
Jackson School of International Studies at the UW - Seattle

1. What is this partnership program with UW's Jackson School?

It is a special partnership agreement that creates an opportunity for up to six 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.

2. 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. Students can also pursue a wide variety of language studies to a much more advanced level than Evergreen can offer.

3. 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.

Africa Studies
Canadian Studies
China Studies
Comparative Religion
European Studies

International Studies
Japan Studies
Jewish Studies
Korea Studies
Latin American and Caribbean Studies

Middle East Studies
Russian, East European, and Central Asian Studies
South Asia Studies
Southeast Asia Studies

More detailed information about the specific courses offered within each of the above programs can be found online at <http://jsis.washington.edu/advise/academic.shtml>

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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 CRN 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.

7. 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 UW tuition and fees. You do not pay Evergreen tuition, but you are required to pay a \$400 Consortium Enrollment Fee, per each quarter of consortium enrollment.

8. So what happens to my financial aid?

If Evergreen has awarded you financial aid, then Evergreen remains your home school for the year you are at the UW. All regular loans and grants, as well as additional loans you request, would be issued to you through your Evergreen student account, and you then pay the UW. You would NOT apply to the UW for financial aid for any reason. You must contact the Evergreen Financial Aid Office for any additional loan monies you need well in advance of your plans. In addition, any awards you receive that are labeled as a “waiver” cannot be used

9. 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 500 UW undergraduates are admitted. The Jackson-Evergreen partnership facilitates admission for Evergreen students through this unique arrangement.

10. 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 regular admission to the UW Jackson School.

11. How do I apply to study under the Jackson School-Evergreen partnership program?

The application deadline for the coming cycle is **March 15**. **Although the Jackson School option is technically a consortium program, students need to complete the Application for Evergreen Exchange Programs**, which includes a one-page letter of interest, two recommendation letters, unofficial or official transcripts, a printout of your academic history, and an academic writing sample. We use the Exchange Application format because this program is competitive and limited in placements. It is not a true exchange, and students pay the UW tuition rate, not their Evergreen home tuition.

12. Does this application material get sent to the UW Admissions Office?

No, but we share a copy of your letter of interest with our liaison at the Jackson School so she can assist you with orientation and course selection. Otherwise, your application materials are used by an Evergreen committee to determine recommendations to study at the Jackson School.

13. Do I also have to submit an application for admission to the UW?

Yes, but only if you are one of the six students recommended by Evergreen. We will direct you to the University of Washington **Transfer Student 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 L2153, along with the application fee. This process provides the UW registrar information about you in order to establish you as a student on campus entitled to student services. The University of Washington has never rejected a student recommended by Evergreen under this program.

14. 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 required to participate in an orientation session given by Jackson School staff at the UW in Seattle, or sometimes she will come to Evergreen during spring quarter and answer your questions and explain the registration process.