



**USA – University of Washington  
(Seattle) MBA Direct Exchange  
Program  
Foster School of Business**

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University of Washington – <http://www.washington.edu>  
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**About the Foster School of Business:**

The Foster School of Business in Seattle has been ranked among the nation’s best business schools in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Business Week*, *The Economist*, *U.S. News & World Report*, *The Financial Times* and *Forbes*. The reputations of both faculty and curricula attract talented students from across the country and around the globe. For 2016, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked Foster's Full-time MBA Program 8th among public schools and 27th among all business schools. *The Economist* ranked the Full-time MBA Program 9th among US public schools, and 37th in the world, in the 2015 edition of "Which MBA?" London's *Financial Times* ranked the Full-time MBA Program 49th worldwide and 21st among US schools in 2016. The Foster School is accredited by AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

The Foster School's Global Business Center is the only Pacific Northwest program (and one of 17 university programs nationwide), designated a U.S. Department of Education “Center for International Business Education and Research”, which serves as regional and national resource to businesses, faculty, and students on American competitiveness in global markets.

**Exchange application deadline:**

Autumn quarter: April 1      Winter quarter: September 1      Spring quarter: September 1  
(Nominations due at least one month prior to allow students enough time to complete the application)

**Application materials and process:**

1. Completed On-Line Application
2. Certificate of Status
3. UW Statement of Financial Ability
4. Current copy of résumé or CV
5. Unofficial grade transcript of courses completed at home institution
6. Evidence of English proficiency (*unless waived, see below under "Language Requirement"*).
7. Statement of Purpose
8. Copy of passport

Find document links and complete instructions at <http://foster.uw.edu/centers/gbc/mba-programs/exchange-programs/incoming>

Students must submit application materials via email. Once received, the application will be reviewed by the MBA Program Office. If accepted for entry to the Foster School, the student's application will be forwarded to the University of Washington Graduate Admissions. Graduate Admissions processes the admission and produces the acceptance letter and DS-2019 form needed to apply for an J-1 visa. This process can take 4 to 6 weeks; feel free to contact the MBA Exchange Coordinator if you have questions or concerns.

**Learning expectations:**

Class formats typically include lecture and discussion, in-class presentations, and case studies. Grading is based on papers, group projects, case studies, and class participation. Exam format may vary.

**Courses:**

Elective courses – <http://foster.uw.edu/academics/degree-programs/full-time-mba/current-students/academics/elective-courses/>

Quarterly time schedule - <http://www.washington.edu/students/timeschd/>

**Language of instruction:**

English

**Language Requirement:**

Proof of English proficiency: minimum TOEFL scores of 600 (paper based), 250 (computer based), and 100 (internet based). Scores must be from the past two years. Requirement may be waived for native English speakers and students who received an undergraduate degree taught in English-speaking countries.

**Academic experience required:**

First two terms of MBA program completed, or review by the MBA Program Office. In some cases, a student will be admitted with less than one year of their MBA Program completed, but there will be restrictions on course enrollment due to insufficient prerequisite courses completed.

**Full-time workload:**

Visiting graduate students may enroll in either daytime or evening elective courses. Due to the nature and structure of MBA core courses and MPAcc courses, these classes are not available for exchange students. A full-time MBA student at the University of Washington is generally enrolled for 16 credits. Students should check with their home institution about the number of courses or credits required during the academic exchange at the University of Washington. To maintain visa status, students must enroll in at least 10 credits with a maximum of 18 credits.



**Length of Classes:**

MBA classes typically run two days per week (either Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday) for 1 hour and 50 minutes. Courses may occur anytime between 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m., although the majority of courses are offered between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Evening courses often meet only one day per week for a longer session. Courses outside the Foster School may be offered on different schedules.

**Contact Hours:**

1 academic credit reflects 9.167 contact/classroom hours. Thus, a 4-credit course is 36.67 contact hours. Considerable additional time is expected of students outside of the classroom.

**2017-2018 academic calendar:**

	<b>Instruction</b>	<b>Instruction</b>	<b>Final examination</b>
<b>Autumn Quarter 2017</b>	September 27	December 8	December 9-15
<b>Winter Quarter 2017</b>	January 3	March 9	March 10-16
<b>Spring Quarter 2017</b>	March 26	June 1	June 4-8

**Exchange student services:**

Administration through GBC, including course assistance, orientation, single point of contact  
 UW Email account  
 Career services: résumé review with a career coach; mock interview; view-only account in e-Recruiting  
 Access to UW sports facilities (fee applies)

Organized trips through FIUTS (*optional*)  
 UW MBA buddy  
 Membership in MBAA and Global Business Association (MBA student groups) and access to MBA Lounge  
 Participation in MBA social events

**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. Single rooms start at \$872/month (2016-2017 rate; subject to change). Students can sometimes rent the apartments of outbound MBA students in the fall quarter or can find other off-campus housing. More information is available on Global Business Center exchange student website.

**Health Insurance:**

Students are required to have health insurance at the UW. They can either provide proof of insurance from home country or purchase UW student insurance. Cost: \$286/Quarter (2016-2017 rates; subject to change). <http://www.washington.edu/ship/international-student-insurance-health-plan/>