

FAQ

Q: I am interested in the Engineering Dual Degree Program. Do I need to apply now?

A: No. Attending an affiliated liberal arts college qualifies students to apply to the program in their third or fourth year at that institution. (However, getting connected early in the first year with your school's faculty liaison to the program—i.e., the pre-engineering advisor—is strongly recommended.)

Q: If I meet all the application criteria, is admission guaranteed?

A: We want to be able to fully consider any information that causes concern about inviting a student to the WashU community—e.g., a violation of academic integrity. Barring any such serious problem, students who satisfy application requirements are offered admission.

Q: Instead of a 3-2 or 3-3, can I do a 4-2 or 4-3?

A: Yes. To take full advantage of varsity athletics or any other aspect of their home institution, students are welcome to apply in their fourth year.

Q: Is financial aid available at WashU?

A: Yes. US citizens are eligible to apply for need-based financial aid by submitting FAFSA and CSS Profile. Financial need does not adversely impact admission outcomes, and the amount of aid ranges up to the full cost of attendance.

Q: I am an international student. Do I have any way of receiving financial assistance?

A: Yes. Although international students are not eligible for need-based financial aid, they are eligible for Dual Degree scholarships in the Graduate 3-Year Option—i.e., 3-3 or 4-3.

Q: Does WashU help with housing?

A: Yes. Dual Degree students are not required to live in university housing. For those who wish to live in university housing, some apartments (and some entire buildings) are reserved for Dual Degree students. The university's off-campus housing office can assist with other options, as well.

Q: How is Dual Degree different from transferring?

A: **1)** Each year, there are many more Dual Degree students than transfer students entering WashU's engineering school. Dual Degree staff and student leaders make a point of fostering a special cohort within the engineering community. Once connected with one another through unique enrollment and orientation programming, Dual Degree students maintain a supportive network. **2)** In a transfer, students stop pursuit of the undergraduate degree at one school, transfer all possible credits to another school, and continue pursuit of the undergraduate degree at the new school. In Dual Degree, students spend some time at their home institution, and some time at WashU, but they complete degrees at both schools. Earning those two degrees (BA+BS) in only five years, or three degrees (BA+BS+MS) in only six years, is attainable because each school has agreed to count some of the other school's credits.

Q: Can I graduate with the classmates who started college with me?

A: Yes. Typically, Dual Degree students receive their liberal arts degree and celebrate commencement with their cohort. And they celebrate again with their WashU peers, one or two times, when they earn their engineering degree(s)!