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UNIVERSITY *of* WASHINGTON

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Welcome to the **UW ACADEMY** Information Session!



November 25th, 2013
W.H. Foege Genome Sciences Hall 060

THE ROBINSON CENTER FOR YOUNG SCHOLARS

- Houses the UW's Early Entrance & Accelerated Learning Program
 - Saturday Enrichment Classes
 - Summer Challenge/Stretch
 - Transition School/EEP
 - **UW Academy!**



TONIGHT'S AGENDA

- Welcome & Introductions
- What is the UW Academy?
- Overview of the 2014 Freshman Application Process
- Q&A with Academy Student Panel



What is the UW Academy?

- Early Entrance program for students seeking early entry *to the University of Washington*
- Admits up to 35 students in each cohort
- Students apply during their 10th grade year
 - Not a “Running Start” program
 - Full withdrawal from High School – no diploma
 - Students complete College Academic Distribution Requirements (CADRs) through UW coursework
- Academy students are full university students
 - Pay UW tuition
 - Eligible for student research, study abroad, internships, etc

What is the UW Academy?

- How does a lack of HS diploma affect Academy students?
 - UW does not have the accreditation to award HS degrees
 - Historically, HS diploma is **not** needed for: Undergraduate research, study abroad, internships, service learning, campus jobs



No HS
diploma?!?

UW Academy Programming

- Entering college early can be a challenging transition, no matter how smart or independent you are!
- The UW Academy Program is designed to support students (and families!) through these transitions
 - Advising/Administrative Support
 - Academic Support
 - Socio-Emotional Support



Advising/Admin Support

- **Summer 2014**

- UW Advising Orientation
- Fall Camp and Bridge Week
- Parent Orientation

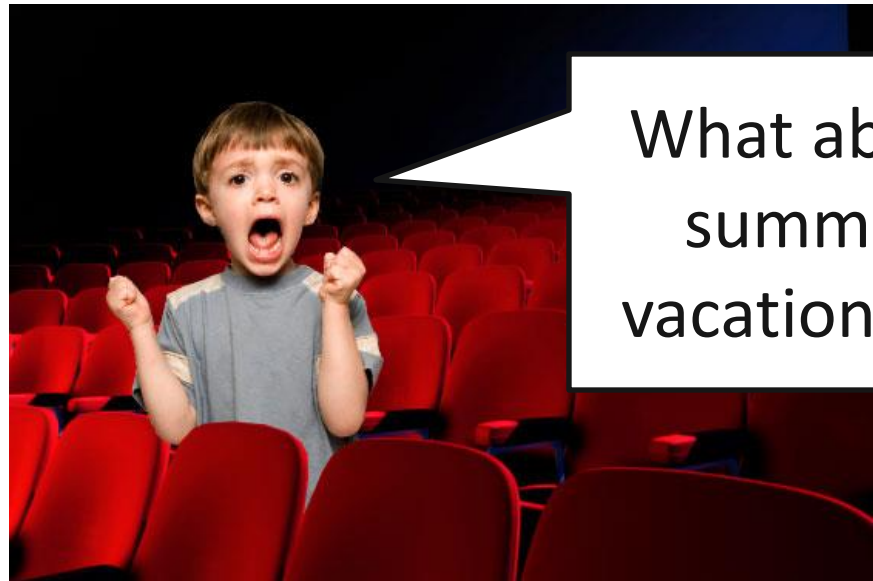
- **First Year & Beyond**

- RC in-house counseling services
- Required **Academic Advising** Appointments for first two years
- **Parent Check-in Nights:** Fall & Winter
- Peer Mentorship Program



Advising/Admin Support

- Mandatory Summer Programming begins in late June and ends in mid-July
- Fall Bridge Programming starts in early/mid-September until school starts



What about
summer
vacation!!!!

