

JUNIOR YEAR AT THE JACKSON SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES FOR EVERGREEN STUDENTS

Answers To Your Questions About the Evergreen/University of Washington Partnership

What is this partnership program with UW's Jackson School? It is a special partnership agreement that creates an opportunity for up to seven Evergreen students of junior or senior standing to enroll at the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies. Successful Evergreen applicants may spend up to a full year there as special students, studying language, area studies, economics or international trade and affairs.

Why would Evergreen students want to participate in this program? The Jackson School is not for everyone. It is, however, ideal for Evergreen students interested in complementing their broad Evergreen education with some depth in international studies, particularly global area studies. It is a way of getting the best of both curricular worlds: the breadth of Evergreen and the specialized international disciplinary depth offered by the Jackson School.

What exactly can Evergreen students study at the Jackson School? The Jackson School has been a pioneer in offering programs in non-Western languages and cultural studies. It offers interdisciplinary curricula emphasizing both regional and topical studies. Students may concentrate in one of eleven regional studies options, one of two thematic programs, or pursue a broader course of study within the general program in international studies.

The specialized regional studies options are China Studies; European Studies; Japan Studies; Latin American Studies; Korea Studies; Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies; South Asian Studies; Southeast Asian Studies, and Canadian Studies. These programs stress interdisciplinary study of historical cultures, contemporary situations and the languages of each of the world areas. Two programs are topical: Comparative Religion offers coursework in Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Christianity, and religion and culture; Jewish Studies emphasizes the development of a national culture among Jews in a variety of international settings. The general International Studies program concentrates on the interaction of international economic, political and cultural processes within and among states and societies around the world.

If you think you might be interested in these programs, you should study the Jackson School catalog, available in the library on microfiche or from the Coordinator of International Programs and Services. The catalog describes each of the programs and lists courses offered by each. For example, for Japan Studies the catalog has 20 course descriptions, including such interdisciplinary, team-taught courses as "The Emergence of Postwar Japan" and "Economic and Social History of Japan to 1900." In addition, the Japan Studies section of the catalog lists 48 courses in which students may cross register with other UW departments, including offerings in Japanese art, comparative literature, economics, history, international business, law, music, political science, and language and literature. This should give you a good idea of the richness of the international curriculum at UW.

What other reasons are there to study at the Jackson School? You really should study the Jackson School catalog to see what resources there attract your attention. Some worth mentioning here are the exceptional research facilities available to students. The UW libraries system, with almost 4.8 million volumes, ranks among the 14 largest academic research libraries in the U.S. with unusual strength deriving from its area studies collections. The East Asia Library contains more than 350,000 volumes; the Near East Collection, 150,000, the Slavic Collection, 500,000, and the South Asia Collection, 125,000. In addition, approximately 600,000 volumes in the 16 branch libraries are related to international studies. The library also receives 300 newspapers, 150 of which are foreign. Cooperative agreements make available an additional 3 million volumes, 600,000 foreign dissertations, and 115 foreign newspapers on microfilm.

What are the prerequisites for participating in this program? Under this program, the UW accepts Evergreen programs to satisfy UW course prerequisites. To be eligible to participate in this program, you must have completed at least 75 quarter hours at Evergreen before beginning your studies at the Jackson School. Your Evergreen academic record must also demonstrate a seriousness of study.

What does it mean that I will be a "special" student? Under this program, you will be a non-matriculated student. This means that while you will be an officially enrolled student at the UW, the credits you earn will not count toward a UW degree. Instead, you will transfer the credits to count toward your Evergreen degree.

So, if I am officially a UW student during that year, what is my status vis-a-vis Evergreen? During the year you are at the Jackson School, you will be an Evergreen consortium student. This means that you will register with a special 'Z' program code, which maintains your status as a student at Evergreen, while you are at the Jackson School. The Coordinator of International Programs and Services has detailed information for accepted students about this registration.

Does that mean that I pay UW's tuition and fees, rather than Evergreen's, while I am at the Jackson School? Yes, you will pay only UW's tuition and fees. You do not pay Evergreen tuition and fees.

So what happens to my financial aid? If Evergreen has awarded you financial aid, you may transfer it to the UW for the year you are there. You would not apply to the UW for financial aid. You must contact the Evergreen Financial Aid Office well in advance of your plans.

Why should I go through this partnership program? Why can't I just apply directly to the UW to study at the Jackson School? Regular admission to the UW's Jackson School is highly competitive. Only 350 undergraduates are admitted. The Jackson-Evergreen partnership facilitates admission for Evergreen students.

If I get into the Jackson School under this special partnership, can I continue there beyond one year? The partnership agreement provides an opportunity for Evergreen students to study at the Jackson School for *one* year only. If you want to continue there beyond one year, you must apply to the UW for admission as a matriculated (degree-seeking) student and meet all academic requirements for such status.

How do I apply to study under the Jackson School-Evergreen partnership program? By April 1, but no sooner than March 1, submit a brief letter of interest and a student portfolio to Evergreen's Coordinator of International Programs and Services in L1401. The letter of interest should state why you want to study at the Jackson School, including how this study fits into your academic and career goals. The portfolio should contain, minimally, one faculty recommendation which specifically addresses your preparedness to study at the Jackson School, your Evergreen transcript (this can be a copy of your faculty and self evaluations), and two to three writing samples (preferably papers which have faculty markings on them). One paper must be from the program in which you are currently enrolled.

Does this application material get sent to the UW admissions office? No. The material is used by an Evergreen committee to determine recommendations to study at the Jackson School.

Do I also have to submit an application for admission to the UW? Yes, but only if you are one of the seven students recommended by Evergreen. We will send you the University of Washington application form, which requires special handling. Instead of sending it to the UW admissions office, you must return it to Evergreen's Coordinator of International Programs and Services in L1401, along with the application fee.

The University of Washington application provides the UW registrar information about you. The University of Washington has never rejected a student recommended by Evergreen under this program.

If I get admitted under this program and have questions about such things as registration, study options, housing, language studies, etc., how do I get answers? If you get admitted, you will be invited to participate in an orientation session given by Jackson School staff. Your Jackson School advisor comes to Evergreen late in the Spring quarter for this purpose and will answer all of your questions.