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## **HuskyTV is ready for the switch to digital**

**No need for converter boxes through campus cable system**

**SEATTLE** — The University of Washington’s HuskyTV system is ready for the switch to digital television (DTV).

Beginning today, Feb. 17, some full-power broadcast television stations in the United States will stop broadcasting on analog airwaves and begin broadcasting only in digital. Other stations may stop broadcasting analog sometime between March 14 and June 12, the final deadline for terminating analog broadcasts.

The announcement has raised many questions about DTV, converter boxes, antennas and more. But if you tune in via HuskyTV, the University of Washington’s housing cable service, you’re set for the switch.

Engineers with UWTV, the University of Washington’s television channel, have already enabled the campus cable system to receive and transmit both analog and digital signals so there will be no interruption to service to viewers with either analog or digital cable ready television sets. In fact, local channels 4,5,7, 9 and13 are already available on HuskyTV in both digital and analog, with high-definition channels now available for those with digital cable ready TV sets.

“HuskyTV viewers who own older analog televisions don’t need to worry about installing a converter box or buying a new television set,” said UWTV engineer Tim Holmgren. “Those viewers won’t see a change in service at all. HuskyTV viewers who own newer digital-ready televisions will also receive digital programs from the five local channels in both standard and high-definition, as well as all the analog channels they receive currently.”

### **About UWTV**

UWTV is the University of Washington’s award-winning television channel, offering original, non-commercial educational video programming – 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A unique educational resource, UWTV provides viewers direct access to the world-renowned scholars, scientists and researchers whose insights and discoveries are at the heart of our university and are changing our world. Learn more at [uwtv.org](http://uwtv.org).

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