

Graduate School Bulletin

Enrollment Autumn Quarter 2011

The University of Washington enrolled 10 percent *more* new graduate students for autumn this year than it did last autumn quarter, despite a slight drop in new student enrollment in graduate schools nationwide.

Total Enrollment

12,135

UW Graduate Enrollment
as of autumn quarter 2011

11,103

Students at UW Seattle
Up from 10,852 (2%) in 2010

488

Students at UW Bothell
Down from 492 (-1%) in 2010

544

Students at UW Tacoma
Down from 567 (-4%) in 2010

25,638

Applications
Up 6% from the 2009-10 academic year

4,252

Degrees granted
Up from 3,965 (10%) in the 2009-10 academic year

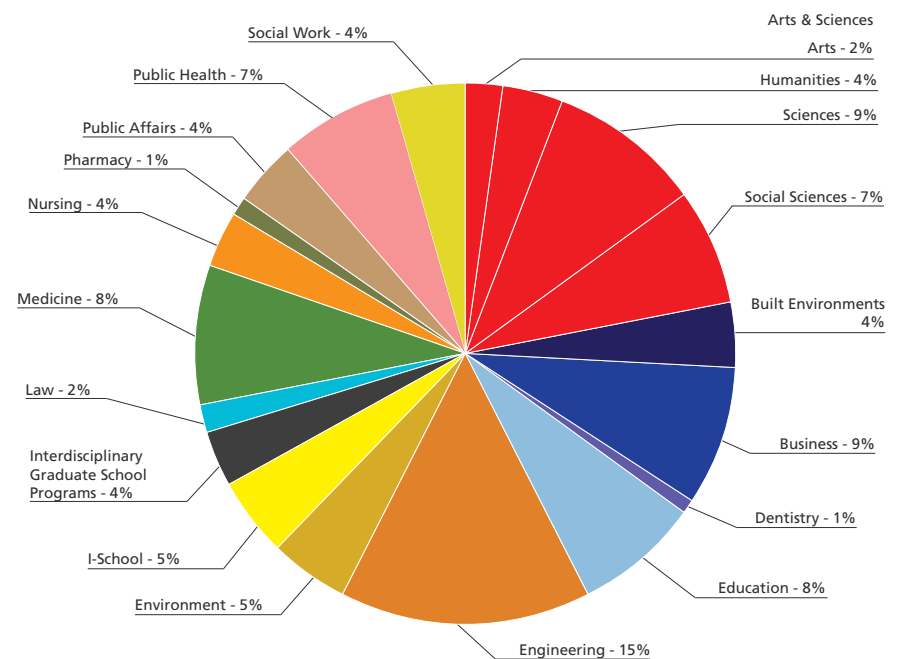
New Enrollment

The UW enrolled 3,927 new graduate students at all of its campuses in Seattle, Bothell and Tacoma for a total of 12,135 graduate students, who comprise one-quarter of all UW students.

New UW graduate students — 56 percent of whom are from Washington state — come from 46 states and 71 countries. Nearly a quarter — 24 percent — of new UW graduate students are minorities, 54 percent are women and 15 percent are international students. Eleven percent are underrepresented minorities, a group that includes African Americans, American Indians, Hispanic Americans and Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders.

For the first time since autumn 2003, graduate enrollment nationwide decreased, slipping 1 percent between 2009 and 2010, as reported by the Council of Graduate Schools. Between 2008 and 2009, graduate enrollment nationwide increased 6 percent.

FIGURE 1: TOTAL ENROLLMENT BY COLLEGE, SEATTLE CAMPUS*



*College breakouts count formal concurrent applications and students in each school/college they have a major.

NEW GRADUATE STUDENT ENROLLMENT

New enrollment increased at the UW Seattle campus by 11 percent and 2 percent at UW Tacoma, while it declined 3 percent at UW Bothell — for a total UW new graduate student enrollment increase of 10 percent. Overall graduate student enrollment for all three campuses rose 2 percent, although it declined slightly for UW Bothell and UW Tacoma, by 1 percent and 4 percent respectively.

FEE-BASED GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Most of the UW's growth in new enrollment comes from fee-based graduate programs as 37 percent of the new graduate students are enrolled in these programs. Fee-based graduate programs are not subsidized by the state. Enrollment in these programs makes up 29 percent of total graduate student enrollment at all three campuses, up from 8 percent of total graduate enrollment in 2001.

APPLICATIONS

Applications to UW graduate programs for autumn quarter 2011 totaled 25,638 — a 6 percent increase over the previous year and a 77 percent increase since 2001. Offers were made to 30 percent — or 7,622 — of applicants. The UW's doctoral programs are extremely selective with merely 16 percent of doctoral applicants offered admission. Nationally, graduate school applications increased 8 percent between 2009 and 2010.

DEGREES GRANTED

The UW also granted 10 percent more degrees in 2010-11 than in 2009-10. The demand for master's degrees, in particular, has increased significantly as the UW has awarded 42 percent more degrees over 10 years ago.

TABLE 1: NEW GRADUATE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT — UW SEATTLE, TACOMA, BOTHELL

	TOTAL NEW ENROLLMENT 3,927			MASTER'S 3,041 (77.4%)			DOCTORAL 886 (22.6%)		
	2011	2010	% Change	2011	2010	% Change	2011	2010	% Change
African American	130 3.3%	118 3.3%	10.2%	114 3.7%	99 3.6%	15.2%	16 1.8%	19 2.3%	-15.8%
American Indian	45 1.1%	26 .7%	73.1%	38 1.2%	20 0.7%	90.0%	7 0.8%	6 0.7%	16.7%
Hispanic American	200 5.1%	181 5.1%	10.5%	156 12.6%	138 5.1%	12.3%	44 5.0%	43 5.1%	2.3%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	20 0.5%	9 0.3%	122.2%	17 0.6%	6 0.2%	183.3%	3 0.3%	3 0.4%	0%
Asian American	459 11.7%	402 11.3%	14.2%	383 12.6%	316 11.6%	21.2%	76 8.6%	86 10.2%	-11.6%
Caucasian	2,364 60.2%	2,123 59.6%	11.4%	1,879 61.8%	1,703 62.6%	10.3%	485 54.7%	420 49.9%	15.5%
Other	107 2.7%	197 5.5%	-45.7%	80 2.6%	162 6.0%	-50.6%	27 3.0%	35 4.2%	-22.9%
International Students	602 15.3%	507 14.2%	18.7%	374 12.3%	278 10.2%	34.5%	228 25.7%	229 27.2%	-0.4%

UW's Graduate School focuses on graduate degree programs; professional programs—the MD in Medicine, the DDS in Dentistry, the PharmD in Pharmacy, and the JD in Law—are independent of the Graduate School. Our reports focus primarily on graduate programs, but data on these professional programs are included where available and relevant.

All percentages have been rounded to nearest whole except in Table 1.