fitness	Arts	CTE	Electives	PPE
								Sr. Year Math Based
								World Language
								World Language
4 Credits	3 Credits	3 Credits	3 Credits	2 Credits	1 Credit	1 Credit	4 Credits	3 Credits



# CADRs Crosswalks: Moving from Title to Curriculum

- In 2025-26 Washington's public universities will [develop course crosswalks to CADRs](#)
- Crosswalk to [OSPI state course codes](#) (CEDAR File Appendix V)
- [Move away](#) from CADRs based on course number and title
- [Move towards](#) CADRs based on curriculum and standards

CADR	CADR Credit	State Course Code	Course Title	Description
English	3 credits of Literature and Composition	01006	AP English Literature and Composition	Following the College Board's suggested curriculum designed to parallel college-level English courses, AP English Literature and Composition courses enable students to develop critical standards <b>for evaluating literature</b> . Students study the language, character, action, and theme in works of recognized literary merit; enrich their understanding of connotation, metaphor, irony, syntax, and tone; and <b>write compositions of their own</b> (including literary analysis, exposition, argument, narrative, and creative writing).
English	1 elective credit	25004	AP Research	Designed by the College Board to parallel college-level courses in independent research, AP Research courses provide students with the <b>opportunity to conduct an in-depth, mentored research project</b> . Course topics include research methods, ethical research practices, and accessing, analyzing, and synthesizing information to address a research question. Courses culminate with an academic thesis paper and an oral defense of the research design, approach, and findings.

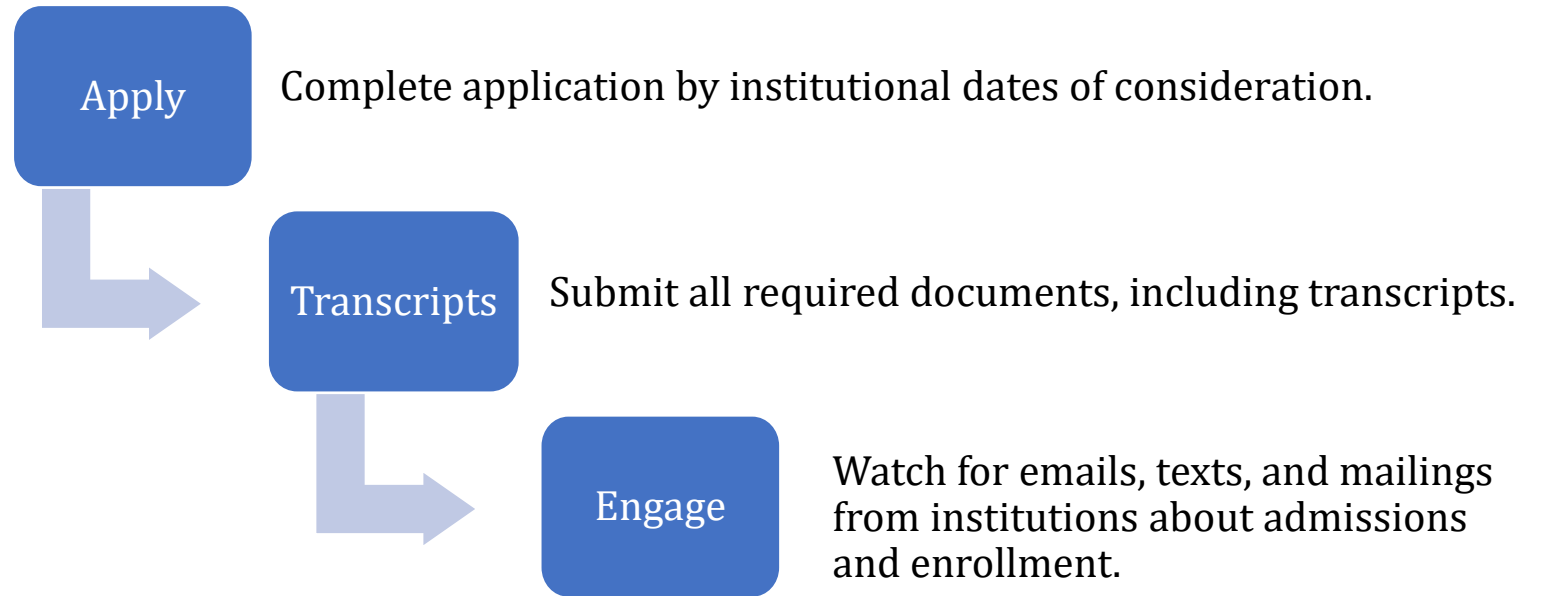
# Two Equal Paths to Admissions

General Admissions	Washington Guaranteed Admissions Program (WAGAP)
Complete application and send transcripts	Cumulative high school <b>GPA of 3.0 or higher</b> on a 4.0 scale
Admissions offices review high school and college grades, coursework, senior year courses, personal achievements and characteristics	<b>Complete a series of</b> <a href="#">required high school classes</a>
<b>All</b> Washington public baccalaureate institutions	Students who meet the criteria above receive guaranteed admissions to <b>WAGAP-participating institutions</b> : Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, The Evergreen State College, University of Washington Tacoma, Washington State University and Western Washington University
	Complete application and final transcripts



