

Why Consider Out-of-State Publics and WUE

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In-State College and Universities

- 9 UC Campuses
- 23 Cal State Campuses
- 116 Community Colleges
- 100 Independent Colleges
= 132 Four-Year Options

A map of the United States showing the locations of over 2600+ four-year colleges. The map is overlaid with a dense pattern of small tree icons, representing the locations of these institutions. The icons are distributed across all states, with a particularly high concentration in the Northeast and Midwest regions. Major cities and state names are labeled on the map. The text 'Over 2600+ Four-Year Colleges' is centered over the map in a large, white, sans-serif font.

Over 2600+ Four-Year Colleges

Why Go Out-of-State

- More options
- Find majors that don't exist in California
- National perspective
- Experience growth in confidence & independence
- No Impaction – Graduate in four years!



American Association of Universities

- To be invited to join the AAU, you must be on the leading edge of innovation and scholarship
- Only 71 members in the US incl. Stanford, Harvard, and MIT.
- 8 UCs are members, but so are...
- 30 out-of-state publics

Flagships who are AAU Members

- University of Virginia
- University of Washington
- Ohio State
- Penn State
- University of Colorado – Boulder
- Indiana University
- University of Arizona
- University of Florida
- University of Illinois – Champaign Urbana
- Iowa
- Rutgers
- University of Oregon
- University of Maryland
- University of Utah
- University of Kansas
- University of Michigan
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of Minnesota
- University of Texas – Austin
- University of Missouri – Columbia
- University of Wisconsin
- UC Berkeley

Out-of-State Publics Want CA Students!

- **RACC – Regional Admission Counselors of California represent out-of-state colleges and universities and are based full-time in California.**
- **119 Colleges and Universities**
- **176 Representatives**
- **RACC Counselors are local and know your schools, area, and counselors**

**22 Flagships
A total of 46
Publics are
RACCERS!**

22 Flagships have a RACC Member

46 Publics in Total

- University of Alabama
- University of Alaska - Fairbanks
- University of Arizona
- University of Florida
- University of Idaho
- University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- Indiana University
- Iowa State
- University of Maryland
- University of Massachusetts - Amherst
- Michigan State
- University of Minnesota
- University of Nebraska – Lincoln
- University of New Hampshire
- University of Nevada - Reno
- Rutgers
- Ohio State
- University of Oklahoma
- University of Oregon
- University of Tennessee
- University of Utah
- University of Wyoming

Are Out-of-State Publics More Expensive

- Not necessarily
- Many publics offer scholarships to out-of-state students
- Western Undergraduate Exchange - WUE

Western Undergraduate Exchange

- Pronounced “ woo-wee”

What is WUE?

- A regional tuition-discount agreement
- Students on WUE pay 1.5 times the in-state tuition
- WUE is administered by WICHE

Administered by the Western Interstate Commission of Higher Education

<https://www.wiche.edu/>

Western Undergraduate Exchange

- 15 Western Participating States & 1 US Territory:

- Alaska Arizona
- California Colorado
- Hawaii Idaho
- Montana Nevada
- New Mexico
- North Dakota South Dakota
- Oregon Utah
- Washington Wyoming
- Northern Mariana Islands



WUE

- 160+ public two- and four-year undergraduate colleges participate
- Founded in 1987
- Largest program of its kind in the US
- In 2019-2020 42,515 students saved over \$408.6 million

WUE Schools have 3 tuition rates:

- **Resident Tuition** (in-state students) \$10,000
- **Non-Resident Tuition** (out-of-state tuition) \$33,000
- **WUE Tuition** 150% of in-state tuition \$15,000

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25 FIGURES

49,177

WUE Students

\$615.6M

In Out-of-State Tuition Savings

\$12,517

Average Savings per Student



CA sends
the most
students
out-of-state
on WUE

Testimonial

“WUE helped me to leave my home and comfort zone and be able to study alongside people with different beliefs, characteristics, and lifestyles than me.”


— **QUENTIN**
HAWAII
POLITICAL SCIENCE
UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO



Welcome to Your WUE Savings Finder.

Search among hundreds of undergraduate degrees offered at the WUE rate of 150% of resident tuition (or less) by 160+ public colleges and universities across the West. Find the school and program that fits your geographic and educational goals.

Start here to save an average of \$9,000 a year!

