

APPLYING TO FAIRHAVEN

New students must simultaneously apply to **both Western Washington University and Fairhaven College** by completing the following:

APPLICATION TO WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

1. Undergraduate Application on the WWU website
 2. Official high school and/or college transcripts
 3. \$50.00 application fee or fee waiver form
- Submit materials to/contact:
OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS
Western Washington University
516 High St
Bellingham, WA 98225-9009
(360) 650-3440
www.wwu.edu



APPLICATION TO FAIRHAVEN COLLEGE

4. An essay describing your educational goals and outlining any background relevant to your academic interests
 5. Two letters of recommendation from teachers or employers.
- Submit materials to/contact:
FAIRHAVEN COLLEGE ADMISSIONS
516 High St
Bellingham, WA 98225-9118
(360) 650-6680
www.wwu.edu/depts/fairhaven
fairhaven.college@wwu.edu

The Fairhaven College Admissions Committee will contact you to schedule an interview as necessary.

QUARTERLY APPLICATION DEADLINES

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| Jan. 15 | Spring Quarter (all applicants) |
| Mar. 1 | Fall & Summer Quarter (Freshmen) |
| Apr. 1 | Fall & Summer Quarter (Transfers) |
| Oct. 1 | Winter Quarter (all applicants) |

TUITION & FINANCIAL AID

Fairhaven students pay the same tuition and fees as students of other colleges at Western. Students should apply for Financial Aid through Western's Office of Student Financial Resources.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Admitted Fairhaven students are eligible for Fairhaven College and WWU Scholarships. For more information visit:

- www.wwu.edu/depts/fairhaven/Scholarships.html
- www.finaid.wwu.edu/scholarships/

FAIRHAVEN COLLEGE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES



About Fairhaven College

Fairhaven College is the interdisciplinary, liberal arts college of Western Washington University. We are a small learning community where students take an uncommon degree of responsibility for the direction of their own education. Fairhaven students can design their own degree programs by drawing from the resources at Fairhaven College and the larger university.

WE WELCOME VISITORS!

With advance notice, appointments can be arranged with Fairhaven admissions staff, current Fairhaven students and other Western staff by calling: (360) 650-2976

Students who apply by January 15th will be invited to a day-long visit featuring: class visits, lunch with current students, and an interview with Fairhaven admissions staff.

Cover photos, from top left: Erin Jensen, graduate; Larry Estrada, faculty; Midori Takagi, faculty; Sidonie DeCassis, student; Marie Eaton, faculty, and Aaron Guest, graduate; Chris Koser, student; Jordan Rain, student; Sam Kelly, graduate; Davin Malone, graduate; Felicia Lynn, student.

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A Small College within a University

Interdisciplinary study is at the heart of our philosophy. In Fairhaven College courses, students develop critical thinking skills while making connections between several academic disciplines.



Fairhaven's Center for Law, Diversity & Justice supports students like Sarah Ishmael (right) working on the Law, Diversity & Justice Concentration.

Small, Seminar Classes of 15-20 students encourage collaborative learning. Faculty design courses for students of diverse identities, experiences, and ideologies to share their views and learn interactively.

THE CORE CURRICULUM

Fairhaven College's interdisciplinary Core Curriculum replaces Western's General University Requirements. In the Core Curriculum, students choose a set of small, seminar-style courses **designed to study important academic disciplines** (social theory, expressive arts, sciences, etc.) and the connections between them. These classes explore the methodologies and scope of knowledge in the major areas of human inquiry and assist students with the degree-planning process at Fairhaven.

THE INTERDISCIPLINARY CONCENTRATION

Fairhaven students may choose **from 150 majors at Western**, but most decide to **design a program of studies** that meets academic and personal goals. These self-designed Interdisciplinary Concentrations usually include courses in two or three academic disciplines and independent study projects. Students choose three faculty advisors and take courses in the Core Curriculum to support the process of designing a Concentration. Fairhaven also offers the **Law, Diversity & Justice Concentration** (www.wwu.edu/cldj) for students interested in exploring social justice and legal processes.

Intensive Advising is a hallmark of the Fairhaven College learning experience. All full-time



Dean Roger Gilman with Fairhaven student Ryan Strunk.

faculty members are academic advisors supported by professional staff and supplemented by student peer mentors.

Sample Courses

- » *Rights, Liberties and Justice in America*
- » *Applied Human Ecology*
- » *World Issues Forum*
- » *Cultural Creation of Identity*
- » *Scriptwriting Workshop*
- » *Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict*



Tyson Minck bicycling through South America on the Adventure Learning Grant, a 10 month, \$15,000 grant awarded to 3 Fairhaven students each year to enrich their education by traveling abroad.

Connecting to the World joins theory with practice in both local and international contexts. Students apply what they learn through independent study, internships and experientially-based learning activities.

BEYOND FAIRHAVEN

Fairhaven College graduates have distinguished themselves in virtually all fields including business, health, education, the arts, government, journalism, research, medicine, law, ministry, international and public relations, and more. Notable alums include: Debora Juarez, Tribal Law expert and former King County Superior Court Judge; Theodore Bestor, the Chair of Harvard's Anthropology Department; and Pulitzer-Prize winning Environmental Journalist William Dietrich.

Narrative Evaluations written by the student and the faculty member replace traditional letter grades at Fairhaven, forming an "academic autobiography" of growth and learning with depth and individuality.



Brittany Larabee takes part in the course *Marine Bird Population Ecology*.

Who we are...

Of 13,500 Western Washington University students, **425** attend Fairhaven College

90 new students are admitted for Fall quarter; students can apply for admission any quarter

17% are students of color

18% are from outside Washington State

21% are the first of their families to attend college

Class sizes are typically **15-20** students

Of our faculty, **36%** are people of color

Based on 2007-2008 entrants.



Fairhaven graduate Ariel Roy with faculty member Raquel Montoya-Lewis.

GOING TO GRADUATE SCHOOL

Graduate and professional schools throughout the world recognize that our students have successfully taken responsibility for the content and direction of their education and are well prepared for graduate study. Recent graduates have been admitted to top programs around the country including: UCLA's School of Law; the Public Administration program at Syracuse University; Vancouver Film School; and Cornell University's Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology.