

University Acronym List

ACRONYM	DEFINITION	DEPARTMENT
AA	Academic Affairs	Academic Affairs
AACU	Association of American Colleges & Universities	Association
AAG	Assistant Attorney General	State and Local Government
AASCU	American Association of State Colleges and Universities	Association
AAUW	American Association of University Women	Association
ABET	Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology	Association
AC	Activities Council- council that provides funding for clubs	Enrollment & Student Services
ACC	Academic Coordinating Committee	Faculty Senate
ACC	African Caribbean Cultural Club	Student Life
ACE	American Council on Education	Association
ACS	American Cultural Studies	Academic Affairs
ACUA	Association of College and University Auditors	Association
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act	State and Local Government
ADCAS	Alcohol & Other Drug Consultation & Assessment Services	Enrollment & Student Services
ADMCS	Administrative Computing Services	Information Technology Services
AFTA	Allocation of Faculty Temporary Appointments	Academic Affairs
AGB	Association of Governing Boards	Association
AGO	Attorney General's Office	State and Local Government
AHB	Academic Honesty Board	Academic Affairs
AIC	Academic Instructional Center	Western
AMSEC	Advanced Materials Science and Engineering Center	Academic Affairs
APA	Administrative Procedures Act	State and Local Government
AS	Associated Students	Enrollment & Student Services
ASC	Associate Professor	Academic Affairs
ASP	AS Productions	Student Life
AST	Assistant Professor	Academic Affairs
ASTAC	Associated Students Transportation Advisory Committee	Student Life
ATC	Academic Technology Committee	Information Technology Services
ATUS	Academic Technology & User Services	Information Technology Services
B2B	Back 2 Bellingham (Spring weekend held in May)	Western
BFA	Business and Financial Affairs	Business and Financial Affairs
BG&CC	Bellingham Golf & Country Club	Community
BMAC	Budget Management Advisory Committee	Business and Financial Affairs
BNS	Behavioral Neuroscience	Academic Affairs
BOT	Board of Trustees	President's Office
BPRI	Border Policy Research Institute	Academic Affairs
BRAIN	Biomedical Research Activities In Neuroscience	Academic Affairs
BSU	Black Student Union	Student Life
BTC	Bellingham Technical College	State and Local Government
CASAS	Consultation & Sexual Assault Support	Enrollment & Student Services
CASE	Council for Advancement & Support of Education	Association
CBA	Collective Bargaining Agreement	Human Resources
CBE	College of Business & Economics	Academic Affairs
CCCR	Center for Cross-Cultural Research	Academic Affairs
CDC	Child Development Center- provides childcare for staff/students	Student Life
CFPA	College of Fine & Performing Arts	Academic Affairs
CFR	Code of Federal Regulation	State and Local Government
CHEA	Council for Higher Education Accreditation	Association
CHSS	College of Humanities & Social Sciences	Academic Affairs
CHW	Counseling, Health & Wellness	Enrollment & Student Services

CII	Center for Instructional Innovation & Assessment	Information Technology Services
CIO	Chief Information Officer	Information Technology Services
CIS	Center for International Studies	Academic Affairs
CLR	Coffee and Light Refreshment and Meals with Meetings form	Western
COP	Council of Presidents	President's Office
CSA	Chinese Student Association	Student Life
CTS	Communications and Technology Services	Information Technology Services
CUE	Committee on Undergraduate Education	Faculty Senate
CUPA-HR	College & University Personnel Association	Association
CWU	Central Washington University	State and Local Government
DAC	Dean's Advisory Council	Academic Affairs
DEP	Departmental Evaluation Plan	Academic Affairs
DLS	Dean's Lecture Series	Academic Affairs
DLS	Distinguished Lecture Series	Foundation
DOC	DisAbility Outreach Center	Enrollment & Student Services
DOS	Dean of Students Unit	Enrollment & Student Services
DSHS	Department of Social & Health Services	State and Local Government
DVR	Department of Vocational Rehabilitation	Enrollment & Student Services
EASC	Economic Alliance Snohomish County	Association
EC	Environmental Center	Student Life
EDC	Economic Development Council	State and Local Government
EE	Extended Education	Academic Affairs
EFA	Estimated Financial Assistance	Financial Aid
EFC	Expected Family Contribution	Financial Aid
EHS	Environmental Health & Safety	Business and Financial Affairs
ELWOP	Educational Leave Without Pay	Human Resources
EO	Equal Opportunity	Academic Affairs
EPAF	Electronic Personnel Action Form	Human Resources
ER	Expenditure Request	Business and Financial Affairs
ESC	Ethnic Student Center	Student Life
ESC Steering	Provides funds for ESC Clubs	Student Life
ESM	ESM Solutions for eProcurement system	Business and Financial Affairs
ESP	Environmental Sustainability Program- houses EC, Outback, etc.	Student Life
ESS	Enrollment & Student Services	Enrollment & Student Services
EWU	Eastern Washington University	State and Local Government
FAC	Faculty Advisory Council	Academic Affairs
FAFSA	Free Application for Federal Student Aid	Financial Aid
Fall A&O	Fall Advising & Orientation	Enrollment & Student Services
FAR	Faculty Athletic Representative	Enrollment & Student Services
FASA	Filipino American Student Association	Student Life
FASC	Financial Aid Services Center	Financial Aid
FCIS	Fairhaven College of Interdisciplinary Studies	Academic Affairs
FDCA	Facilities Development and Construction Administration	Business and Financial Affairs
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act	State and Local Government
FFOH	Fall Family Open House (Family weekend held in October)	Enrollment & Student Services
FIG	Freshman Interest Group	Academic Affairs
FM	Facilities Management	Business and Financial Affairs
FS	Faculty Senate	Faculty Senate
FTE	Full Time Equivalent	General
GA	Graduate Assistant	Academic Affairs

