

## FAQ

### **SET Direct General Information:**

#### **What is SET Direct?**

SET Direct is the UW Tacoma School of Engineering and Technology's (SET) direct admission program. High school seniors with at least one year of prerequisite coursework left to complete before they can enter their major who have selected a SET major as their intended major are eligible to be considered. SET Direct is designed to offer a select group of high-achieving students more personalized support from day 1 of their time at UW Tacoma. SET majors are challenging and require students to complete a complex sequence of prerequisite courses to enter the major, and SET Direct is designed to help students navigate this process, while also providing opportunities for leadership, professional and career development, and social activities.

#### **Why was I offered SET Direct admission?**

A committee of advisors and faculty in all majors review applications for SET Direct using a holistic rubric that assesses academic performance, academic rigor, leadership and extracurricular involvement, and the student's personal statement. If you have been offered SET Direct, it means you have been identified as a high-achieving, well rounded student who we know will thrive in one of our SET majors.

#### **I applied to UWT as a high school senior and selected a SET major as my intended major, but I wasn't offered direct admission. What do I do next?**

Students who are not offered SET Direct follow the standard admission pathway into our majors (see below). These students should meet with their assigned University Academic Advising (UAA) advisor and attend New Student Advising and Registration (NSAR). To review admission requirements for SET majors, please visit our website:

<https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/set/programs/undergrad>

#### **How is SET Direct different from the standard admission pathway?**

There are a number of differences between SET Direct admission and the standard admission pathway.

Students who are offered SET Direct are guaranteed admission into the major they selected on their application. They must still complete the prerequisite courses for their major and pass these courses with a 2.0 or higher, but they get to bypass the secondary application process. Students on the standard admission pathway complete their pre-requisite courses in "pre-major" status, then complete an application to their intended SET major. All of our majors are capacity-constrained and highly competitive, so there is no guarantee that students who apply through the standard admission pathway will gain admission into their major.

SET Direct students are eligible to apply for SET scholarships immediately, while students on the standard admission pathway must wait until they start their major.

We offer a leadership and career development seminar sequence, TCE 291, which is open only to SET Direct students and gives them opportunities to prepare for career fairs/internships, reflect on their individual strengths and values as they relate to the fields of engineering and technology, learn how to effectively collaborate in teams, and expand their professional industry network while building a community with other SET Direct students.

SET Direct students also have access to undergraduate research opportunities with our faculty as first year students, and they work closely with a dedicated SET advisor from day 1 to build their schedules and plan their pathway into their major.

### **I am interested in accepting my SET Direct offer but I want to learn more. What should I do?**

You should register for one of our Admitted Student Information Sessions! These are online sessions designed to answer any questions you may have about SET Direct, as well as more general questions about starting your journey at UW Tacoma. You must register via the zoom registration link to receive the zoom link.

### **Next steps:**

#### **I have accepted my SET Direct offer. Now what?**

Please be on the lookout for communications coming in March from your advisor, Brandy Featherstone, about registering for and attending an Advising and Registration session specifically for SET Direct students. You may receive communications about UW Tacoma's New Student Advising and Registration as part of the orientation process for all new first year students, but you should register for a SET Direct advising and registration session instead. **Do not** attend the UW Tacoma New Student Advising and Registration process if you attend a SET Direct Advising and Registration session. The SET Direct session will have more tailored information for SET majors and will still ensure that your first year student registration hold is lifted so you can register for autumn courses.

#### **How can I learn more about my intended major and the required courses?**

Attend an SET Direct admitted student session in spring and attend SET Direct Advising and Registration over the summer. If you'd like to learn more on your own outside of these sessions, please visit our website and find the page for your intended major.

<https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/set/programs/undergrad>

This page will include schedule planning grids and other helpful information about your major. Keep in mind that as a SET Direct student you still have to complete all prerequisite courses but that you are guaranteed admission to your major so long as you successfully complete all required prerequisite courses.

