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.

entering transfer students

We are excited to welcome these students to the Puget Sound community, and we have high expectations for their successes in the coming years. See the other side for more information about the 2012 transfer students.

Number of applicants: 325
Number admitted: 163
Class size: 64

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In 2012, Puget Sound received applications from students in 13 states. California and Washington had the highest percentages of applicants, with 23.4% and 45.3% respectively. Oregon, Other West, and the Midwest had 9.4%, 7.8%, and 4.7% respectively. Other states accounted for 7.8% of the applicants.

The majority of applicants were from the West, with 9.4% coming from Oregon, 9.4% from Other West, 4.7% from the Midwest, and 7.8% from other states.

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Gender distribution showed that 39.1% of the applicants were men and 60.9% were women.

The age range of the class was 18–39, with 21.9% of students 25 or older.

43.8% of the applicants were first generation to college.

26.6% of the applicants were students of color.

The average grade point average for the class was 3.32 on a 4.0 scale, with the following distribution:

- Music: 1.6%
- Math / Science: 31.3%
- Pre-professional: 17.2%
- Social Sciences: 15.6%
- Arts / Humanities: 12.5%
- Not Indicated: 10.9%
- Business: 10.9%
- Other: 6.0%