

UW Mechanical Engineering Graduate



New Student Cheat Sheet

How do I...

Get my student webpage?

- ➔ ssh `vergil.u.washington.edu` *yourUWNetID* *yourUWpassword*
- ➔ edit the `index.html` file under the student directory

Get my Student ID Card?

- ➔ The card center is in the basement of Odegaard, down the stairs from the west side of Red Square

Print work-related documents?

- ➔ Visit <https://me-print.me.washington.edu/> to print to the department printer located in the front office

Get a key or a package?

- ➔ Visit room 132 in the Mechanical Engineering Building

Use the machine shop?

- ➔ Contact Eamon McQuaide at eamonm@uw.edu to get shop certified

Get a Research Assistantship?

- ➔ If you're unfunded or a TA, no worries! Many professors have funding available and are looking for grad students for research. You should try to have a basic idea what you would like to do for your research, but it's also ok to immerse yourself in a particular professor's area of research. Talking to lots of professors about their research is a good start.

Use the Bus?

- ➔ If you have a smart phone, get the app OneBusAway. Use google maps to plan your routes, and then OneBusAway to look up real-time bus schedules (the published bus schedules are totally inaccurate)
- ➔ Your Husky Card (Student ID) has a built in chip and your student fees include a prepaid bus pass. Just tap your card (or wallet) when you get on the bus
- ➔ If you think you will use the bus fewer than ~15 times per quarter, you should consider getting a UPASS refund. DON'T pay for the bus with your Husky Card- instead pay cash or get an ORCA card. At the end of the quarter, you will receive an email about getting a refund if you didn't use your UPASS. Beware- even if you only use it once, you're ineligible for the refund

Connect with grad students in and out of the department?

- ➔ Official events are planned through me_happyhour@uw.edu. This includes weekly happy hour events. This is a moderated list that includes faculty and staff. If you post to it, your post must be approved
- ➔ Unofficial events, questions, and general chatter are sent to me_chat@uw.edu. This list is unmoderated and consists only of ME students
- ➔ Visit <https://mailman13.u.washington.edu/mailman/listinfo> to view all UW mailing lists. You can join as many as you want, or start your own!
- ➔ At various times throughout the year, club fairs are held in Red Square[1]. As a grad student you're welcome to join the vast majority of them.
- ➔ Watch your email for GPSS events. Their Halloween party is especially good.

Find fun things to do in Seattle?

- ➔ Golden Gardens (beach park): Californians will be disappointed by the "ocean", but thrilled that fires are totally allowed. For the rest of you, it's a beach!
- ➔ Pike Place: the world famous fish market. Also has a flea market and lots of really good food.
- ➔ Hiking near Issaquah: Tiger Mountain, Mount Si, Rattlesnake Peak, the list is endless. <http://www.wta.org/> is a fantastic resource for finding hikes
- ➔ Seattle is a very bike friendly city
- ➔ Many UW clubs have strong community ties with non-students
- ➔ There are a number of sailing, climbing, and kayaking organizations in Seattle. The best bang for your buck will be through UW, but private organizations sometimes offer things UW does not.
- ➔ The first Thursday of every month has free admission to many Seattle Museums

Access TA resources

- ➔ On your course schedule on MYUW, classes you TA will also appear and clicking will give you access to information about the class and your students

Manage without an office?

- ➔ The MEB rents lockers for \$5 per quarter. Talk to Carrie in the front office after the second week of the quarter to rent one
- ➔ Space Scout is an app that lets you reserve rooms all over UW for studying or other use
- ➔ The MEB has a student lounge, room 253 (access code 1380)
- ➔ The MEB has a computer lab that you may use
- ➔ The engineering library has lots of study space and is 2 buildings away from the MEB