# How to Get In

- Total applications are increasing.
- Though admissions have become more competitive **generally the odds are in student's favor.**
- Washington's public universities **are more accessible compared to peer institutions.**



# Washington Public University Updates

Central Washington University	The Evergreen State College	Eastern Washington University	Western Washington University
<b>New Majors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BS Behavior Health</li> <li>• BS Wine Industry Management</li> <li>• Professional Studies, BAS with specializations in General Leadership, Occupational Safety and Health, Project Management and/or Sport Coaching Certificate</li> </ul>	<b>Majors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students choose own major</li> </ul>	<b>New Majors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interdisciplinary Studies: Behavioral Health</li> </ul>	<b>New Majors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biology, BS New Concentrations</li> <li>• Business Analytics, BA</li> </ul>
<b>Apply Early</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turnaround time for applications approx. 1 week. If you are interested in Aviation and Music, applying early is critical.</li> </ul>	<b>Learning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interdisciplinary approach to education</li> </ul>	<b>Application is Open</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority deadline for FAFSA/WASFA, applications and hard deadline for general scholarship applications</li> </ul>	<b>New Minors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Behavioral Neuroscience</li> <li>• Black Studies</li> <li>• Culture, Race, and Justice</li> <li>• Ecopsychology</li> <li>• General Science</li> <li>• Native and Indigenous Studies</li> <li>• Nature, Leisure, and Community Wellness</li> </ul>
<b>Guaranteed Admissions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To high school seniors with a 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA and CADR complete.</li> </ul>	<b>Priority Deadline</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• December 1</li> </ul>	<b>Priority Deadline</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February 1</li> </ul>	<b>Deadlines</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct Admission for select majors</li> <li>• Early Action Deadline: November 1</li> <li>• Regular Decision Deadline: January 31</li> <li>• Financial Aid Deadline: January 31</li> </ul>
		<b>Schedule Group Visits Early</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EWU.EDU/VISIT</li> </ul>	<b>Admissions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Now offering direct admissions for select majors</li> </ul>

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Washington State University	University of Washington Bothell	University of Washington Seattle	University of Washington Tacoma
<b>HS PowerSchool Partners</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please make sure that your unofficial transcripts include the freshman year in the cumulative GPA block and calculation</li> </ul>	<b>New Majors/Minors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Major Economics</li> </ul>	<b>New Majors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental Design &amp; Sustainability</li> <li>Public Service &amp; Policy</li> </ul> <b>Transcripts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Now accepting transcripts via Scoir</li> </ul>	<b>Direct Admissions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First-Year Direct Admit Global Honors. Highly motivated students interested in global issues, participating in research and experiential learning and developing leadership skills. 3.75 GPA minimum. Requires secondary online application due January 15. Students check Global Honor interest box in application.</li> </ul>
<b>Regents Scholarship Nominations Open</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open October 1</li> <li>Due by October 31</li> </ul>	<b>Direct Admission</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To School of Business and</li> <li>All Open Admissions programs</li> </ul>	<b>Deadlines</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>November 15 – First-Year Application deadline</li> <li>February 28 – Financial Aid Priority deadline</li> </ul>	<b>Deadlines</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>November 15 – Early Action Date</li> <li>January 15 – Priority Date Fall Quarter</li> <li>May 31 – Living on Campus</li> </ul>
<b>Instant Decision Day (IDD)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connect with your Admissions Counselor to schedule an Instant Decision Day (IDD) for your school.</li> </ul>	<b>STARS Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional support for students applying to Computer Science and other STEM majors</li> </ul>	<b>Application Platform</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Common App only</li> </ul> <b>Writing Section</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No longer importing any writing prompts from Common App.</li> <li>Only writing prompts from UW section considered.</li> </ul>	
<b>Priority Deadline</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application for admission priority date is March 31</li> </ul>	<b>New Housing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1,000+ beds available between three buildings on campus now with traditional rooms, and suites, and apartments as options</li> </ul>	<b>Notes:</b> The UW is simplifying the application. We are now only accepting applications for first-year autumn applicants via the Common App. Also, we have streamlined the writing section – only one essay and optional section.	

# Resources



Washington Public Universities: *Website launching September 2025!*



WAGAP

- For students and families: [wacollegeguarantee.org](https://wacollegeguarantee.org)
- For schools and districts: [councilofpresidents.org/ admissions/guaranteed-admissions-program-gap/](https://councilofpresidents.org/admissions/guaranteed-admissions-program-gap/)

# Connect with Us



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