Welcome to UW
Goals for this Session

• Meet other incoming students across the College
• Learn about transitioning to Seattle and UW to make better informed decisions
• Get questions answered
• Connect to resources and people
Overview

- Introductions
- Orientations
- Moving to Seattle
- Campus Overview
- Email and Technology
- TA/RA positions
- Insurance
- International Students
- Q&A
Introductions

- Name/Pronouns
- Undergraduate Institution/Degree
- Graduate School Department
- What are you interested in studying
- Fun fact about you
Orientations

- Grad Orientation 501
  - Virtual, complete any time
- College of the Environment
  - September 20
- Department
  - Individual schedules
  - Coordinated by Graduate Program Advisor (GPA)

### Dates of Instruction

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<td>Final Examination Week</td>
<td>Dec 7–13, 2024</td>
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Moving to Seattle: Geography
Moving to Seattle: Light Rail

- UPass
- Current
  - 1: Northgate – Angle Lake
  - 2: Redmond – South Bellevue
- Updates
  - 1: Shoreline/Mountlake Terrace (August 30, 2024)
  - 2: Bellevue-International District (2025)
  - 1: Kent/Des Moines/Federal Way (2026)
Moving to Seattle: Bus

- 22 different bus lines to UW
- Bus service is decreasing as light rail expansion continues
- UPass allows connections between bus and light rail
Moving to Seattle: Housing

- **UW Housing:**
  - Single room: $1,282 - $2,073/mo
  - 2BR+: $1,266 - $2,610/mo

- **Off-campus (median):**
  - Studio: $1,476/mo
  - 1BR: $1,800/mo
  - 2BR: $2,628/mo ($1,314 per person)
  - 3BR: $3,495/mo ($1,165 per person)
  - Where to look: Zillow; Craigslist; Seattle Rentals; PadMapper; Apartments.com; University of Washington (UW) Housing, Sublets, & Roommates Facebook group

- **Utilities:**
  - Seattle City Light (e.g., electricity)
  - Seattle Public Utilities (e.g., garbage/recycle/compost, water, sewer)
Moving to Seattle: Housing

Capitol Hill

Green Lake

South Suburbs West Suburbs
Sand Point Fremont

Montlake Judkins Park Downtown
Greenwood West Seattle

North Suburbs

U District
Queen Anne Rainier Vista
Ballard Wedgwood
Maple Leaf Phinney Ridge
Lake City
Beacon Hill Cherry Hill Northgate

East Suburbs
Wallingford

Central District
1. School of Aquatic and Fisheries Science
2. School of Marine and Environmental Affairs
3. Oceanography (Dean’s Office)
5. Atmospheric Sciences
6. Earth and Space Science
7. School of Environmental and Forest Science
Campus Overview: DEIJA Resources

- Childcare Assistance for Student Parents
- Disability Resources for Students
- Graduate Student Equity & Excellence
- International Student Services
- Kelly Ethnic Cultural Center
- Office of Student Veteran Life
- Q Center
- Veterans Education Benefits Office
- Women’s Center
Campus Overview: Other Resources

- Commuter & Transfer Commons
- Counseling Center
- Graduate and Professional Student Senate
- Libraries
- SafeCampus
- Student Technology Loan Program
- UW Recreation
Email and Technology

- NetID
- Email options
  - Gmail vs. Outlook
- Duo 2FA
- Workday
- Zoom
- Canvas
- Mailman email lists
- ITConnect
TA/RA positions

• Salary rates
  • Base rate
  • Variable rate

• Resources
  • Teaching @ UW
  • Teaching Support Team
  • Department

• Union

• Common sources: CQS, POE, Marine Biology, SAFS, home department

• https://environment.uw.edu/students/career-resources/find-opportunities/career-opportunities/
Insurance

- Graduate Appointee Insurance Program (GAIP) for Academic Student Employees
- Automatically enrolled when entered into Workday
  - Must register dependents separately
- Coverage starts October 1st
- Includes medical, dental, vision, and prescription components
- Hall Health
International Students

- I-20 (F-1) or DS-2019 (J-1)
- Obtain passport
- Apply for Visa
- I-901 SEVIS fee
- Plan travel to U.S.
- Insurance: ISHIP or GAIP
- English Language Proficiency Tests
- SSNs

- https://iss.washington.edu/