about puget sound

Established in 1888, Puget Sound is one of the few highly selective liberal arts colleges in the Pacific Northwest. Located where the waters of Commencement Bay and peaks of the Cascade and Olympic mountain ranges meet in the region's cultural center, Puget Sound's 97-acre Tudor-Gothic campus is home to a community tied to the realities of urban life and drawn by the stunning beauty of the outdoors. Students choose from 1,200 courses spanning the arts, humanities, sciences, and social sciences, and inspired professors push the traditional academic boundaries giving students an intellectual foundation grounded in contemplative and critical thinking, impassioned and informed debate, and exceptional oral and written communication skills.

Our 2,600 students come from 49 states and 13 countries, graduating to become Rhodes and Fulbright scholars, notables in the arts and culture, entrepreneurs and elected officials, and leaders in business and finance. One of only five independent colleges in the Northwest granted a charter by Phi Beta Kappa, Puget Sound is committed to providing fruitful student-faculty interaction and combining rigorous academics with community and global engagement in a distinctly interdisciplinary liberal arts curriculum. A Puget Sound education stretches, bends, and reshapes habits of mind, producing graduates who are capable of adapting to a changing world—and prepared to change it.

the class of 2016

We are excited to welcome the members of the Class of 2016 to Puget Sound, and we have high expectations for their successes in the next four years. See the other side for more information about the Class of 2016.

Number of applicants: 6,872
Number admitted: 3,694
Class size: 636

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APPLYING TO PUGET SOUND

All applications for admission to Puget Sound are reviewed by the admission staff in a process designed to assess the applicant’s academic preparation and potential to contribute to the life of the college. The admission committee considers each application holistically to understand the applicant as an individual. One factor alone will not sustain a successful application. If you have questions about applying to Puget Sound, please contact the Office of Admission.

GEOGRAPHY

- 32 states and multiple countries represented
- Out-of-state percentage has increased in recent years from 44.4% (1985) to 57.7% (1990) to 78.9% (2012)

SAT I SCORES

Middle 50% ranges, listed by high school graduation year

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HIGH SCHOOL TYPE

- Number of high schools represented: 443

GENDER

- Reflects the national trend of college-bound students

ETHNIC BACKGROUND

- AFRICAN AMERICAN: 4%
- ASIAN: 14%
- CAUCASIAN: 69%
- HISPANIC: 8%
- NATIVE AMERICAN: 4%
- INCLUDES ALASKA NATIVE AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN
- OTHER & UNKNOWN: 2%

INTENDED MAJORS

- Pre-professional includes those interested in pre-law, pre-medicine, pre-veterinary, pre-dentistry, occupational and/or physical therapy, and education.