



SEATTLE  
COLLEGES

*International Programs*

2024-2025





## *About Seattle Colleges*

Attended by more than 45,000 students each year, Seattle Colleges offers three unique campus environments. North Seattle College, Seattle Central College, and South Seattle College are all located within the beautiful and vibrant city of Seattle, Washington. For over 50 years, Seattle Colleges has been a popular destination for students from around the world looking to pursue higher education.





## Programs Overview

Once you complete a degree or a certificate program of at least 9 months, you may be eligible to apply for work experience relevant to your field of study through Optional Practical Training (OPT).

### UNIVERSITY TRANSFER

**Save thousands of dollars on your four-year bachelor's degree.** Begin your degree in the University Transfer (2+2) program at Seattle Colleges, taking general education and pre-major courses. After you earn an associate degree, transfer to a four-year college or university for an additional two years to complete a bachelor's degree.

### HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION PLUS

**Earn your high school diploma and start your bachelor's degree.** The High School Completion Plus program allows you to earn both a Washington state high school diploma and an associate degree within two years. Then, transfer to a four-year college or university to complete the last two years of your bachelor's degree.

### IP SHORT-TERM CERTIFICATE

**Study in the U.S. for a short time.** IP Short-Term Certificates (IP-STC) offer a flexible option if you want to study for 3, 6, 9, or 12 months without completing a degree or a Washington state-awarded certificate. Students enrolled in an IP-STC often take advantage of other learning opportunities offered at Seattle Colleges, such as internships and volunteering.

### CAREER TRAINING

**Prepare for a technical career.** Over 100 different programs prepare you to be career-ready in a technical field, without the need to transfer. These programs offer associate and bachelor's degree options, as well as certificates. Admission requirements to these programs can vary.

### INSTITUTE OF ENGLISH

**Improve your English language skills.** The Seattle Colleges Institute of English (SCIE) offers quality, results-oriented programs (Intensive English and College Bridge) to international students who want to improve their English language skills in preparation for college-level study. A student's English proficiency will determine their entry point into the programs.





# Transfer Programs

## UNIVERSITY TRANSFER

Save thousands of dollars on your four-year bachelor's degree.

The University Transfer (2+2) program gives you the option to start a bachelor's degree in an affordable, supportive environment. After two years of general education and pre-major study at Seattle Colleges, you'll earn an associate degree. Then, transfer to a four-year college or university for an additional two years to complete a bachelor's degree.

## HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION PLUS

Earn your high school diploma and start your bachelor's degree.

Through the High School Completion Plus program, you can take full-time college classes, just like students in the University Transfer program. At the same time, you can complete requirements for a Washington state high school diploma. By choosing High School Completion Plus, you can earn both your high school diploma and an associate transfer degree in two years—all at the Seattle Colleges campus of your choice.

## EXAMPLES OF POPULAR MAJORS



### ARTS & HUMANITIES

- Communications
- Education
- English Language & Literature
- Film Studies
- International Studies
- Music
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- ...and more!



### BUSINESS

- Accounting
- Actuarial Science
- Business Administration
- Economics
- Finance
- International Business
- Management
- Marketing
- Statistics
- ...and more!



### SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer & Information Sciences
- Engineering
- Environmental Science
- Mathematics
- Pre-Medicine
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Physics
- ...and more!



# Transfer Resources

## TRANSFER ADMISSION GUARANTEES (TAG)

To assist with the transfer process, Seattle Colleges has developed partnerships with several universities that offer you conditional acceptance upon admission to Seattle Colleges.

## DIRECT TRANSFER AGREEMENTS (DTA)

About 60 in-state and out-of-state colleges and universities offer DTAs, which guarantee credit transfer for students with an associate degree from Seattle Colleges. If you select a DTA partner institution, all courses completed within the DTA, up to 90 credits (2 years), will transfer.

## OTHER TRANSFER RESOURCES

Students from Seattle Colleges consistently transfer to well-known colleges and universities. We offer many resources to assist you in preparing to transfer, including academic advising and quarterly transfer fairs.

