DON'T JUST GO TO COLLEGE...
MAKE WAVES.

Western isn’t a place where you just show up for a few years, learn a few things and get a job that bores you. That’s for normal schools.

We want people with an appetite for ambition. People who want to learn about the universe, and then change it.

We have students designing and building solar-powered tiny homes. A professor who’s on the Mars Curiosity Rover team. And graduates who teach code to fifth graders.

Through close relationships with professors, a community atmosphere, and academic excellence, we help people find their purpose. And we inspire them to pursue that purpose with everything they’ve got. We bring together those who want to change the world, with the people who are changing it.

This is a place where, together, we can MAKE WAVES.
200+ academic programs

95% undergraduates

~16,000 enrollment

27 average class size

18:1 student-to-faculty ratio

<100 miles to Seattle and Vancouver, B.C.

4.3 Yrs average time to graduation

3,000+ student jobs

99% classes taught by faculty, not graduate assistants

180+ acres of forest adjacent to campus, with 6 miles of trails

250+ student-run clubs and organizations

650+ Western students study abroad in 50+ countries each year

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Accounting, BA, BS
American Cultural Studies, BA
Anthropology
  Anthropology, BA*
  Anthropology/Biology, BA
  Anthropology/Social Studies, BA
Archaeology Concentration, BA
Biocultural Concentration, BA
Applied Mathematics, BS
Art History, BA
Art Studio, BA, BFA*

Behavioral Neuroscience, BS
Biochemistry, BS
Biology
  Biology, BA*
  Biology/Anthropology, BA, BS
  Biology/Mathematics, BS
Ecology, Evolution & Organismal Biology Emphasis, BS
  General Emphasis, BS
  Marine Emphasis, BS
  Molecular & Cellular Biology Emphasis, BS
Business Administration
  Business Administration, BA
  Business & Sustainability, BA
  Business & Sustainability – Energy Studies Concentration, BA
Finance Concentration, BA
International Business Concentration, BA
Management Concentration, BA
Management Information Systems Concentration, BA
Marketing Concentration, BA
Operations Management Concentration, BA

Canadian-American Studies, BA
Chemistry, BA, BS*
Chinese Language & Culture, BA*
Communication Sciences & Disorders, BA
Communication Studies, BA
Computer Science, BS

Dance, BA, BFA
Design, BA, BFA

Early Childhood Education, BAE
Early Childhood Special Education, BAE
Earth Science (Elementary or Secondary), BAE
East Asian Studies, BA
Economics, BA
  Economics/Accounting, BA
  Economics/Environmental Studies, BA
  Economics/Mathematics, BA
  Economics/Political Science, BA
  Economics/Social Studies, BA
Elementary Education Professional Program
Energy Science and Technology, BS
Energy Policy & Management, BA
Engineering
  Electrical and Computer Engineering, BS
  Manufacturing Engineering, BS
  Plastics & Composites Engineering, BS
English
  Creative Writing Emphasis, BA*
  ELL/Bilingual Education Emphasis, BA
  Literature Emphasis, BA*
  English Language Learners & Bilingual Education, BAE
Environmental Education, BA
Environmental Policy, BA
Environmental Science
  Environmental Science, BS
  Freshwater & Terrestrial Ecology Emphasis, BS
  Marine Science Emphasis, BS
  Toxicology Emphasis, BS
  Environmental Studies, BA*
  Environmental Studies/Journalism, BA
Exceptionality & Disability, BAE

Fairhaven College of Interdisciplinary Studies
  Interdisciplinary Concentration, BA, BAE
  Interdisciplinary Concentration – Law, Diversity & Justice Emphasis, BA
Financial Economics, BA
French, BA*
French/German, BA
French/Spanish, BA

General Science (Elementary, Middle or Secondary), BAE
Geography, BA*
Geography/Social Studies, BA
Geology, BA, BS
Geophysics, BS
German, BA*
German/Spanish, BA
H
History, BA*
History/Social Studies, BA
Humanities
  History of Culture, BA
Humanities & Social Sciences
  Student/Faculty Designed Major, BA, BS
Huxley College of the Environment
  Student/Faculty Designed Major, BA, BS

