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# Introduction

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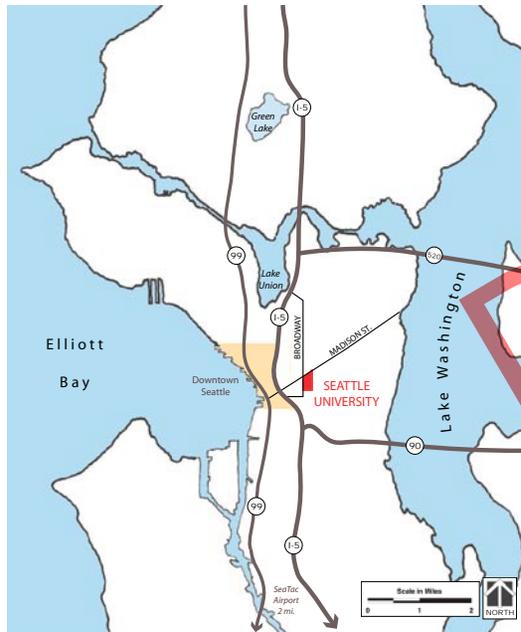
Seattle University was founded by Jesuits in 1891 on the educational principles and values laid out by St. Ignatius of Loyola in the 1500's. The university is one of 28 Jesuit universities in the United States and more than 100 throughout the world.

The Seattle University Campus is situated two miles east of Elliott Bay, between First Hill, Squire Park, Spruce Park and Pike Pine neighborhoods at the edge of Seattle's downtown central business district. Both the west and east edges of campus are major north-south arterials with mixed use developments, high density housing, commercial centers, hospitals and schools surrounding the area.

Seattle University has eight colleges and schools:

- College of Arts and Sciences
- Albers School of Business and Economics
- College of Education
- School of Law
- Matteo Ricci College
- College of Nursing
- College of Science and Engineering
- School of Theology and Ministry

Specific academic programs exist within each college and school structure.



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## UNIVERSITY MISSION

Seattle University is dedicated to educating the whole person, to professional formation, and to empowering leaders for a just and humane world.

### Vision

Seattle University will be the premier independent university of the Northwest in academic quality, Jesuit Catholic inspiration, and service to society.

### Values

- *Care*  
We put the **good of students** first.
- *Academic Excellence*  
We value **excellence in learning** with great teachers who are active scholars.
- *Diversity*  
We celebrate **educational excellence achieved through diversity**.
- *Faith*  
We treasure our **Jesuit Catholic ethos** and **enrichment from many faiths** of our university community.
- *Justice*  
We foster a **concern for justice** and the competence to promote it.
- *Leadership*  
We seek to develop **responsible leaders** committed to a common good.



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## MAJOR INSTITUTION MASTER PLAN

Seattle University completed a Major Institution Master Plan (MIMP) for its campus, as required by the City of Seattle, in October 1996. The plan was adopted in September 1997 and valid for 15 years through 2012. Since the plan has been nearly fully implemented in less than 10 years, an update is now required.

The university has recently experienced student growth of approximately 200 students per year. In the fall of 2007, enrollment reached 7,500 students, which amounted to a student Full Time Equivalent (FTE) of 6,800. Over the next twenty years, the university expects to see a growth resulting in an FTE of up to 10,000 by 2028.

In the fall of 2007, the university began the process of developing a new MIMP. This Internal Concept Plan document represents the beginning of the formal MIMP process, as specified in Section 23.69.032.C. of the Seattle Land Use and Zoning Code. The components required by the Code are as follows:

- **Proposed institutional boundaries**
- **Proposed site plan**, including planned development and an estimate of total potential gross floor area
- **Planned uses**
- Any **planned street vacations** and **planned parking** location and access
- Description of **alternate proposals** for physical development and decentralization options, including a detailed explanation of the reasons for considering each alternative
- Description of the **uses and character of the neighborhood**, and the relationship with the surrounding area



## MASTER PLAN GOALS

The Internal Concept Plan builds upon the 2006 Facilities Master Plan, which was developed through a highly public and transparent process engaging students, faculty, staff, administration, and the community in open dialogue about how to guide the University's growth through the next twenty years in a way that supports the University's mission. The master plan goals are listed below:

- Strengthen the **vitality of the academic community** as a setting for student life.
- Enhance the University's **mission, identity and visibility within the community**.
- **Assure the capacity** to meet foreseeable and long-term space needs.
- Incorporate the principles of **sustainable design** in all aspects of site and building design, construction, maintenance and operation.
- Create a **gracious arrival** experience and accommodation for visitors and part-time students.
- Employ the campus landscape to bring a **unified campus character** to the University.
- Minimize the James/ Cherry Street divide to **connect the campus** and **reduce safety hazards**.
- Create a campus that facilitates an **integrated educational model** that combines academic, social and spiritual development. This model translates into future buildings that mix academic, residential, & support spaces either in a single building or clusters of adjacent buildings.
- **Develop a transportation plan** that reduces single occupied vehicles (SOV).



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## SUSTAINABLE MASTER PLAN

Recently Seattle University signed the American College and University Climate Commitment to become carbon neutral in the future. As a result, the institution is currently in the process of developing a sustainable master plan. The intent is to set goals through this plan for carbon emissions, energy use and water use reductions in order to enhance a more healthy university and surrounding community. Topics such as ecological systems as well as human wellbeing are also part of this plan and goal-setting.

Some of the more concrete ideas are, for instance, the possibility of taller buildings to reduce impervious surfaces and thus stormwater runoff, as well as to incorporate day light and natural ventilation into new buildings.

A Transportation Management Plan is also being developed for this MIMP and will include strategies to reduce single-occupancy vehicle travel. A traffic study will be prepared for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze potential traffic and parking impacts.