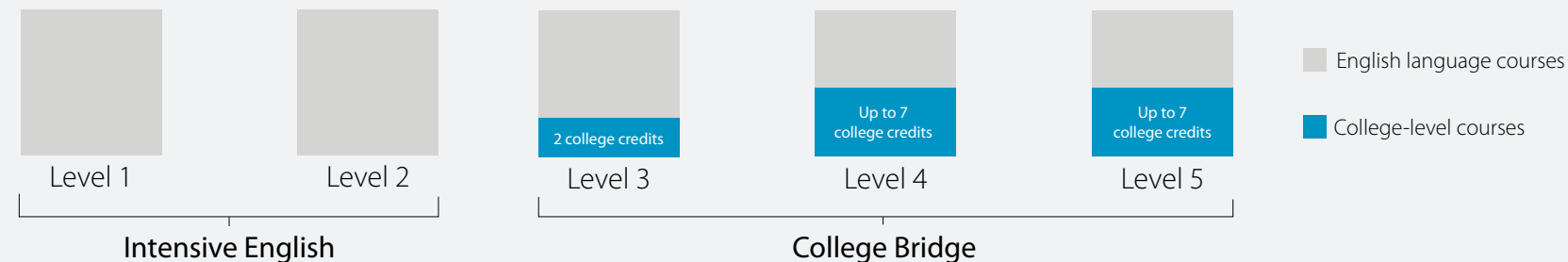


TRANSFER ADMISSION GUARANTEE (TAG) PARTNERS	REQUIRED GPA
Arizona State University	2.50
California State University, San Marcos	2.00
City University of Seattle	2.00
Eastern Washington University	2.00
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	3.00
Indiana University - Purdue University, Indianapolis	2.00
Montana State University	2.00
San Francisco State University	2.00
Seattle Pacific University	2.50
Seattle University	3.00
State University of New York, Albany	2.50
State University of New York, Oneonta	2.50
State University of New York, Oswego	2.30
University of Alaska, Fairbanks	2.00
University of Alaska, Fairbanks, College of Engineering	3.00
University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth	2.50
University of Nevada, Las Vegas	2.50
University of Washington, Bothell	3.00
University of Washington, Tacoma	2.75
University of Washington, Tacoma, School of Business	3.00
Washington State University	2.50
Western Washington University	3.00

# Programs at the Institute of English

## Intensive English

The Intensive English program is designed for students with basic levels of English proficiency. Students in Intensive English focus on improving all areas of their English language use, including listening, speaking, reading, writing, and grammar. Upon completion of Intensive English, students may start the College Bridge program.



## College Bridge

The College Bridge program allows students with intermediate levels of English proficiency to continue developing their language skills while earning college credits. Upon completion of College Bridge, students may enroll full time in college-level classes without additional testing.

# IP Short-Term Certificate

## Study in the U.S. for a short time.

The IP Short-Term Certificate (IP-STC) program allows you to take college classes for 3, 6, 9, or 12 months and earn a certificate. IP-STCs offer flexibility in choosing your classes from a variety of subjects, and they provide opportunities to practice English while studying with American students in small classes.

**Business in a Global Society**

**Computer Science & Technology**

**Cultures & Communication**

**General Studies** (not eligible for OPT)

**MBA Preparation**

# Career Training

## Prepare for a technical career.

Seattle Colleges offers over 100 different vocational programs for students seeking practical skills in high-demand career fields. Designed to give you the hands-on experience and knowledge you need to enter the workforce right away, these programs offer certificate, associate degree, and bachelor's degree options. Admission requirements for these programs can vary, and most are only offered at certain campuses.

NORTH SEATTLE COLLEGE	SEATTLE CENTRAL COLLEGE	SOUTH SEATTLE COLLEGE
Accounting Application Development Early Childhood Education Electronics Technology Entrepreneurship International Business Residential and Commercial Property Management Watch Technology ...and more!	Allied Health Applied Behavioral Science Apparel Design Business Technology Management Culinary Programs Graphic Design Nursing Surgical Technology Visual Media ...and more!	Aeronautical Technology Automotive Technology Culinary Arts Diesel & Heavy Equipment Technology Hospitality Management Landscape Horticulture Welding Fabrication Technology Wine Studies ...and more!





# Transportation

Whether you want to travel by land or by sea, Seattle has a variety of transit options. Most international students do not have a car while at Seattle Colleges, but the public transportation options offer accessibility throughout the city and the region.