I
Industrial Design, BS

J
Japanese, BA*
Journalism
  News/Editorial, BA
Public Relations, BA
  Visual Journalism, BA

K
Kinesiology
  Exercise Science Specialization, BS
Pre-Healthcare Professions Specialization, BS
Sport Psychology Specialization, BS

L
Language, Literacy & Cultural Studies, BAE
Latin American Studies, BA
Linguistics, BA

M
Manufacturing & Supply Chain Management, BS
Marine and Coastal Science, BS
Mathematics, BA, BS*
Mathematics/Computer Science, BS
Multidisciplinary Studies, BA
Music
  Music, BA, BMus
  Composition Concentration, BMus
  History & Literature Concentration, BMus
  Performance Concentration, BMus
  Music Education P-12, BMus

P
Philosophy, BA
Physical Education & Health P-12, BAE
Physics, BS*
Political Science, BA
Political Science/Social Studies, BA
Politics/Philosophy/Economics, BA
Psychology, BS*
  Public Health, BS

R
Recreation Management & Leadership, BA
Religion & Culture, BA

S
Science Education, BAE
Secondary Education Professional Program
Sociology, BA, BS*
Sociology/Social Studies, BA
Spanish, BA*
Special Education, BAE
Statistics, BS

T
Theatre, BA*

U
Urban Planning & Sustainable Development, BA

W
Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies, BA

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES
In addition to bachelor’s degrees, you can enrich your experience through the Honors Program, Distinguished Scholars programs, certificates, and 90+ minors, including:

- Arabic & Islamic Studies
- Arts Enterprise & Cultural Innovation
- Business Analytics
- Cybersecurity
- Entrepreneurship & Innovation
- Environmental Justice
- Exceptionality and Disability
- Film Studies
- Holocaust and Genocide Studies
- Honors
- International Studies
- Leadership Studies
- Queer Studies
- Raza Latina Studies
- Salish Sea Studies
- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Mathematics)
- Sustainable Design
- User Experience (UX) Design
- Women’s Literature

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PATHWAYS
While these are not majors, pre-professional pathways can be incorporated into or taken alongside the 175+ majors offered at Western.

- Pre-Chiropractic
- Pre-Dentistry
- Pre-Law
- Pre-Medicine
- Pre-Nutrition
- Pre-Occupational Therapy
- Pre-Optometry
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Pre-Physical Therapy
- Pre-Physician Assistant
- Pre-Veterinary

BUILD YOUR OWN MAJOR
Through Western’s Fairhaven College of Interdisciplinary Studies, students can design their own majors, called interdisciplinary concentrations. Fairhaven faculty work closely with students through intensive advising and classes of 15-20 students. Curriculum focuses on social and environmental justice and diversity.
DR. TSUNOKAI’S RESEARCH

explores two opposing themes: love and hate. with his students, he’s researching interracial dating preferences, and the recruitment, ideology, and ritualized behaviors of white supremacists in the 21st century.
Prior to taking Race and Ethnic Relations with Dr. Glenn Tsunokai, many students mistakenly believe racism is limited to intentionally saying or doing things to harm Black, Indigenous, and other people of color. As the class progresses, many students quickly learn how truly pervasive systemic racism is. They soon begin to understand that racism is a complicated web of oppression that is perpetuated by institutions and well-intentioned individuals every day.

“The persistence of inequality may fool some of us into believing that we are helpless to fight against it. As individuals, however, we have the power to dismantle structural oppression.”

One of Dr. Tsunokai’s favorite lessons shows students how ordinary people can begin to dismantle the unjust systems of oppression that exist in our society. Students learn by examining real-life examples of racism and anti-racism, often focusing on timely stories from the media and pop culture. They are then given the opportunity to apply their learning by creating a movement to fight against any social issue that is meaningful to them. The overall goal of this lesson is to help students realize that, while progress never comes easily, anyone can be a powerful social agent for positive change.

