

What are the best things about attending University of Washington School of Dentistry?

The people here are great. If you come to UWSOD, you come for the people and culture, not the facilities. I really do love my classmates. It is a smaller class size of 63, including the 8 ride students (who are at a satellite campus the first year). The smaller class size makes it easier for students get to know one another. I feel that I have made great friendships that will continue throughout our careers.

The research opportunities are plentiful. Every student is provided an opportunity in their first year to team up with a professor and develop their own research project. Aside from that there are always projects students and professors are working on for those who want to get involved.

Community outreach is part of the school culture. Completely apart from the school's dental curriculum are clubs and organizations that students run and participate in. For example, students provide dental care to homeless or other populations who lack access to care.

UWSOD also has a strong and helpful alumni association where students can gain mentorship and network. The school has a very good reputation, much in thanks to its successful alumni.

The curriculum is set up to help students have a strong scientific foundation. We take our foundations classes with the first-year medical students. It is a great school whether you are pursuing a dental specialty or general practice.

What are the worst things about attending University of Washington School of Dentistry?

The building itself is pretty old and un-inviting. It is difficult to navigate and ugly. The dental school is a section of a large conglomerate of buildings. Your first year, you will spend nearly every day in rooms with no windows. This is a real shame because the school is located right on the shore of Lake Washington.

Some classes, especially the first-year classes that attempt to get first year students involved in the clinic, can feel disorganized and like a waste of time.

UWSOD is expensive. Tuition is fairly high for a state dental school. Additionally, cost of living in Seattle is on the higher end.

It is very difficult (near impossible) to get into UWSOD if you are not from Washington or one of the nearby states without a dental school (known as WICHE states; read more here: <https://dental.washington.edu/students/dds-programs/admissions/>).

What do students need to know/what do you wish you knew before attending University of Washington School of Dentistry?

I love and enjoy going to school here. There is no other place I would rather go for my dental education.

Seattle is a prime place to live. Lots to do in the outdoors. Great intramural sports. Beautiful campus with rich history. Husky Stadium is the best setting in college football to watch a game.