Academic Support

BRIDGE COURSES

- Fall: **ACAD197/ENG198**
 - Taught by two UW professors
 - Introduction to interdisciplinary learning
 - Linked college-level Composition course
- Winter: **ACAD198**
 - Taught by Academy Director
 - Supports students in “making the most” of their college opportunities and decisions
 - Course planning, investigating majors, applying to scholarships



Academic Support

UW Honors Program:

- Interdisciplinary
- Disciplinary
- College

UW Academy has a special relationship with UW Honors



- Opportunity to take Honors courses in first year.
- Academy specific application process in the Spring.
- To learn more:
<http://depts.washington.edu/uwhonors/>

Socio-Emotional Support

- **Summer & Early Fall**

- Dawg Days
- Bridge Week/Camp!
Cohort Building

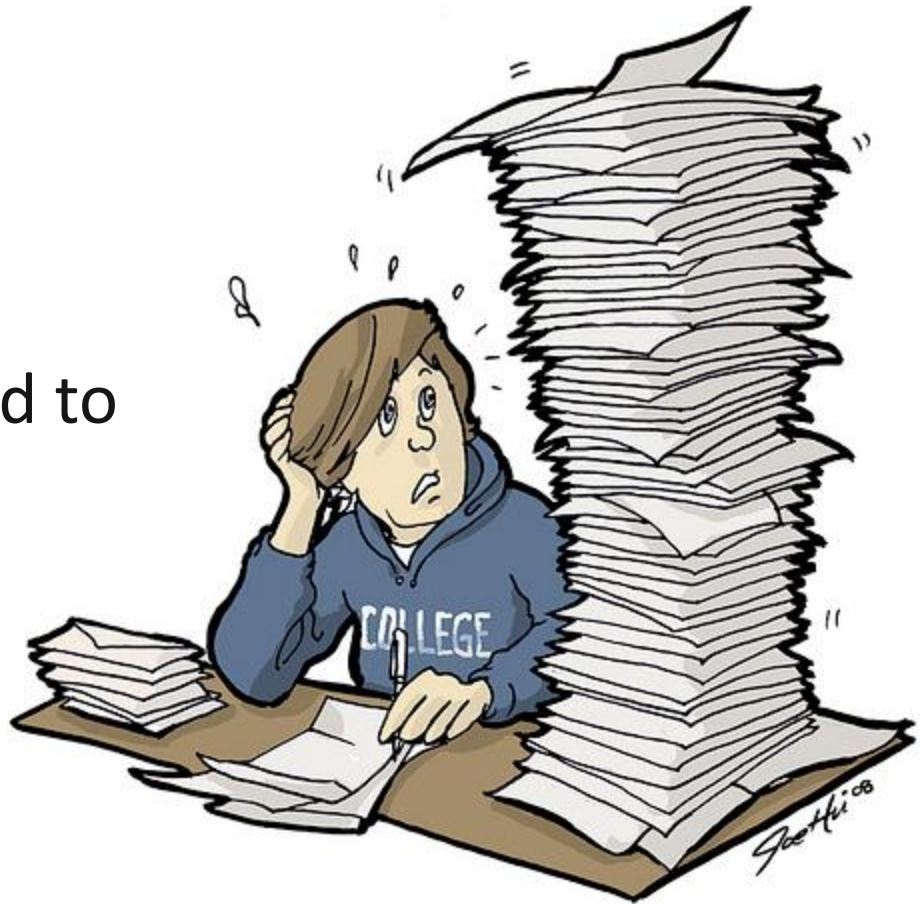
- **First Year & Beyond**

- Student-run organizations
- RC Lounge as a social “home base”
- RC Events: Spaghetti Day! Halloween! Baking Day!
- Service Opportunities: Mentorship program, Teaching Assistant positions



Applying to the UW Academy

- Why should I apply?
- What do I need to do to apply?



Why come to the Academy?

- Student voices:

“I came to the UW Academy because I felt that I could do well academically if I was presented with more challenges and opportunities.”

“I felt that I was ready to take more control of my academic choices and carefully considered Academy, and my other options, such as running start, and continuing high school, before deciding that applying to the Academy seemed like the right choice for me.”

“I am truly happy when I am trying to understand, or asking questions, or attempting to see something just a little differently. ... I felt like college would probably offer the best chance to meet other people who loved the same thing I loved. I was absolutely right”

Why come to the Academy?

- Main motivations for joining the Academy:
 - Desire for college-level intellectual challenge/not challenged in High School
 - Seeking increased freedom and choice in academic coursework and opportunity
 - Looking for a cohort of similarly intellectually motivated peers
 - ***Because I want to be a Husky!***
- We are looking for students who are eager to make the most of their college experience.