Search for School or State/Territory 

State/Territory Where You Want To Enroll: [Clear](#)

Degree Type: [Clear](#)

Student Status: [Clear](#)

Show Only Online Majors Available at WUE Rate Show Only Interstate Passport Schools [Clear All Filters](#)

PROGRAM/MAJOR

Narrow by Program/Major

[Clear selection](#)


- Accounting
- Accounting Technology/ Technician and Bookkeeping
- Accounting and Business/ Management
- Accounting and Computer Science
- Accounting and Finance

162 RESULTS

School ▲	Location ▲	Program/Major	WUE Tuition	WUE Deadline for Fall Admission
University of Alaska Anchorage	Anchorage, AK	See Programs ▼	\$10,530	7/15/21
University of Alaska Fairbanks	Fairbanks, AK	See Programs ▼	\$10,530	6/15/20

Results:

Notice the hyperlinks!

Search for School or State/Territory 

State/Territory Where You Want To Enroll: 1 States [Clear](#)

Degree Type: 1 Items [Clear](#)

Student Status: All [Clear](#)

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- Accounting
 - Accounting Technology/ Technician and Bookkeeping
 - Accounting and Business/ Management
 - Accounting and Computer Science
 - Accounting and Finance
 - Accounting and Related Services, Other
 - Acting

6 RESULTS

School ▲	Location ▲	Program/Major	WUE Tuition	WUE Deadline for Fall Admission
Southern Oregon University	Ashland, OR	See Programs ▼	\$13,230	Contact School
Oregon State University	Corvallis, OR	See Programs ▼	\$15,233	2/1/21
Oregon Institute of Technology	Klamath Falls, OR	See Programs ▼	\$13,819	9/18/20



Click on See Programs for WUE Eligible Majors

[University of Arizona](#)

Tucson, AZ

[See Programs](#) ▼

\$16,949

Contact School

Program / Major

- Mining Engineering (Bachelor's)
- Natural Resources (Bachelor's)

Click on University to get details:

Oregon State University

Oregon State University is Oregon's leading public research university with two welcoming campuses, 11 colleges, 200 academic programs, and excellent and inspiring faculty committed to the success of each student. Oregon State is one of only two universities in the U.S. to have land, sea, space and sun grant designations, and we take seriously our responsibility to serve the people of Oregon, the nation and the world. Our impact resounds around the globe, addressing the most pressing challenges and providing discoveries that improve the health and prosperity of society, the economy and our planet.



WUE-Eligible Programs

- Accountancy (Bachelor's)
- Agricultural and Food Business Management (Bachelor's)
- Agricultural Sciences (Bachelor's)
- American Studies (Bachelor's)
- Animal Sciences (Bachelor's)
- Anthropology (Bachelor's)
- Architectural Engineering (Bachelor's)
- Art (Bachelor's)
- Arts, Media and Technology (Bachelor's)
- Biochemistry and Biophysics (Bachelor's)
- Bioprocess Engineering (Bachelor's)

TUITION

- **Through WUE You'd Save:**
\$15,675
- **WUE: \$15,840**
- **Resident: \$10,560**
- **Nonresident: \$31,515**

NOTE: Estimated tuition rates and savings shown are from WICHE's most recent [Tuition & Fees Report for 2021-2022](#). Fees are additional.

IMPORTANT: Tuition rates for more specialized undergraduate/graduate programs may be much higher than the tuition rate for standard programs. Verify actual costs with the institution's bursar, admissions, financial aid, or graduate admissions (for WRGP) office. To receive the discounted tuition rate, program must be WUE- or WRGP-eligible. You must apply by the school's deadlines and meet their academic eligibility and residency requirements.

WUE ADMISSIONS INFO*

- WUE Rate for Transfers: Yes, all majors
- Majors Avail. Online at WUE Rate: No
- Separate WUE Application Req'd: No
- Min. High School GPA: 3
- Min. College GPA (Transfers): 3.0
- WUE awards are very competitive, not automatic.

*Requirements may vary by major



Savings Finder Profile Last Reviewed: 2025-08-12

To be eligible for the WUE Tuition Rate, incoming freshmen students must: be a permanent resident of a WUE state or territory, have a completed admissions application/file by Dec. 1, 2025, and have a cumulative GPA of 3.30 or higher at the time of application. Transfer students must: be a permanent resident of a WUE state or territory, have a completed admissions application/file by Feb. 1, 2026, have an earned associate's degree or 30 earned hours without an earned bachelor's degree, and have a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher at the time of application. No online programs are eligible for the WUE Tuition Rate.