- BUS**  
King County Metro operates the city bus system with frequent stops and routes all throughout Seattle. All campuses are accessible by bus.
- SUBWAY**  
The Link light rail runs from Sea-Tac Airport through downtown and Capitol Hill up to the University of Washington and north Seattle.
- FERRY**  
Washington State Ferries offers commuter service throughout the day to islands and cities around Puget Sound.
- BIKE/SCOOTER**  
Riding a bike or scooter is a popular way to get around Seattle, with various companies offering rental and sharing options.
- TRAM**  
Seattle currently has two streetcar (tram) lines. One travels through the First Hill neighborhood and the other between South Lake Union and downtown.
- WATER TAXI**  
King County offers a water taxi service (walk-on only) between West Seattle and downtown Seattle and between Vashon Island and downtown Seattle.



# Housing

**HOMESTAY**  
Do you want to live with an American family and experience American culture at home? Seattle Colleges works with agencies that arrange homestays for students. The average cost for housing and food is about \$1,000 per month.

- Abode**  
+1 (206) 527-8654  
info@abodehomestay.com  
abodehomestay.com
- Ojisu**  
+1 (412) 708-8140  
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ojisu.com/host
- Intercultural Homestays, Inc.**  
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- The Place - Seattle**  
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- USA International Dev, Inc.**  
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**ON-CAMPUS HOUSING**  
Seattle Central offers on-campus housing in the Studios on Broadway. Each apartment features a full kitchen, living space, bathroom, and storage area, and can accommodate 2 to 4 people. The average cost per person is \$1,400 per month.

**OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING**  
Average monthly costs range from \$500 to \$1,200 for shared housing, and \$1,500 to \$2,500 or more for studio, one, and two bedroom apartments.







## Campus Life

### ACTIVITIES & LEADERSHIP

Extend your learning outside the classroom! There are many student clubs, groups, organizations, and volunteer opportunities you can participate in to experience the richness and diversity of American college life.

### EMPLOYMENT

Many international students have jobs on campus. Several departments across all three campuses employ students, and in general, good English communication skills are required.

### FOOD & DRINK

You'll find a variety of food and beverage options right on campus—at our restaurants, bakeries, espresso stands, and cafeterias.

### CAREER, TRANSFER, AND TUTORING CENTERS

Seattle Colleges offers services and resources to help students succeed. Whether you're exploring career options for your major, preparing to transfer to a four-year college or university, or need extra assistance with your coursework, we can help!

### ADVISING

As an international student at Seattle Colleges, you'll be assigned an advisor who is trained to provide immigration advising, as well as assistance with academic planning and course selection. Advisors also offer academic and immigration workshops throughout the year.



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I liked how the international student office always had my back from the first day I arrived in Seattle, and even after I graduated. The diversity at Seattle Colleges is also something that I have always appreciated. I am so grateful for all the experiences that I have had there and I am a very proud Seattle Colleges alum!

- Winfrida Mtewe, Seattle Colleges Student



# English Proficiency

Proof of current English level<sup>1</sup> is required of all applicants. This will determine whether you start your studies in a college-level program or in the Seattle Colleges Institute of English (SCIE).

WHERE YOU START	TOEFL iBT	IELTS
Intensive English Levels 1&2	Below 52 / Writing 14	Below 5.0 / Writing 4.5
College Bridge Level 3	52 / Writing 14	5.0 / Writing 4.5
College Bridge Level 4	56 / Writing 15	5.5 / Writing 4.5
College Bridge Level 5	60 / Writing 16	5.5 / Writing 5.0
Full-Time College	64+ / Writing 17+	6.0+ / Writing 5.0+



# Cost of Attendance\*

Estimated Costs <sup>2</sup>	Intensive English	College Programs <sup>3</sup>
Tuition	\$10,989	\$10,914
Fees & Insurance	\$1,641	\$1,980
Cost of Living	\$14,610	\$14,610
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$27,240</b>	<b>\$27,504</b>

*\*Estimated costs are for the 2024-2025 academic year. One academic year is 9 months.*

<sup>1</sup> Other English proficiency options are available with Pearson, Cambridge, SAT, ACT, and more. See website.  
<sup>2</sup> Estimates for fees and cost of living are approximate. Actual cost of living will vary depending on lifestyle. Cost estimates do not include miscellaneous items, such as clothing, laundry, and entertainment, which typically average \$1,800 or more per year.  
<sup>3</sup> Tuition refers to associate degree programs and College Bridge. See website for bachelor of applied science (B.A.S.) tuition.