Why come to the Academy?

- **Who Succeeds?**

- *Hating HS is not a good enough reason!*
- Intended major has nothing to do with it
- Students should be open to asking for help, exploratory, self-motivated, & responsible
- Excellent study habits OR interest in developing them
- Family supportive of choice with appropriate expectations



Why come to the Academy?

- Holistic Admissions: What are WE looking for?
 - Independent, highly-motivated, highly-capable students who show significant academic potential...
 - What does that mean? Give me some NUMBERS!
 - Mean HS GPA 3.95 (range of 3.62-4.0).
 - Mean ACT Composite 32 (range of 25-35)
 - Mean SAT 2020 (range of 1680-2300)
 - Rigorous high school coursework
 - Clear, polished, and personal writing
 - Strong teacher recommendations

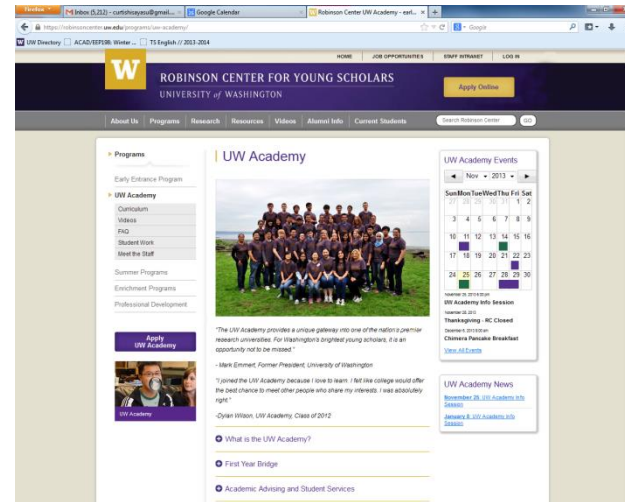
How do I apply?

1. Create an online profile and application

- Student Questionnaire
- Preliminary Test score and Transcript reporting
- Recommender information
- Application Fee (\$60)

2. Download and complete the paper Academy application

- UW Freshman Application (w/ Academy Application Guide & Checklist)
- UW Academy Essay Prompt
- Supplemental materials (official transcript, test scores)



The website:

<https://robinsoncenter.uw.edu/>

Do NOT complete the online UW Freshman application! All application materials not completed on the RC website should be delivered in paper form to the Robinson Center

How do I apply?

- Online Components:
 - Student Profile
 - Recommendations (2 required, 2 optional)
 - Application Fee
- “Sent Directly” Components:
 - Freshman Application
 - Application Essays (including the UW Academy essay)
 - Official HS Transcript (signed and in a sealed envelope)
 - SAT Reasoning Test or ACT with Writing Exam
 - ACT test dates: Feb 8th, 2014 (no institutional ACT)
 - SAT test dates: Jan 25th, 2014; Mar 8th, 2014
- Submit all by **MARCH 13th, 2014 at 4:30pm**

How do I apply?

- Mail or deliver to the Robinson Center by **MARCH 13th, 2014 at 4:30pm**

Robinson Center for Young Scholars
University of Washington
Box 351630, Guthrie Annex 2
Seattle, WA 98195

Please send application materials ATTN: UW Academy Application

- Decision letters will go out by the end of April.

What happens then?

- Decisions, Decisions, Decisions...
 - Info Meeting & Academy Experience Week in May
 - Welcome Reception in June
 - Withdraw from high school at the end of second semester
- Scholarships & Financial Aid?
 - UW Academy students pay regular tuition, eligible for Financial Aid through regular channels
 - Small number of awards through UW Academy
 - Students are encouraged to start looking for scholarships now – washboard.org
- Housing?
 - Students must be 17 or appeal (not guaranteed)

In the meantime...

- Come and visit us!
 - Academy Visit Days:
 - Jan 20
 - Jan 27
 - Feb 3
 - Feb 17
 - Feb 19
 - Space is limited
 - Sign up on the RC website! (coming soon)



Questions?



Have questions? Email Rebecca Wu at rmwu@uw.edu or call 206-543-4160