

APPLYING TO THE ALLEN SCHOOL @ UW - SEATTLE



A GUIDE FOR **TRANSFER STUDENTS**

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**PAUL G. ALLEN SCHOOL
OF COMPUTER SCIENCE & ENGINEERING**

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS



Majoring in Computer Science or Computer Engineering

- The Allen School offers two undergraduate degrees: a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering.
- The degrees share the same foundational coursework and students are able to switch between the two easily as long as it does not delay their graduation.
- Either degree can be paired with other majors or minors on campus. However, you cannot double major in Computer Science and Computer Engineering.

Computer Science

- Courses outside of computing align with College of Arts & Sciences requirements
- Greater flexibility, with emphasis on software and programming

Computer Engineering

- Courses outside of computing align with College of Engineering requirements, including Physics
- Greater emphasis on systems and hardware

- Foundational coursework is shared
- The same upper-division elective courses are available

Computers are the most flexible & powerful machines ever created, and the field of computing touches nearly every industry. Computer scientists and computer engineers create the hardware and software technologies that shape the world that we live in every day.

The Allen School at UW- Seattle is widely recognized as one of the top computing programs in the world. Around 80% of Allen School alumni begin working immediately after graduation and most remain in Washington state. Another 20% continue their education in graduate school; half of those attending graduate school enroll in our combined bachelor's/master's (BS/MS) program.

Our alumni have unparalleled job outcomes. While the majority work in the technology industry, the applications of computing in other fields mean that there is no limit to what you can do with your Allen School degree! While our field constantly grows and changes, the core magic of computing remains timeless: computer scientists and computer engineers educated at the UW build solutions that change the world.



TRANSFER COMMUNITY

Finding Community in the Allen School

Transfer students in the Allen School all have an assigned transfer adviser and are encouraged to join CSE 390T: Transfer Seminar which is a class designed to help transfer students transition smoothly and learn resources to help them throughout their time in the Allen School. They also have access to the eight Allen School Student Groups and hundreds more in the broader University. Resources like the UW Transfer Ambassadors, the UW Office of Student Veteran Life, the Samuel E. Kelly Ethnic and Cultural Center and more ensure that transfer students can find a home at the UW.



"I can honestly say, that without the transfer community at the Allen School, I would not be as successful as I am today. It gave me the foundation and the support I needed to keep pushing forward. I am honored and proud to be part of this community!"



Camila '22

Computer Science
Transfer Student

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Applicants from Washington State Community or Technical Colleges can use the **UW Equivalency Guide** to find which courses meet our requirements. Other students need to compare their course catalogs to the UW- Seattle Course Catalog!



All academic requirements must be met by the departmental application deadline

- Applicants must complete a minimum of 30 graded credits (credits granted by exam such as AP or IB exams are not considered graded credit and do not count toward this requirement).
- Transfer applicants must complete the prerequisite courses (listed below) by the departmental application deadline.

Subject Area	Prerequisites
Math	MATH 124, 125, & 126
Computer Science	CSE 143 (or CSE 123)
English	Five Credits of English Composition
Natural Science	<i>if Computer Engineering major:</i>
	PHYS 121
	<i>if Computer Science major (choose one):</i> PHYS 121, BIOL 180, or CHEM 142

If any academic requirements remain unsatisfied by the departmental application deadline, the applicant is not yet eligible for transfer admission into the Allen School.

APPLICATION PROCESS



All necessary application
links are available at:
[www.cs.washington.edu/academics/
ugrad/admissions/transfer](http://www.cs.washington.edu/academics/ugrad/admissions/transfer)

5 PLEASE SUBMIT BOTH! The UW Transfer Application

The first step in applying to the Allen School is to submit the UW Transfer Application for Autumn or Spring quarter. You should list either Computer Science or Computer Engineering as your first or second choice major. Please make sure you learn about the admissions requirements for each major that you apply to. Since Allen School applicants are considered in one pool, you should not list the other Allen School major as your second choice major. If you miss the UW application deadline, you will not be able to apply to the Allen School as a transfer applicant.

The Allen School Departmental Supplemental Application

The next step for transfer applicants who want to be considered for direct transfer admission into the Allen School is to fill out an Allen School Departmental Supplemental Application (departmental application). The departmental application is completely separate from the UW Transfer Application and will generally be open for about two weeks before it is due. You are welcome to begin working on your departmental application essay before the application opens. The essay prompt is available online at any time.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Spring Quarter*

UW Transfer Application Deadline:

December 15

Departmental Application Deadline:

January 15

*Not Available for International Applicants

Autumn Quarter

UW Transfer Application Deadline:

February 15

Departmental Application Deadline:

April 5



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ✓ Make a plan to **complete all Allen School prerequisite courses** before the departmental application deadline (January 15 for Spring; April 5 for Autumn).
- ✓ **Apply to the UW - Seattle** using the UW Transfer Application (by December 15 for Spring or February 15 for Autumn). You are not done applying; the Allen School requires a departmental application.
- ✓ Begin reviewing the departmental application essay prompt; please note that the rubric is closely based on the prompt so you should plan to answer all questions and follow the formatting guidelines. The Allen School does not have access to your UW application when reviewing the departmental application.
- ✓ Create a list of all employment, research, volunteer work, extracurricular activities and clubs that you have been involved in since high school; you will put these in the activities section.
- ✓ Complete and **submit your departmental application**. Please note that the application is only open for about 2 weeks. You should plan to prepare your writing sections in advance.
- ✓ Wait for your admission decisions from the Allen School and the UW! Check the email address that you provided on your application in case we need to contact you!

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CONNECT WITH US

Attend an Info Session

Offered on the second Thursday of each month from 3:30-4:30 pm PT:

www.cs.washington.edu/academics/ugrad/admissions/info-sessions

Meet with a Recruiter

Join us virtually at Transfer Thursday drop-in hours from 2:30-3:30pm PT on Thursdays or schedule a zoom appointment:

www.cs.washington.edu/academics/ugrad/admissions/transfer

Meet with a Current Student

Our Allen School ambassador team is happy to share their experiences with prospective students:

www.cs.washington.edu/outreach/ambassador

Email Us

Prospective students can email our recruitment team at outreach@cs.washington.edu