### **Registration:**

#### **How do I submit transcripts?**

Please visit UWT's admissions webpage with information on how to submit official high school transcripts as well as running start community college transcripts. You should submit official

transcripts for high school as well as any college coursework you have earned credit for, including running start and college in the high school.

<https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/admissions/submitting-transcripts>

### **How do I submit AP or IB test scores?**

Please visit UW's website on submitting exam scores for credit and navigate to the appropriate program: <https://admit.washington.edu/apply/transfer/exams-for-credit/>

You can also see what UW credit you will receive based on the specific test you took and score you received.

### **I sent in official transcripts for college coursework and/or AP/IB credit. How can I tell that these were received?**

It can take time for transcripts and test scores to be properly evaluated and assigned credit. You can check your Degree Audit (DARS) in MyPlan, accessible through MyUW, to see if any of your credits are populating on your Degree Audit.

### **When will I register for courses?**

New students register for autumn courses in Period 2 of registration, which begins in mid-June. Please visit the registrar's website for more information on registration dates and other information.

<https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/registrar/registration>

Period 2 registration is after current students at UW Tacoma register, so some classes may have limited space available or may already be full. After your first quarter, you will register during Period 1 according to your class standing, which is based on the number of earned college credits you have earned.

### **How do I register for courses?**

Please register for and attend a SET Direct Advising and Registration session with your advisor, Brandy Featherstone. These are timed to occur prior to registration opening for new students so that you know exactly what courses to register for. Prior to attending SET Direct Advising and Registration, you should complete the Qualtrics survey sent to you so you know how to prepare for registration. Some students will need to submit transcripts and/or test scores or complete placement tests in order to register.

### **I was told I need to complete an enrollment request in order to register for a course. How do I do that?**

If you were told to complete a course enrollment request in order to get registered for a class, please visit this link and find the school which houses the course you need the enrollment request for:

<https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/advising/entry-code-course-enrollment-request>

### **I was told I need to complete a placement test. How do I do that?**

For the Math Directed Self Placement test, visit this link:

<https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/ue/math-directed-self-placement>

For the Writing Selection, visit this link:

<https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/sias/writing-selection>

### **Why do I have a registration hold on my student account?**

All new, first year students have to attend a New Student Advising and Registration session before they can register for classes. By attending a SET Direct Advising and Registration session, you will fulfill this requirement and your hold will be lifted.

### **Can I take classes at the Seattle or Bothell campuses?**

Once admitted, first-year students must complete 25 credit hours on their home campus before enrolling in courses on other UW campuses. All students with a class standing from sophomore to postbaccalaureate must complete 15 credits on their home campus before cross-enrolling. See more information about cross-campus enrollment at this link:

<https://advising.uw.edu/academic-planning/choosing-your-major-courses/cross-campus-registration/>

### **Financial Aid & Military Benefits:**

#### **I have questions about Financial Aid. Who do I contact?**

Please visit the website for UW Tacoma's Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships for questions pertaining to financial aid.

<https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/finaid>

You can also review your financial aid package on [MyUW](#) and/or plan for tuition payments.

To review important financial aid/tuition deadlines, visit this link:

<https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/finaid/dates>

Ensure you are signed up for direct deposit if you will be receiving financial aid and may have a disbursement by visiting this link: <https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/finaid/disbursements>

#### **I am a military-connected student planning to use VA benefits to fund my education. Is there anything I need to do?**

Visit the Veteran and Military Resource Center's (VMRC) webpage for a new student checklist as well as contact information: <https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/vmrc/get-started>

You should be in contact with the VMRC as well as your military benefits counselor, if applicable, about your degree plan. Your advisor, Brandy Featherstone, will help you build an academic plan that meets your funding program's requirements.

### **Other questions:**

**Questions about setting up your UW NetID or email, registering for the campus-wide admitted student day, getting your Husky ID card, housing, new student orientation, and more?** Visit UW Tacoma's Admitted Students page for more information on all of these topics and more:

<https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/admissions/admitted-students>

You can also visit SET's Newly Admitted Student page for answers to more general questions:

[https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/set/student\\_resources/newly\\_admitted](https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/set/student_resources/newly_admitted)