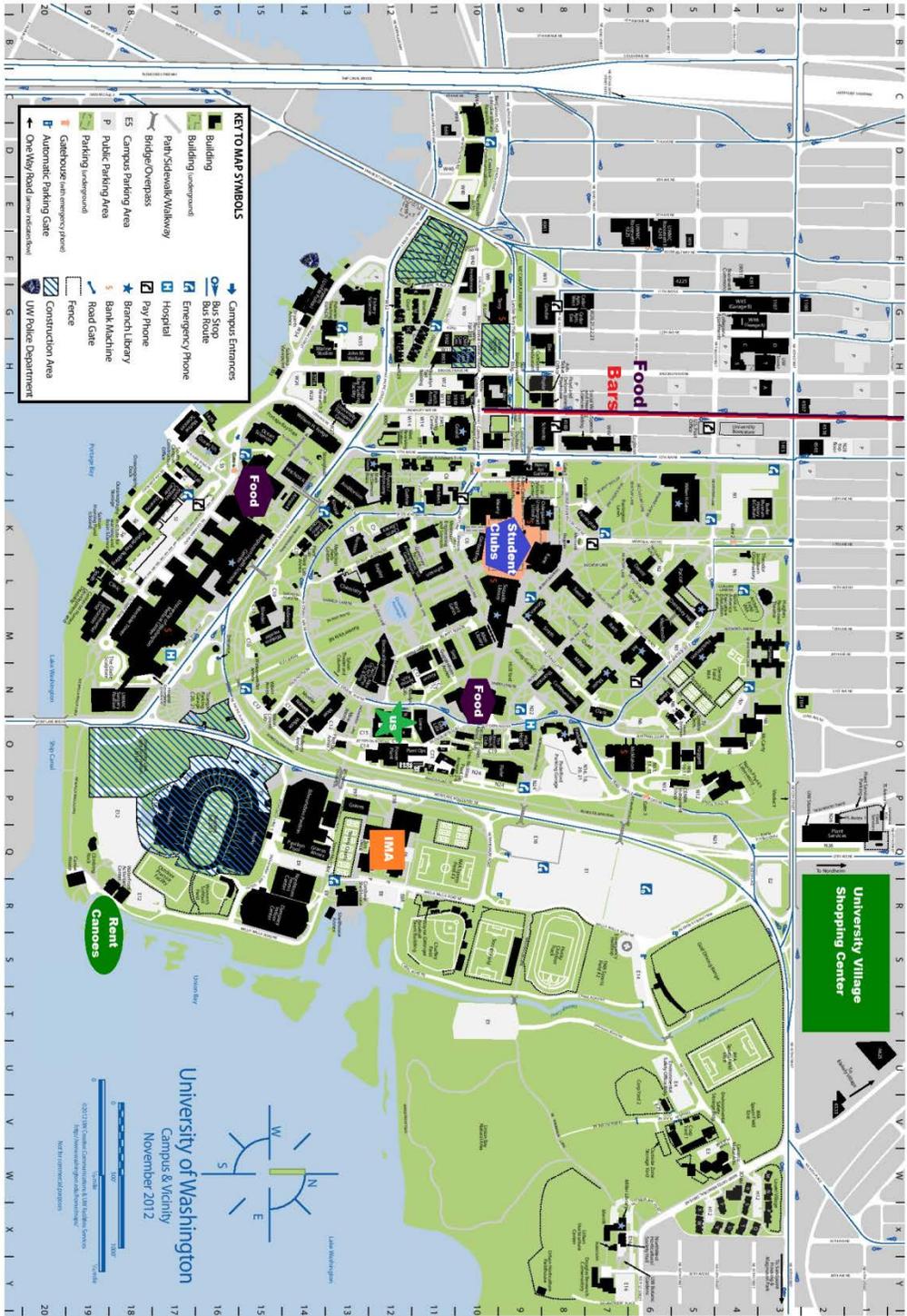
Get in shape?

- ➔ As a grad student, you get free access to the UW IMA (Intramural activities center) [2]. They have pretty much every activity imaginable and a front desk to answer all of your questions [editorial: as a Californian, their pool sucks]. They also have a sauna in the locker room!
- ➔ The IMA is a 6 minute walk from the MEB

- ➔ If you ask early enough in the quarter, you can get a permanent locker in the locker room, and leave workout gear there. Ask about it in the towel window in your respective locker room

Get my party on?

- ➔ The University District has a lot of bars, most of which you'll get introduced to at Happy Hour.
- ➔ Most clubs are located downtown, in the Capitol Hill district



KEY TO MAP SYMBOLS

	Campus Entrances		Bus Stop
	Building		Emergency Phone
	Building Underdevelopment		Hospital
	Path/Sidewalk/Walkway		Pay Phone
	Bridge/Overpass		Branch Library
	Campus Parking Area		Bank Machine
	Public Parking Area		Road Gate
	Parking Underdevelopment		Fence
	Garthouse (with emergency phone)		Construction Area
	Automatic Parking Gate		UW Police Department
	One-Way Road (arrow indicates direction)		

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