

# FOSTER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE

## 2025-2026 FACTSHEET

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, USA

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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 DETAILS

### 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 plus 1 week for final exams. Incoming Foster Exchange Students typically take three or four 300- to 400-level business courses with each business 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, Information Systems, and Accounting courses difficult to get into. Foster Incoming Exchange Students are allowed to take non-business coursework if they meet the prerequisites and are granted access by the department.

### 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 each quarter.

- **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)
- **Time Schedule** - [www.washington.edu/students/timeschd](http://www.washington.edu/students/timeschd)

### LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

Class formats include lecture and discussion, in-class presentations and case studies. Attendance is required. 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 300- or 400-level 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 class time 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 operate on different schedules.

## HOW WE COMPARE TO THE OTHERS

U.S. News & World Report 2025 ranked the Foster School of Business Undergraduate Program:

1st in the Northwest of the United States

18th among all national business schools

9th among public institutions

## SPECIALIZATIONS AT FOSTER

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

- Accounting
- Entrepreneurship
- Finance
- Human Resources Management
- Information Systems
- Marketing
- Operations and Supply Chain Management

# FOSTER

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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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
C+	2.4-2.2	E	0.0

Lowest passing grade  
Failure

**NOMINATION PROCESS**

Exchange coordinators will be sent a nomination link prior to the nomination period by the UW Foster Inbound Exchange Manager. After submitting a nomination via the online form, both students and exchange coordinators will receive an email with student application instructions.

**APPLICATION**

Students will create an online account with instructions from the email sent after nomination. They will be asked to upload the following by the student application deadline:

- Copy of passport identification page
- All college transcripts, translated into English
- Proof of English proficiency is required. This can be demonstrated with a minimum TOEFL (iBT) score of 76 (105 or higher recommended), or IELTS score of 6.0 (7.0 or higher recommended) or Duolingo (DET) score of 110 (131 or higher recommended).

*Exception: International students whose primary and secondary education took place in Australia, Canada (English-speaking provinces), the United Kingdom, Ireland, New Zealand or the U.S. are exempt from this requirement. Students born in one of these countries and educated elsewhere are still required to satisfy the English proficiency requirement. Letters from home universities are no longer accepted.*

**REQUIREMENTS**

- Be enrolled at a partner school at the 3rd or 4th year level.
- A minimum GPA 3.0/4.0 is required.

**LIFE ON CAMPUS**

**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 \$3000 - \$6000 per quarter. The price range reflects different living situations. There are also meals plans available. More information can be found here: [www.hfs.uw.edu/Live](http://www.hfs.uw.edu/Live)

**HEALTH INSURANCE**

Students are required to have health insurance at the UW. They can provide proof of insurance from their home country or purchase UW student insurance (ISHIP). Cost: \$449/Quarter (2024-2025 rates). Additional information about insurance can be found here: [www.iship.washington.edu/insurance-program/](http://www.iship.washington.edu/insurance-program/)

**TIMELINE**

If you will be starting:	Summer Quarter (Jun-Aug)	Autumn Quarter (Sept-Dec)	Winter Quarter (Jan-Mar)	Spring Quarter (Mar-June)
Nomination Deadline	February 1	March 1	August 1	November 1
Application Deadline	February 15	March 15	August 15	November 15
Admission Decision	May	Late May/ Early June	Mid/Late October	Mid/Late January
DS-2019 Issued	May	Mid/Late June	Late October	Early February
Course Registration	May	June-Sept	Nov-Jan	Feb-March
Foster Orientation	1st day of quarter	Day before quarter start	1st day of quarter	1st day of quarter

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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/)

**UW Academic Calendar:**  
[www.washington.edu/student/reg/calendar.html](http://www.washington.edu/student/reg/calendar.html)