GEF	Green Energy Fee- fee to support 100% renewable energy and student projects	Enrollment & Student Services
GNAC	Great Northwest Athletic Conference (WWU is a member of this athletic conference)	Enrollment & Student Services
GUR	General University Requirements	Academic Affairs
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act	State and Local Government
HOH	Hui 'O Hawaii	Student Life
HR	Human Resources	Human Resources
HUM	Departments in the Humanities division of college	Academic Affairs
ICAO	Interinstitutional Committee of Academic Officers	State and Local Government
ICBO	Interinstitutional Committee of Business Officers	State and Local Government
ICLO	Interinstitutional Committee of Legislative Officers	State and Local Government
IIA	The Institute of Internal Auditors	Association
INS	Instructor	Academic Affairs
IPEDS	Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System	State and Local Government
IR	Institutional Research	Academic Affairs
ISO	Information Security Officer	Information Technology Services
ITS	Information Technology Services	Information Technology Services
JSA	Japanese Student Association	Student Life
JV	Journal Voucher	Western
KhSA	Khmer Student Association	Student Life
KSA	Korean Student Association	Student Life
LAC	Legislative Affairs Council- prepares state and federal agendas	Student Life
LAF	Legislative Action Fund- funding for legislative needs- approved by LAC	Student Life
LEADS	Leaders Engage in Action, Discernment, & Skills-building-Western's Student Leadership Program	Student Life
LEAP	Latino Educational Achievement Project	Association
LEG	Washington State Legislature	State and Local Government
LGBTAC	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Advocacy Council	Western
LGBTQ	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender, Queer	Western
LIC	Legal Information Center- part of ROP	Student Life
LOA	Leave of Absence	Human Resources
LSU	Latino Student Union	Student Life
LWOP	Leave Without Pay	Human Resources
MBA	Master of Business Administration	Academic Affairs
MEC	Minority Employee Council	Western
MEChA	Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/a de Aztlán	Student Life
MH	Mental Health	Enrollment & Student Services
MillFAST	Millennium FAST software, a data warehouse for Finance and HR records	Business and Financial Affairs
MISO	Mixed Identity Student Organization	Student Life
MOU	Memo of Understanding	General
MPN	Master Promissory Note	Financial Aid
MPR	Multi Purpose Room located in the Viking Union	Western
NACUA	National Association of College and University Attorneys	Association
NACUBO	National Association of College & University Business Officers	Association
NAFSA	Association of International Educators [Fulbright group]	Association
NAKAMA	"Circle of Friends" (a Japanese word)	Enrollment & Student Services
NAPAHE	National Association of Presidential Assistants in Higher Education	Association
NASU	Native American Student Union	Student Life

NCAA	National Collegiate Athletic Association (WWU is a member of the NCAA at the Division II level)	Association
NFO	New Faculty Orientation	Academic Affairs
NSF	National Science Foundation	Association
NSSFO	New Student Services/Family Outreach	Enrollment & Student Services
NTT	Non-Tenure-Track	Academic Affairs
NWACC	Northwest Academic Computing Consortium	Information Technology Services
NWCCU	Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities	Association
NWHEC	Northwest Higher Education Coalition	Association
NWIC	Northwest Indian College	State and Local Government
OC	Outdoor Center- rentals, trips(excursions), bike shop, etc.	Student Life
OELS	Outdoor Experiential Learning Site (aka "the Outback")	Student Life
OFM	Office of Financial Management	State and Local Government
OL	Online Course	General
OM	Old Main	Western
OMWBE	Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises	State and Local Government
OPMA	Open Public Meetings Act	State and Local Government
OS	Office of Sustainability	Business and Financial Affairs
OSR	Office of Survey Research	Academic Affairs
PA	Personnel Action form (an e-sign form completed online and routed through email, but different from the EPAF noted above)	Human Resources
PAC	Performing Arts Center	Western
PC	Provost's Council	Academic Affairs
PC	President's Cabinet	President's Office
PC	Publicity Center- prepares all advertising for the AS	Student Life
PDC	Public Disclosure Commission	State and Local Government
PERC	Public Employee Relations Commission	State and Local Government
PI	Principle Investigator (external grants)	Academic Affairs
PIO	Public Information Office	President's Office
PO	Purchase Order	General
POB	Port of Bellingham	Community
Post-Bac	"Post Baccalaureate" degree and/or programs	Academic Affairs
PR	Purchase Request- form to request funds from VU	General
PRA	Public Records Act	State and Local Government
PRF	Professor	Academic Affairs
PSE	Public School Employees of Washington	State and Local Government
PSO	Professional Staff Organization	Human Resources
PSRC	Puget Sound Regional Council	Association
PTR	Post-tenure Review	Academic Affairs
PWS	Prevention & Wellness Services	Enrollment & Student Services
QPOC	Queer People of Color	Student Life
RA	Residence Assistant	Enrollment & Student Services
RAC	Research Advisory Committee	Academic Affairs
RC	Recycle Center- handles all on campus recycling	Student Life
RCW	Revised Code of Washington	State and Local Government
REP	Representation & Engagement Programs- handles civic engagement & Committees	Student Life
RFP	Request for Proposal	General
ROP	Resource & Outreach Programs	Student Life
RSP	Research & Sponsored Programs	Academic Affairs
S&A	Students & Activities Fee	Enrollment & Student Services
SAAC	Student Athlete Advisory Council	Enrollment & Student Services