# How to Apply

Applying to Seattle Colleges is easy! The application requirements<sup>4</sup> are:

- ☐ International student application
- ☐ \$50 application fee
- ☐ Copy of passport photo page
- ☐ Proof of current English level
- ☐ Proof of finances (indicating \$27,600 in available funds<sup>5</sup>)

*Required only for applicants under 18*

- ☐ High school diploma/transcripts

# Dates & Deadlines\*

WINTER 2025	SPRING 2025
<b>January 6 - March 26</b> <i>General Deadline: November 25</i> <i>Transfer Deadline: December 30</i>	<b>April 7 - June 23</b> <i>General Deadline: February 25</i> <i>Transfer Deadline: March 31</i>
SUMMER 2025	FALL 2025
<b>June 30 - August 22</b> <i>General Deadline: May 25</i> <i>Transfer Deadline: June 23</i>	<b>September 29 - December 19</b> <i>General Deadline: August 25</i> <i>Transfer Deadline: September 22</i>

*\*English language programs may have different academic calendars. See website for details.*

<sup>4</sup> There are additional requirements for students under the age of 18 and transfer applicants.  
<sup>5</sup> Amount is lower when length of study is less than 9 months and higher for B.A.S. programs.

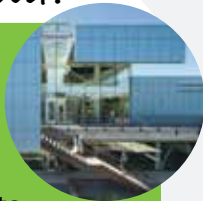




*Do you like being in a city neighborhood?*

### North Seattle College

North Seattle College's unique location offers both urban and residential benefits. Walk to nearby Green Lake, enjoy plentiful shopping, or hop on the subway and be downtown in minutes.



*Do you enjoy the excitement of a city?*

### Seattle Central College

Located in the lively and vibrant Capitol Hill neighborhood, Seattle Central College is in the heart of the city, surrounded by coffee houses, shops, and many great restaurants.



*Do you prefer a scenic campus?*

### South Seattle College

Away from the noise of the city, students at South Seattle College enjoy a peaceful setting among lush gardens, expansive lawns, and other comforts of a traditional-looking college campus.



# 3 UNIQUE LOCATIONS IN THE CITY OF SEATTLE



Seattle is located in Washington state in the Pacific Northwest. Some of the largest companies in the world are headquartered in the Seattle area, and the cultural and other recreational opportunities are similarly world class. The unique, natural beauty that surrounds the city includes mountains, lakes, forests, and the sea. As a student at Seattle Colleges, you'll have plenty to discover and explore outside the classroom.

- Seattle is ranked...
- #1 BEST U.S. CITY FOR STEM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATH) CAREERS
  - #1 BEST U.S. CITY FOR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
  - #2 BEST TECH CITY IN THE U.S.
  - #4 TOP CITY IN THE WORLD FOR ECONOMICS
  - #5 BEST U.S. CITY FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
  - #6 TOP CITY IN THE WORLD



1 Source: Wallet Hub, 2023  
2 Source: Niche.com, 2024  
3 Source: Propstream, 2023  
4 Source: Oxford Economics, 2024  
5 Source: The Zebra, 2024  
6 Source: Oxford Economics, 2024





## ABOUT NORTH

North Seattle College's unique location in the city offers students both residential and urban benefits within walking or biking distance. The campus itself combines urban and natural elements: student artwork, a community garden, and environmentally-protected wetlands surround classroom buildings.

A public transit center is within walking distance and offers frequent, reliable bus and subway transportation across the city and the region. North Seattle is just nine minutes by subway to the University of Washington, 15 minutes to the heart of downtown, and less than an hour to Sea-Tac International Airport.

North Seattle is an ideal destination for students who enjoy the convenience and mix of a busy city and slower-paced living.

## *The North Experience*





## The Central Experience

### ABOUT CENTRAL

Located in the lively and vibrant Capitol Hill neighborhood, Seattle Central College is in the heart of the city, surrounded by coffee houses, shops, restaurants, museums, libraries, city parks, and more—all within walking distance. The subway connects Seattle Central to downtown in two minutes, the University of Washington in three minutes, and Seattle-Tacoma International Airport in 30 minutes.

Students who choose Seattle Central are looking for the sights and sounds typical of a fast-paced, diverse city environment. They enjoy the trendy, anything-goes atmosphere of Capitol Hill and appreciate an environment where campus and city meld into one.

For students who enjoy the excitement of city life, Seattle Central is a great choice.



