



Signature **FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE** at UW Bothell

UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON | BOTHELL



First Year Students Might Be Hearing...

**Define
career goals!**

***Make friends
now!***

**Be
Creative!**

**Think differently! Take chances!
No limits!**

**Get done with
college as fast as
possible!**

Get a job!

***Try new
things!***

***Join as many
clubs as
possible!***

**Find a
mentor!**

**Build professional
networks!**

**Be positive
about
everything!**

FIRST YEAR STUDENT LIFECYCLE

ADMITTED

WELCOME WEEK & CONVOCATION

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ADVISING & ORIENTATION

DISCOVERY CORE

ONGOING PEER COACH & ADVISING SUPPORT

FIRST YEAR COMMUNITY

> New Students

- Meeting classmates
- Finding community

> Faculty and Campus Resources

- Available year round

> Academics

- Discover personal interests

DISCOVERY CORE EXPERIENCE (DCX)

A background image showing a young woman in the foreground, smiling and looking to her right. She is wearing a white t-shirt and a black backpack, and is holding a laptop. In the background, a young man is standing and holding a camera up to his eye, taking a photo. They are in a grassy field with trees in the distance.

Signature First Year Experience

First Year Student Focus

Bridge students to
collegiate thinking

Small Class Size

Meets General Education
Requirement

DISCOVERY CORE EXPERIENCE (DCX)

Boundless Learning

Tackles Cross Disciplinary Problems

Connection & Collaboration

College Success Skills

Purpose & Reflection

Learn more about Discovery Core

> <https://www.uwb.edu/premajor>



STUDENT PATHS TO THEIR MAJOR



The Meta-Majors

- > **Groups of Majors**
 - Common Classes
 - Areas of learning
 - Career Goals
- > **Based on Intended Major**
- > **Connects students to resources**
 - Research Opportunities
 - Co-curricular
 - Academic focus

Majors at UW Bothell

Arts & Media

Culture, Literature, and the Arts
Interdisciplinary Arts
Media and Communications

Business & Policy

Business Administration
Economics (*NEW Autumn 2025*)
Environmental Studies
Global Studies
Law, Economics, and Public Policy

Education & Society

American & Ethnic Studies
Developmental & Youth Studies
Educational Studies
Elementary Education Option
Gender, Women, Sexuality Studies
Interdisciplinary Social Sciences
Psychology

Health & Natural Sciences

Biology
Chemistry (Biochemistry Option)
Conservation and Restoration Science
Earth System Science
Health Studies
Nursing* (RN to BSN, Transfer Only)

Technology & Engineering

Applied Computing
Computer Engineering
Computer Science & Software Engineering
Data Visualization
Electrical Engineering
Mathematics
Mechanical Engineering
Physics
Science, Technology & Society

ACADEMIC ADVISING

- > **The Advising Team**
Students will be assigned an advisor based on their intended major
- > **Long-Term Planning**
Map out degree requirements
- > **Comprehensive Support**
Connect students to campus resources

How much work is College?

- > Most learning in college happens outside the classroom
- > Every credit hour enrolled: 2-3 hours of study each week
- > Average credits per quarter 15: 30-45 hours of study



How can families help?

- > **Your authentic support means the most!**
- > **Remind:** Attend faculty office hours
- > **Encourage:** Campus club and community events
- > **Support:** Remind them to meet with their advisor



A photograph of the University of Washington Bothell campus. In the foreground, a large, dark grey sculpture of the letters 'UW' stands on a low wall. Below the letters, the word 'BOTHELL' is inscribed in white capital letters. The sculpture is surrounded by green bushes and yellow flowers. In the background, a multi-story brick building with many windows is visible under a blue sky with light clouds.

**THANK YOU &
HAPPY ORIENTATION!**