Unweighted Cumulative GPA of a 3.3 Required for WUE

WUE-Eligible Programs

- Accounting (Bachelor's)
- Anthropology (Bachelor's)
- Applied Mathematics (Bachelor's)
- Architectural Studies (Bachelor's)
- Art (Bachelor's)
- Art History, Criticism and Conservation (Bachelor's)
- Asian Studies/Civilization (Bachelor's)
- Athletic Training/Trainer (Bachelor's)
- Atmospheric Sciences (Bachelor's)
- Atmospheric Sciences and Meteorology, General (Bachelor's)
- Ballet (Bachelor's)
- Behavioral Sciences (Bachelor's)
- Biochemistry (Bachelor's)
- Biology (Bachelor's)
- Biomedical/Medical Engineering (Bachelor's)

TUITION

- **Through WUE You'd Save:**
\$18,844
- **WUE: \$14,132**
- **Resident: \$9,421**
- **Nonresident: \$32,976**

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APPLICATION DEADLINES

- **WUE Fall Deadline:** 12/1/25
- **Freshman Fall Deadline:** 12/1/25
- **Transfer Fall Deadline:** 2/1/26



For the most accurate info:

- Use the WICHE/WUE Site to find the colleges that participate.
- Use the colleges website (or their admission counselors) for the most up-to-date information.

Keeping your WUE Benefit

- WUE is a renewable rate – usually 4 years
- Each college sets what is necessary to keep WUE.
- Full time status and GPA are often required.
- What happens when the student changes majors...

Fees and Room & Board

- Student fees, room and board are not a part of the WUE Savings.
- At most schools don't have in-state and out-of-state differences for fees, room and board.

Fine Print – Not all are eligible

Many have a GPA requirement

Many offer WUE just to first-year students

Most have admission application deadlines

Some limit by major



Campus Locations

Salt Lake City, UT | Incheon, South Korea



27,827

Undergraduate Students



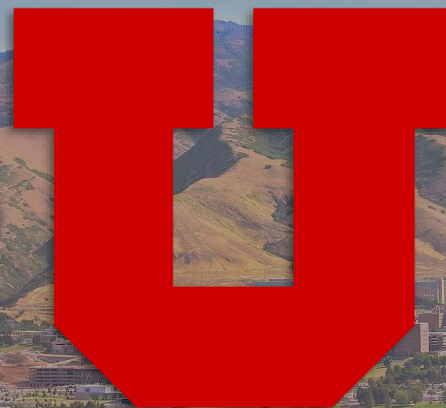
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Student-to-faculty Ratio



32 Students

Average Class Size



WUE



**Research 1
University**



**Association of
American Universities**



**Utah Ranks #1
Best State**

Utah #1 Best State – US News & World Report

- Booming Economy
- Advanced Infrastructure
- Quality Education
- Great Healthcare
- Natural Environment

DOWNTOWN



5 National Parks



7
world
class
ski
resorts

18 COLLEGES

Architecture & Planning
Business
Cultural & Social Transformation
Dentistry
Education
Engineering
Fine Arts
Health
Honors
Humanities
Law
Medicine
Mines & Earth Science
Nursing
Pharmacy
Science
Social & Behavioral Science
Social Work
Undergraduate Studies

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



NATIONALLY RANKED PROGRAMS

Ballet & Dance | Business | Computer Science
Entertainment Arts & Engineering (Gaming)
Entrepreneurship | Kinesiology & Physical Therapy | Medicine
Nursing | Public Affairs



150+ MAJORS,
MINORS &
CERTIFICATES

DAVID ECCLES SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

SPENCER FOX ECCLES BUSINESS BUILDING



University Venture Fund

World's Largest independently managed fund run entirely by students.

