

WSU Faculty Senate Update



Extraordinary Talent
Committee and Fall 2025
admissions update



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Admission Through Extraordinary Talent

Washington State University wishes to make educational opportunities available to students whose extraordinary talents have the potential to enrich our intellectual, cultural, and social environments, but whose overall academic credentials may not qualify them for regular admission...

Examples of evidence of extraordinary talents that might not be apparent in the applicant's file include: exceptional musical ability, athletic accomplishment, awards in science, math, or artistic competitions or similar measures of talent.

Extraordinary Talent Snapshot

- Since 2012:
 - 123 students admitted through ETC
 - 45 completed degrees at WSU
 - 12 are currently enrolled
 - 66 stopped out or transferred before degree completion
 - 18 academically recessed
 - 48 left on academic good standing
- Academic performance:
 - Average cumulative GPA of students who graduated: 3.07
 - Average cumulative GPA of students who stopped out or transferred: 2.77

Extraordinary Talent Snapshot

- Extraordinary Talent Committee
 - Chair of Faculty Senate
 - Chair of Academic Affairs Committee
 - Vice Provost of Enrollment Management
- Process changes
 - In-person discussion on each candidate
 - Involvement of International Programs when linguistic preparation is a concern
 - Significant documentation provided to highlight the extra support each student will receive

WSU System (all new students) F2025

	Term / Date							
	2025 Fall 2025 February 26	2024 Fall 2024 February 28	2023 Fall 2023 March 1	2022 Fall 2022 March 2	2021 Fall 2021 March 3	2020 Fall 2020 March 4	2019 Fall 2019 February 27	2018 Fall 2018 February 28
Applied	26,570	25,719	26,708	20,162	20,152	24,592	25,279	27,025
Change Applied	851	-989	6,546	10	-4,440	-687	-1,746	
% Change Applied	3.3%	-3.7%	32.5%	0.0%	-18.1%	-2.7%	-6.5%	
Admitted	21,851	20,827	20,963	15,212	15,612	17,821	16,401	17,742
Change Admitted	1,024	-136	5,751	-400	-2,209	1,420	-1,341	
% Change Admitted	4.9%	-0.6%	37.8%	-2.6%	-12.4%	8.7%	-7.6%	
Confirmed	3,334	2,899	2,477	2,341	2,853	3,793	3,387	3,533
Change Confirmed	435	422	136	-512	-940	406	-146	
% Change Confirmed	15.0%	17.0%	5.8%	-17.9%	-24.8%	12.0%	-4.1%	

WSU System (WA residents) F2025

	Term / Date							
	2025 Fall	2024 Fall	2023 Fall	2022 Fall	2021 Fall	2020 Fall	2019 Fall	2018 Fall
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
	February 26	February 28	March 1	March 2	March 3	March 4	February 27	February 28
Applied	16,113	15,437	15,113	12,885	12,765	15,422	16,042	17,003
Change Applied	676	324	2,228	120	-2,657	-620	-961	
% Change Applied	4.4%	2.1%	17.3%	0.9%	-17.2%	-3.9%	-5.7%	
Admitted	12,977	12,305	11,561	9,821	9,984	11,095	10,145	11,195
Change Admitted	672	744	1,740	-163	-1,111	950	-1,050	
% Change Admitted	5.5%	6.4%	17.7%	-1.6%	-10.0%	9.4%	-9.4%	
Confirmed	2,703	2,350	1,889	1,839	2,317	3,055	2,704	2,806
Change Confirmed	353	461	50	-478	-738	351	-102	
% Change Confirmed	15.0%	24.4%	2.7%	-20.6%	-24.2%	13.0%	-3.6%	

WSU System (nonresident domestic) F2025

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	2025 Fall 2025 February 26	2024 Fall 2024 February 28	2023 Fall 2023 March 1	2022 Fall 2022 March 2	2021 Fall 2021 March 3	2020 Fall 2020 March 4	2019 Fall 2019 February 27	2018 Fall 2018 February 28
Applied	9,750	9,489	10,425	6,265	6,786	7,996	8,097	9,010
Change Applied	261	-936	4,160	-521	-1,210	-101	-913	
% Change Applied	2.8%	-9.0%	66.4%	-7.7%	-15.1%	-1.2%	-10.1%	
Admitted	8,327	7,956	8,574	4,933	5,332	5,875	5,360	6,128
Change Admitted	371	-618	3,641	-399	-543	515	-768	
% Change Admitted	4.7%	-7.2%	73.8%	-7.5%	-9.2%	9.6%	-12.5%	
Confirmed	577	467	356	403	512	686	641	625
Change Confirmed	110	111	-47	-109	-174	45	16	
% Change Confirmed	23.6%	31.2%	-11.7%	-21.3%	-25.4%	7.0%	2.6%	

Pullman (all new students) F2025

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	2025 Fall 2025 February 26	2024 Fall 2024 February 28	2023 Fall 2023 March 1	2022 Fall 2022 March 2	2021 Fall 2021 March 3	2020 Fall 2020 March 4	2019 Fall 2019 February 27	2018 Fall 2018 February 28
Applied	22,937	21,966	22,961	17,304	17,264	21,308	21,922	23,192
Change Applied	971	-995	5,657	40	-4,044	-614	-1,270	
% Change Applied	4.4%	-4.3%	32.7%	0.2%	-19.0%	-2.8%	-5.5%	
Admitted	19,525	18,429	18,640	13,479	13,674	15,848	14,927	15,803
Change Admitted	1,096	-211	5,161	-195	-2,174	921	-876	
% Change Admitted	5.9%	-1.1%	38.3%	-1.4%	-13.7%	6.2%	-5.5%	
Confirmed	2,580	2,226	1,832	1,795	2,036	2,879	2,752	2,669
Change Confirmed	354	394	37	-241	-843	127	83	
% Change Confirmed	15.9%	21.5%	2.1%	-11.8%	-29.3%	4.6%	3.1%	

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Applied	13,418	12,599	12,499	10,770	10,512	12,781	13,247	13,801
Change Applied	819	100	1,729	258	-2,269	-466	-554	
% Change Applied	6.5%	0.8%	16.1%	2.5%	-17.8%	-3.5%	-4.0%	
Admitted	11,273	10,510	9,978	8,472	8,436	9,435	8,895	9,538
Change Admitted	763	532	1,506	36	-999	540	-643	
% Change Admitted	7.3%	5.3%	17.8%	0.4%	-10.6%	6.1%	-6.7%	
Confirmed	2,033	1,742	1,342	1,354	1,599	2,263	2,142	2,057
Change Confirmed	291	400	-12	-245	-664	121	85	
% Change Confirmed	16.7%	29.8%	-0.9%	-15.3%	-29.3%	5.6%	4.1%	

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Applied	8,901	8,646	9,415	5,669	6,214	7,444	7,603	8,451
Change Applied	255	-769	3,746	-545	-1,230	-159	-848	
% Change Applied	2.9%	-8.2%	66.1%	-8.8%	-16.5%	-2.1%	-10.0%	
Admitted	7,747	7,398	7,903	4,579	4,962	5,604	5,163	5,868
Change Admitted	349	-505	3,324	-383	-642	441	-705	
% Change Admitted	4.7%	-6.4%	72.6%	-7.7%	-11.5%	8.5%	-12.0%	
Confirmed	498	407	285	349	415	573	571	522
Change Confirmed	91	122	-64	-66	-158	2	49	
% Change Confirmed	22.4%	42.8%	-18.3%	-15.9%	-27.6%	0.4%	9.4%	