

WSU Faculty Senate Update



Extraordinary Talent
Committee and Fall 2026
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:
 - 127 students admitted through ETC
 - 50 completed degrees at WSU
 - 5 are currently enrolled
 - 72 stopped out or transferred before degree completion
 - 20 with below a 2.00
 - 52 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: 2.24

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 (new student funnel) F2026

	Term / Date									
	2026 Fall 2026 February 24	2025 Fall 2025 February 18	2024 Fall 2024 February 20	2023 Fall 2023 February 21	2022 Fall 2022 February 22	2021 Fall 2021 February 23	2020 Fall 2020 February 25	2019 Fall 2019 February 19	2018 Fall 2018 February 20	
Applied	25,061	26,064	24,972	26,136	19,737	19,777	24,206	24,935	26,684	
Change Applied	-1,003	1,092	-1,164	6,399	-40	-4,429	-729	-1,749		
% Change Applied	-3.8%	4.4%	-4.5%	32.4%	-0.2%	-18.3%	-2.9%	-6.6%		
Admitted	21,179	21,285	20,165	20,276	14,650	14,763	17,217	15,223	17,082	
Change Admitted	-106	1,120	-111	5,626	-113	-2,454	1,994	-1,859		
% Change Admitted	-0.5%	5.6%	-0.5%	38.4%	-0.8%	-14.3%	13.1%	-10.9%		
Confirmed	3,049	3,047	2,612	2,182	2,063	2,563	3,437	3,070	3,144	
Change Confirmed	2	435	430	119	-500	-874	367	-74		
% Change Confirmed	0.1%	16.7%	19.7%	5.8%	-19.5%	-25.4%	12.0%	-2.4%		

WSU System (WA residents) F2026

	Term / Date								
	2026 Fall	2025 Fall	2024 Fall	2023 Fall	2022 Fall	2021 Fall	2020 Fall	2019 Fall	2018 Fall
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
	February 24	February 18	February 20	February 21	February 22	February 23	February 25	February 19	February 20
Applied	15,548	15,782	14,893	14,784	12,610	12,515	15,146	15,867	16,792
Change Applied	-234	889	109	2,174	95	-2,631	-721	-925	
% Change Applied	-1.5%	6.0%	0.7%	17.2%	0.8%	-17.4%	-4.5%	-5.5%	
Admitted	12,909	12,619	11,861	11,190	9,497	9,423	10,679	9,397	10,798
Change Admitted	290	758	671	1,693	74	-1,256	1,282	-1,401	
% Change Admitted	2.3%	6.4%	6.0%	17.8%	0.8%	-11.8%	13.6%	-13.0%	
Confirmed	2,474	2,470	2,104	1,653	1,603	2,082	2,771	2,467	2,499
Change Confirmed	4	366	451	50	-479	-689	304	-32	
% Change Confirmed	0.2%	17.4%	27.3%	3.1%	-23.0%	-24.9%	12.3%	-1.3%	

WSU System (nonresident domestic) F2026

	Term / Date									
	2026 Fall 2026 February 24	2025 Fall 2025 February 18	2024 Fall 2024 February 20	2023 Fall 2023 February 21	2022 Fall 2022 February 22	2021 Fall 2021 February 23	2020 Fall 2020 February 25	2019 Fall 2019 February 19	2018 Fall 2018 February 20	
Applied	9,028	9,626	9,319	10,270	6,173	6,685	7,924	8,016	8,923	
Change Applied	-598	307	-951	4,097	-512	-1,239	-92	-907		
% Change Applied	-6.2%	3.3%	-9.3%	66.4%	-7.7%	-15.6%	-1.1%	-10.2%		
Admitted	7,850	8,161	7,773	8,389	4,810	5,075	5,748	5,010	5,912	
Change Admitted	-311	388	-616	3,579	-265	-673	738	-902		
% Change Admitted	-3.8%	5.0%	-7.3%	74.4%	-5.2%	-11.7%	14.7%	-15.3%		
Confirmed	526	531	428	315	368	460	620	568	551	
Change Confirmed	-5	103	113	-53	-92	-160	52	17		
% Change Confirmed	-0.9%	24.1%	35.9%	-14.4%	-20.0%	-25.8%	9.2%	3.1%		