Student Investment Fund
\$1.3 million portfolio

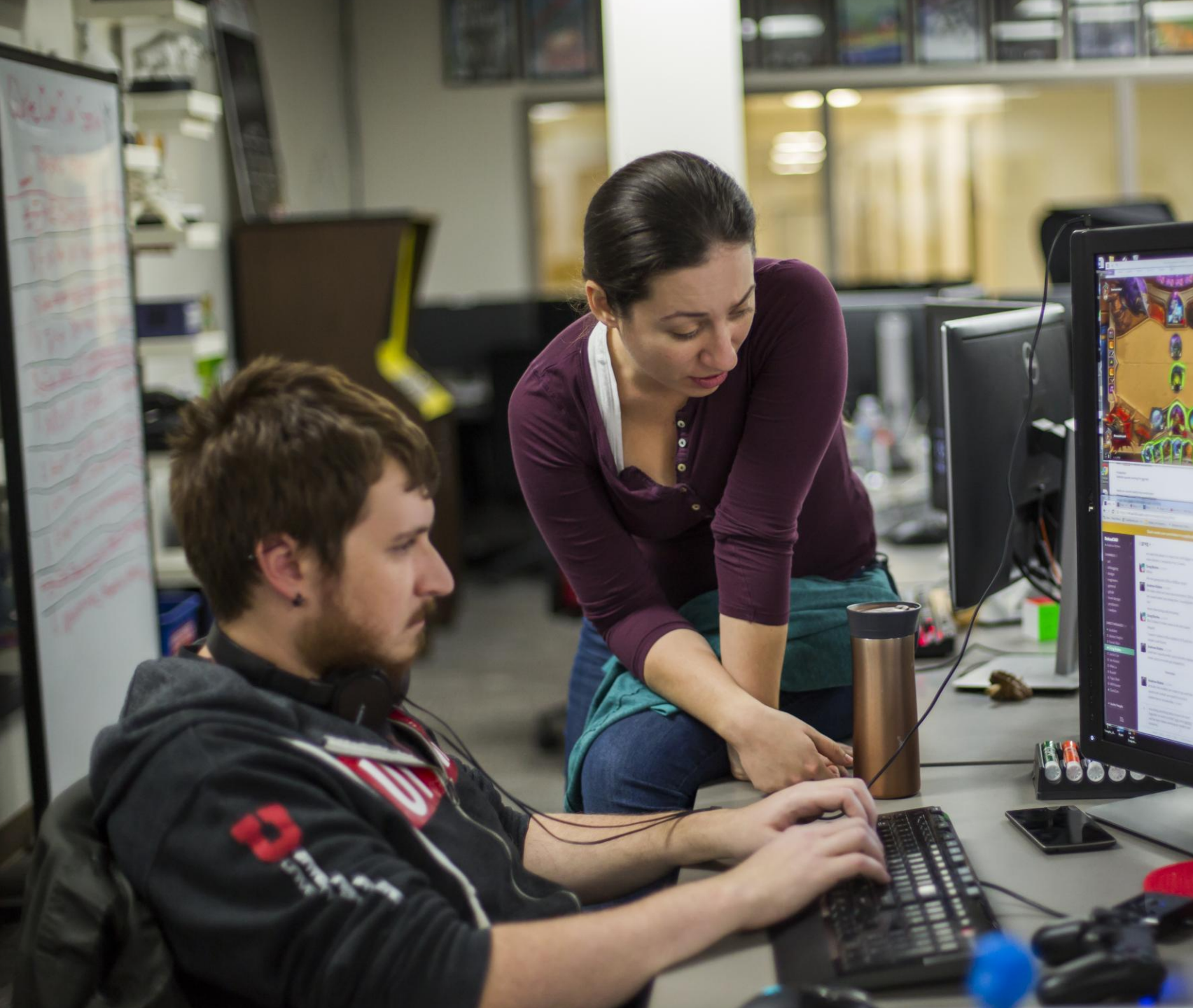
Majors

- » Accounting
- » Business Admin
- » Entrepreneurship
- » Finance
- » Information Systems
- » Management
- » Marketing
- » Operations & Supply Chain
- » QAMO

Special Programs

- » Business Scholars
- » Opportunity Scholars
- » Week on Wall Street





BS IN GAMING

- » 99 programs published
- » Faculty expertise in every facet of game design
- » Top industry professionals
- » Create a professional game portfolio



**TOP 10
GAME DESIGN
PROGRAM**

PRINCETON REVIEW

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Majors

- » Biomedical Engineering
- » Chemical Engineering
- » Civil and Environmental Engineering
- » Computer Engineering
- » Computer Science
- » Construction Engineering
- » Data Science
- » Electrical Engineering
- » Games
- » Material Science and Engineering
- » Mechanical Engineering

