

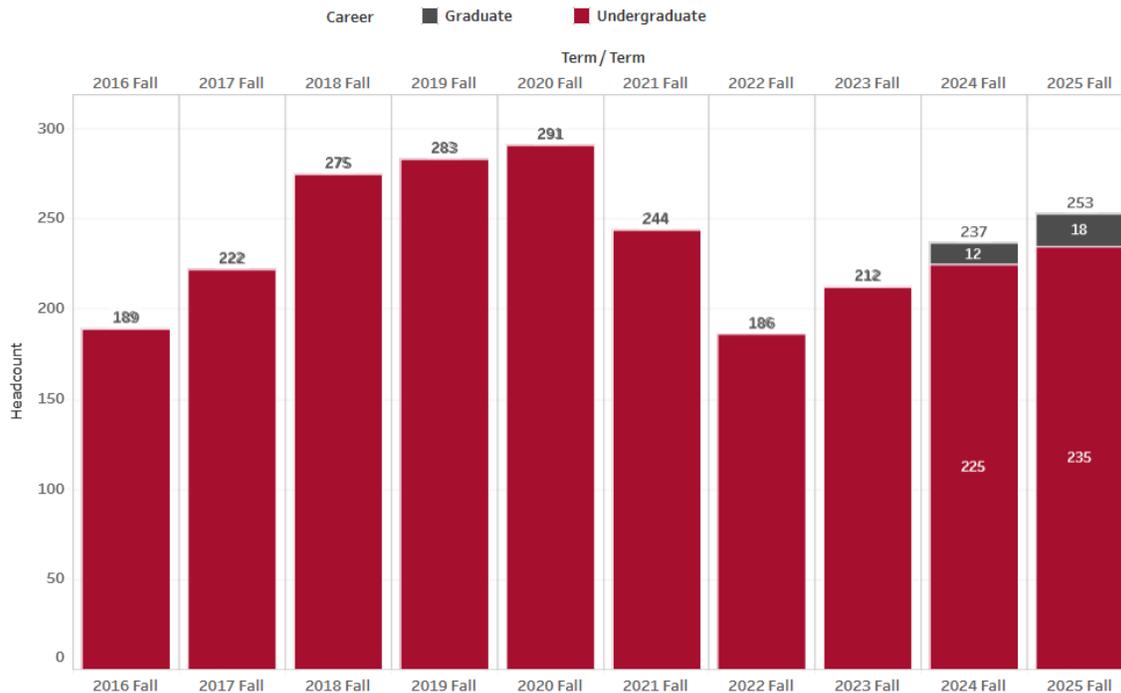
To: Faculty Senate
 Date: 2/20/2026
 From: Institutional Research AVP, System Analytics and Reporting,
 Stephanie Kane
 RE: Proposal to Extend Bachelor of Science in Computer Science to WSU
 Everett

The projections in the proposal (15 in years 1 and 2, up to 30 in year five) are not entirely unreasonable. The two biggest question that IR had was 1) whether these would be net new students, or would switch from some other program already at Everett, and 2) what types of waivers would be given to these students and should be accounted for in the budget.

In terms of enrollment, and program substitution, Everett has added a lot of new programs, but their overall enrollment has not grown in proportion. It would be good if a proposal addressed potential enrollment substitution across programs and accounted for that in their budgeting.

Term: Campus: Residency: Sex: First Generation:

Headcount



This is the original feedback we provided on the proposal:

The budget analysis assumes all revenues and no expenses. Presumably WSU Everett (or some other campus via distance delivery) would be instructing these students, so how does that impact faculty workload? This analysis also assumes that the students are not receiving any tuition waivers (i.e. gross and net undergrad tuition are equivalent). Is that true? The 2025-2026 WSU Scholarship Cheat sheet from SFS lists the following undergraduate waiver programs for WSU Everett:

Everett Scholars award - \$1500 per year renewable

Distinguished Everett Scholars Award: \$2500 per year renewable

Everett WUE: \$11,000 per year for non-resident students

Given Everett's relatively small number of students, instructor workload and waiver policy have significant budget implications. Additionally, it is unclear to what extent these would be net new students to WSU Everett vs students who switch from an existing program to WSU Everett. Software Engineering is already Everett's largest program, with 45 students as of Fall 2025, and Cybersecurity has another 7. In their Extension of Degree form, they note "Based on feedback from community college faculty as well as prior noted student interest, this degree program would recruit new students who may not have had interest in the Software Engineering or Cybersecurity programs directly." Stephen Pool in our office notes that given there's a good deal of overlap in career outcomes for these programs, particularly between Computer Science and Software Engineering with Software Developers. Thus, we are curious as to what's driving this perceived distinction in student interest. In the three-county region, Software Developers is the largest occupation by job count and has the 8th largest average annual openings among occupations, so it's a very probable occupation outcome for both programs.