

Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) Policy

Portland State University (PSU) proudly participates in the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) for academically qualified incoming Freshmen and Transfer students who meet specific criteria. WUE students receive reduced tuition equal to 150% of resident tuition. See the website for more details: pdx.edu/undergraduate-admissions/wue

DEADLINES

February 1	Deadline for all students (transfer and freshman) to apply for admission to PSU to be eligible for WUE
July 1	Deadline for all students to be officially admitted to PSU to be eligible for WUE
August 1	Deadline for all students to demonstrate eligibility for WUE by submitting all final academic records. Deadline to confirm enrollment at PSU by paying tuition deposit or submitting enrollment confirmation form.

TO QUALIFY FOR WUE, PSU APPLICANTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING FOUR CRITERIA:

1. Applicants must apply for undergraduate admission to fall term by the priority application deadlines listed above. All students must be admitted by July 1 and demonstrate WUE eligibility by August 1.

- There is no separate WUE application. WUE is awarded based on information from the undergraduate admission application.
- WUE is only awarded to students who matriculate in the fall term. Applicants seeking WUE should apply for fall term. If an applicant applies for a term other than fall they can receive WUE if they update their admission term to fall by the priority deadlines listed above and meet all other WUE criteria.
- Individuals must submit an application by the priority deadlines based on their student type to be eligible for WUE, but the applicant is not required to have a complete application or be admitted by that date. An applicant must be officially admitted no later than July 1 to be eligible for the WUE award.
- There are no exceptions to the February 1 (application), July 1 (admission) and August 1 (final academic records) deadlines.
- There are no exceptions to the fall matriculation requirement.
- NCAA Varsity student-athletes required to report to campus prior to fall term may register for PSU summer term courses, but cannot use the WUE tuition benefit until the start of fall term.
- WUE is only awarded to incoming students and is not awarded to current/continuing PSU students under any circumstance.
- WUE is only open to undergraduate students. Postbaccalaureate and graduate students are not eligible to receive WUE.
- WUE is not available to co-admitted students. Students must enroll full time (minimum of 12 credit hours at PSU) to receive WUE each term.
- If an applicant receives WUE but does not matriculate in the fall, their eligibility will be rescinded. The applicant may change their admission term to a term other than fall within the three term update window, however, the applicant will not receive WUE.

2. Applicants must be a legal resident of a WICHE state or eligible territory.

- Eligible WICHE states and territories are Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
- Portland State makes its initial determination of residency based on the permanent address provided by an applicant on their application for admission.
- Portland State defers to its partner WICHE states' definitions of legal residency.
- If an applicant resides outside of their state of legal residence they must provide documentation of their legal residence to receive WUE.
- If an applicant who is a legal resident of a WUE state or territory (A) moves to Oregon, (B) is not claimed as a dependent for tax purposes, and (C) has not established Oregon residency, that applicant is WUE eligible if they meet all other criteria. A student cannot establish Oregon residency while receiving WUE. An applicant can decline WUE with a written request.

3. All WUE eligible applicants are considered for WUE regardless of major.

- Effective 2015 Fall Term, all PSU majors are eligible to receive WUE.
- Effective 2015 Fall Term, current PSU WUE recipients who change majors are allowed to keep their WUE regardless of their catalog year so long as they meet the credit and GPA requirements. The duration of a student's WUE is not extended if they change majors.

4. Applicants must meet the academic requirements based on their student type no later than August 1 to receive WUE.

Freshman

(Officially meet one of the following criteria no later than August 1)

- 3.2 final cumulative unweighted high school GPA
- 1270 or higher SAT from a single testing date
- 27 or higher ACT composite from a single testing date

Transfer

(Officially meet all of the following criteria no later than August 1)

- 3.0 final cumulative college GPA
- All final college transcripts transferred to PSU

- An applicant must demonstrate they meet WUE academic criteria by August 1 (GPA, test scores, and/or credits transferred into the university). It is the applicant's responsibility to prove they meet all criteria by August 1 by submitting their official academic records to the university. This is a hard deadline; there are no exceptions.
- PSU does not superscore SAT or ACT test scores (a superscore is the sum of test results from different test dates). WUE qualifying test scores must be from the same test date.
- Home schooled and GED students are eligible for WUE if they meet all the criteria and qualify academically through test scores.
- Transfer applicants who have attended an accredited post-secondary institution that does not confer traditional letter grades will need communication sent directly from the Office of the Registrar to admissions@pdx.edu stating an official cumulative, unweighted GPA. Transcripts containing "keys" to calculate an official GPA are insufficient; the conferring institution must communicate a student's official GPA directly to PSU. It is the applicant's responsibility to request this communication.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR WUE RECIPIENTS

The Value of WUE: WUE adjusts a student's PSU tuition to 150 percent of resident undergraduate tuition for up to four academic years for freshman students, three academic years for sophomore transfer students, and two academic years for both junior and senior transfer students.

Accepting WUE: To accept WUE students must submit their tuition deposit or enrollment confirmation form no later than August 1. Failure to submit it by that date may result in forfeiture of WUE (but will not affect admission). Confirm your enrollment at PSU: pdx.edu/undergraduate-admissions/confirm

Maintaining WUE: Freshmen will receive WUE for up to four academic years, transfer students who are sophomores will receive WUE for up to three academic years, transfer students who are juniors or seniors will receive WUE for up to two academic years so long as the following requirements are met:

- Maintain status as a PSU non-resident undergraduate student
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 for overall attempted credits
- Enroll in 12 or more PSU undergraduate credits (courses numbered 100-4) each academic term (fall, winter, spring)
 - Students who enroll in less than 12 credits during the aforementioned academic terms will be assessed standard out-of-state tuition rates, but will retain the ability to qualify for the WUE tuition benefit in succeeding terms during which they enroll in 12 or more credits.
 - Students may also use the WUE tuition benefit for summer term enrollment regardless of credit load (part-time or full-time). Use of the benefit during summer term(s) does not affect the initial total allotment of academic years provided to a student based on class standing.
- Keep address current and updated in Banweb

WUE is automatically applied to the recipient's account prior to the beginning of each term provided the recipient meets the criteria listed above for maintaining WUE.

Failure to meet any of these requirements may result in the forfeiture of WUE. WUE cannot be reinstated once it is lost and cannot be extended past the original offer period.

Leaving School: WUE is not transferable to other institutions and cannot be used for study abroad programs. WUE will be discontinued if the recipient does not meet the criteria outlined above.

Disbursement: The WUE tuition benefit is applied each term by Student Financial Services and reflected on the tuition bill

Limitations

WUE cannot be:

- Combined with the Out of State Opportunity Scholarship
- Used concurrently, or in alternating fashion, with the Washington Border Policy

For students who are not financially dependent on others for tax purposes, time accumulated in Oregon while receiving WUE cannot be applied to time spent in establishment of Oregon residency for tuition purposes.