SAAM	State Administrative & Accounting Manual	State and Local Government
SAC	Sexual Awareness Center	Student Life
SAGB	Student Academic Grievance Board	Academic Affairs
SAP	Satisfactory Academic Progress	Financial Aid
SASA	South Asian Student Association	Student Life
SBDC	Small Business Development Center	University Relations & Comm. Dev.
SBS	Department in the Social Sciences division of college	Academic Affairs
SFDM	Student Faculty Designed Majors	Academic Affairs
SHC	Student Health Center	Enrollment & Student Services
SIRC	Social Issues Resource Center- part of ROP	Student Life
SMATE	Science, Mathematics and Technology Education	Academic Affairs
SOS	Student Outreach Services	Student Life
SPAC	Structure and Program Advisory Committee- Assessment for AS, offices on 4 year schedule	Student Life
SPMC	Shannon Point Marine Center	Academic Affairs
Spring A&O	Spring Advising & Orientation (for students starting in off quarters)	Enrollment & Student Services
SRI	Senior Instructor	Academic Affairs
SS	Summer Session	Academic Affairs
SS	Summerstart (Freshman orientation in August)	Enrollment & Student Services
STC	Student Technology Center	Information Technology Services
STEAM	Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics	General
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics	General
STF	Student Technology Fee	Information Technology Services
STFC	Student Technology Fee Committee	Information Technology Services
SUMMER A&O	Summer Advising & Orientation (for students starting in off quarters)	Enrollment & Student Services
T&P	Tenure & Promotion	Academic Affairs
TA	Travel Authorization	Business and Financial Affairs
TAG	Technology Alliance Group	Community
TEM	Travel Expenses Manager	Business and Financial Affairs
TLA	Teaching & Learning Academy	Academic Affairs
TN	Tenured	Academic Affairs
TR	Travel Reimbursement	Business and Financial Affairs
TR	Transitions (Transfer student orientation in July)	Enrollment & Student Services
TRC	Technical Review Committee - Policy Review	President's Office
TSA	Thai Student Association	Student Life
TT	Tenure-Track	Academic Affairs
TVW	Washington's Public Affairs Network	State and Local Government
UA	University Advancement	Foundation
UFWS	United Faculty of Washington State	State and Local Government
UFWW	United Faculty of Western Washington	Human Resources
UPRC	University Planning & Resources Council	Faculty Senate
URCD	University Relations & Community Development	University Relations & Comm. Dev.
USC	United States Code	State and Local Government
USSA	United States Student Association	Student Life
UW	University of Washington	State and Local Government
VC	Viking Commons	Western
VOC	Veteran's Outreach Center	Student Life
VPIT	Vice Provost for Information Technology	Information Technology Services
VSA	Vietnamese Student Association	Student Life
VU	Viking Union	Western

WAC	Washington Athletic Club	Community
WAC	Washington Administrative Code	State and Local Government
WACUBO	Western Association of College & University Business Officers	Association
WC	Women's Center	Student Life
WCC	Whatcom Community College	State and Local Government
WCC	Washington Campus Compact	University Relations & Comm. Dev.
WCD	Western Crossing Development	University Relations & Comm. Dev.
WCE	Woodring College of Education	Academic Affairs
WCF	Whatcom Community Foundation	Association
WCOG	Whatcom Council of Governments	State and Local Government
WFSE	Washington Federation of State Employees	State and Local Government
WHETC	Washington Higher Education Technology Consortium	Information Technology Services
WICHE	Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education	State and Local Government
Winter	Winter Advising & Orientation	Enrollment & Student Services
WOC	Wellness Outreach Center	Enrollment & Student Services
WOOT	Western Outdoor Orientation Trips	Student Life
WSA	Washington Student Association	Student Life
WSAC	Washington Student Achievement Council	State and Local Government
WSU	Washington State University	State and Local Government
WTA	Whatcom Transportation Association	Community
WWUF	Western Washington University Foundation	Foundation
WWURA	Western Washington University Retirement Association	Western