Special Programs

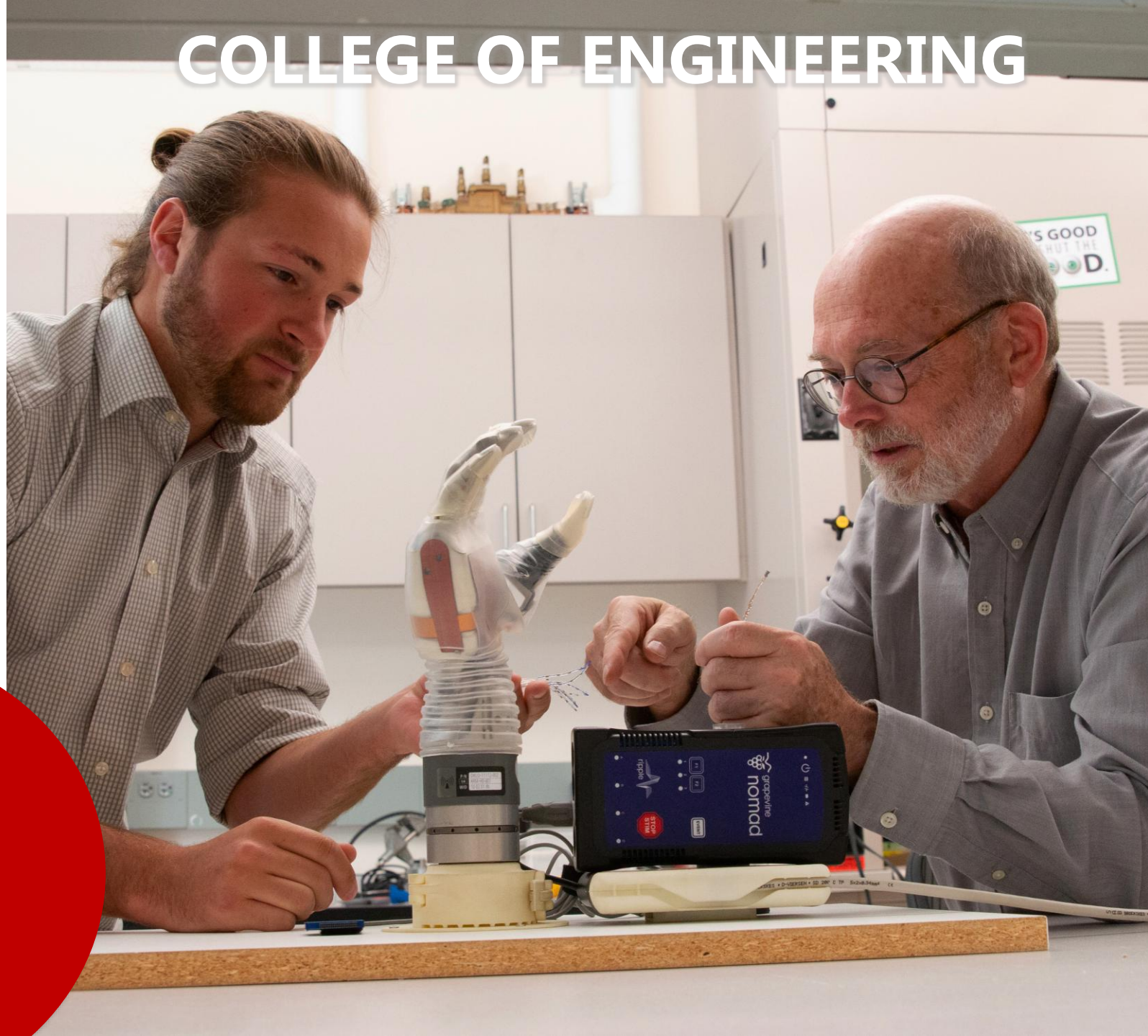
- » Freshman Engineering Scholars Program
- » Women's Access Program
- » 26 Research Centers



NOTABLE ALUMNI

EDWIN CATMULL
President of Walt Disney
Animation Studios

JOHN WARNOCK
Co-founder of Adobe






**35 COMPANIES
 LAUNCHED IN
 2 YEARS**

DREAM BIG. CHANGE THE WORLD



LASSONDE STUDIOS

Residential Maker Lounge Themes

- » Global Impact and Sustainability
- » Product, Design and Arts
- » Adventure and Gear
- » Games and Digital Media