*Metropolitan. Colorful. Fast-Paced.*



## The South Experience

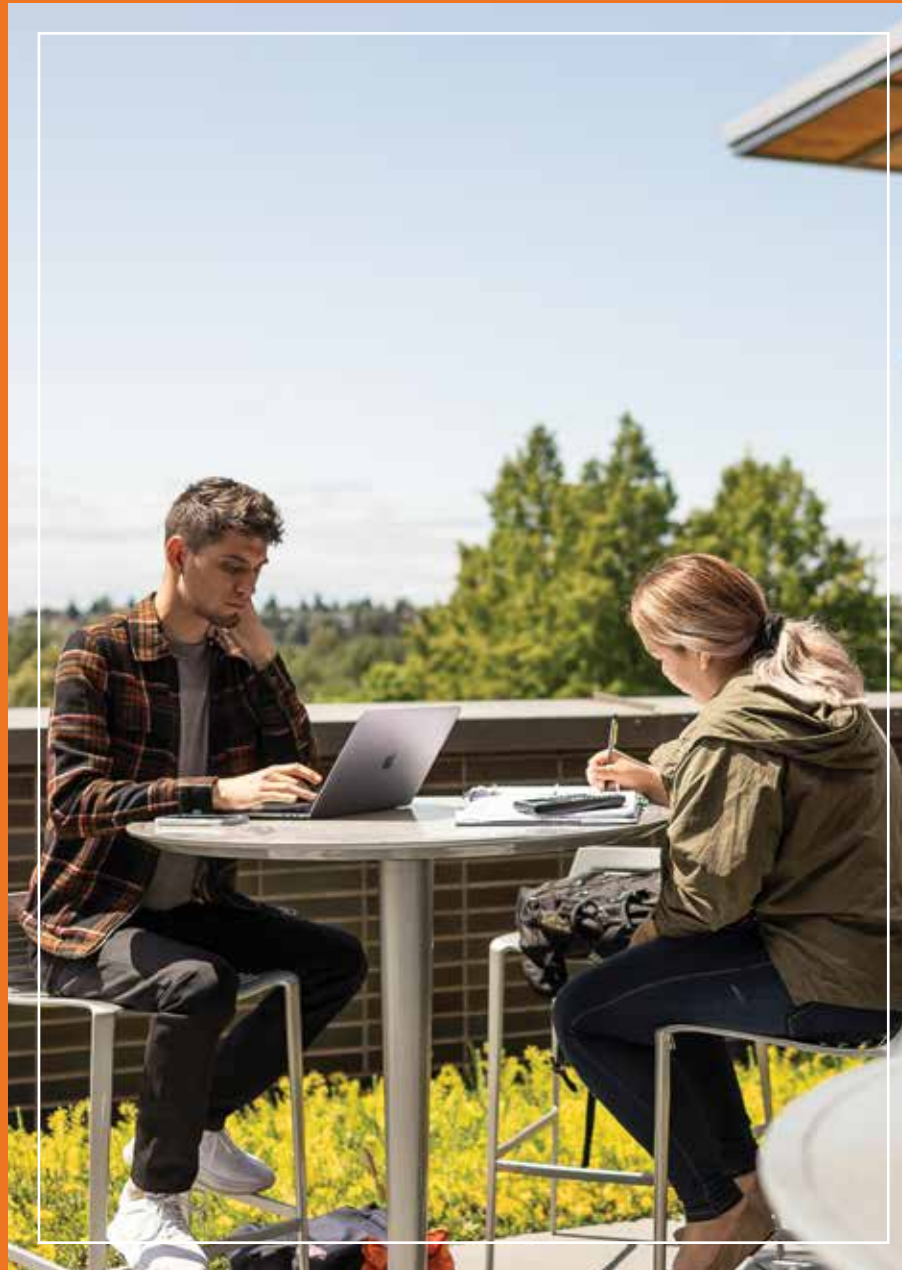
### ABOUT SOUTH

Though located within the city of Seattle, South Seattle College offers a relaxed and calm environment, away from the congestion and noise of city life. When students feel like going into downtown Seattle, they can hop on a city bus that leaves from South's campus and arrive in less than 30 minutes.

The campus features panoramic views of the Seattle skyline, expansive lawns, manicured gardens, and access to several local nature trails. Situated near the open waters of Puget Sound, South Seattle students have access to a variety of recreational opportunities. They enjoy views from nearby Lincoln Park, riding bikes to Alki Beach, or catching the water taxi downtown for a stop at Pike Place Market.

South Seattle is an excellent option for students interested in a supportive community situated on a peaceful and scenic campus.

*Peaceful. Green. Scenic.*








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