**TOP 10
 ENTREPRENEURSHIP
 PROGRAM**
 US NEWS & WORLD REPORT

PRE PROFESSIONAL ADVISING

- » Academics
- » Community Service
- » Hobbies
- » Leadership Experience
- » Patient Exposure
- » Physician Shadowing
- » Research Experience



**PROFESSIONAL GRADUATE
PROGRAM**



**5 Hospitals on
campus**

**12 Community
Clinics**



Science Research Initiative

Research
from Day 1

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE



**SCIENCE
RESEARCH
INITIATIVE**
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

LEARN BY DOING IN THE SRI

- Fall Year 1
 - 1 credit class – learn how science happens, join community of researchers, determine placement in a lab based on your research interests
- Spring Year 1
 - Begin scientific journey in a selected lab approx. 10 hours a week.

Fall Year 2 – Continue building your skills as a research



Guaranteed Housing

for First-Year Students who meet a housing deadline





BIG 12 – Starting 2024



**ATHLETIC &
ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE**



MUSS

MIGHTY UTAH
STUDENT SECTION



HOLISTIC REVIEW

Primary Factors:

Academic Performance &
Preparation

Secondary Factors:

Personal Achievements &
Characteristics

FRESHMEN ADMISSIONS



APPLY [Admissions.utah.edu](https://admissions.utah.edu) –*or*–
CommonApp.org



DATES & DEADLINES

Dec. 1 - Early Action Application Date
Apr. 1 - Rolling Admissions



OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

Must be sent from the high school to the
Office of Admissions



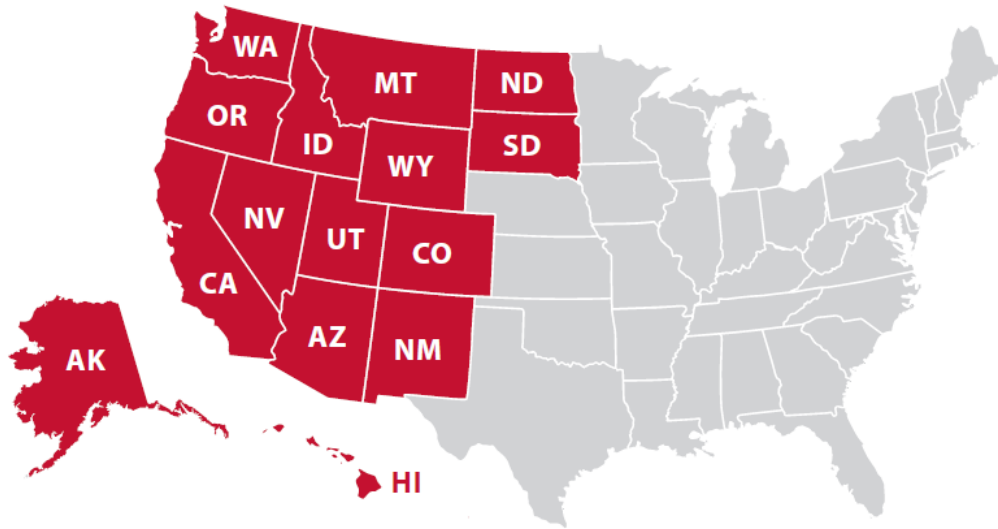
TEST OPTIONAL

ACT/SAT scores are not required for
admissions, merit scholarships or direct
admission programs (including Engineering).



Official test scores must be sent from the
testing agency.

WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE



- » Tuition discount program for incoming freshmen residents of a WUE state
- » Recipients pay 150% of in-state tuition
- » 4 year renewable scholarship
- » All majors included



Complete application
for admission by
December 1

Minimum 3.3
unweighted GPA



RESIDENCY

- » Be physically present in Utah for 12 continuous months
- » Prove financial independence
- » Establish domiciliary ties
(driver's license, voter registration, car registration)
- » Apply for residency reclassification






\$20,960

ESTIMATED ANNUAL
SAVINGS

*Difference between
out-of-state vs.
in-state tuition

ESTIMATED Tuition & Fees, Room & Board

Tuition (2025-2026) Room & Board (2025-2026)

	IN-STATE	WUE	OUT-OF-STATE
TUITION & FEES 	\$10,849	\$15,718	\$35,199
ROOM & BOARD 	\$16,546	\$16,546	\$16,546
SUB-TOTAL 	\$27,395	\$32,264	\$51,735

Based on 30 credit hours – 15 each Fall and Spring





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QUESTIONS?