Speak Truth to Power: With seven student-run publications, be heard while getting real experience writing, reporting and editing for award-winning publications.

Get Out the Vote: Western students received national recognition for the number of people they registered to vote in the 2016 election.

Lend a Hand: Volunteer your time to a cause you care about and join the campus community members who provide nearly 1 million hours of community service each year.
Western student Melody Gao, a Goldwater Scholar, conducts research in one of Western's biochemistry labs. In addition to her ongoing research on protein structure and interactions, Melody serves as president of Western's Chemistry Club and Pre-Med Club. In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, Melody was invited to join the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing team at a local laboratory. As she processes samples from patients, she supports the greater Bellingham community in its efforts to flatten the curve and stay healthy.
DARBY FINNEGAN’S (Biology) passion for marine life earned her the nationally-competitive Barry Goldwater Scholarship. Her upcoming research will examine how the swimming mechanics of rainbow trout might change as carbon dioxide levels increase.

NATASHA HESSAMI (Biochemistry) earned a prestigious Fulbright award for her accomplishments in academics and leadership. She also won a grant to compensate students for working on equity and inclusion issues in the sciences.

ANNELISE PAYNE (Industrial Design) designed a collection of home goods using bull kelp. Her work proposes alternative materials, methods and design solutions that can help redefine people’s impact on the planet.

BRADLEE THIELEN (Design) knows the power of LGBTQ+ mentors and uses design to highlight diverse perspectives, like when he created product packaging with memorable moments in queer history and popular culture.

ARTHUR MARECHAL (Electrical Engineering) co-founded a project that will bring sustainable solar power to Western’s Outback Farm, and interned for a company that makes residential solar power systems (it turned into a three-year job).
Sustainability is at the heart of what we do here. Our Huxley College of the Environment was innovative at its birth in 1970, and today those ideals have spread to every corner of campus.

Now, 50 years later, Huxley is a recognized leader in producing the next generation of environmental professionals and stewards. We have an institute dedicated to developing innovative technological and business solutions to transform energy systems, and a program that takes students out of the classroom and into Washington communities to solve real problems for real cities. If you’re passionate about the environment, you’ll be in good company here.
Western joined more than 180 other university presidents, 125 mayors, nine governors and almost 1,000 businesses in signing the Grand Coalition Statement on the Paris Agreement.

We have purchased 100 percent renewable energy since students voted in 2004 to pay a yearly fee for the program.

In 1971, a small group of Western students started one of the first campus recycling programs in the country. Today, the Associated Students (AS) Recycle Center diverts upwards of 4,000 pounds of recyclable material daily.
Your residence hall is more than just a place to sleep — it's your community. Living on campus makes it easy to connect, get involved and access campus resources right at your fingertips. It's the complete Western experience.

New students who meet deadlines are prioritized for housing their first year.

You can request to live with a friend, let us assign you a roommate, or search for one using our portal.

Regardless of which residence hall you choose, the cost is the same, but prices vary depending on the number of occupants.

Find your fit: choices include quiet, substance-free, gender-inclusive, Honors Program and international community options.
Western is a fierce NCAA Division II competitor, but when it comes to athletics it’s less about watching the competition and more about getting involved. So whether you’re an aspiring NCAA athlete, want to try new sports, or prefer cheering from the bleachers, there are many ways to show Viking pride.

**NCAA Division II sports:** basketball, soccer, cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field, golf, and women's softball, volleyball and rowing

**23 club sports:** some of the most popular are baseball, volleyball, rugby, lacrosse, ultimate, and softball

Popular **intramural sports** include badminton, dodgeball, flag football, kickball, racquetball, indoor soccer, and tennis
BORING ISN'T AN OPTION

Western’s campus is alive with activity. Just decide what you want to explore, and then go for it! It’s easy to connect and build community through your academic department, clubs, student government, and campus activities. So get ready to try new things, make new friends, and learn new skills.
When you’re located between Seattle and Vancouver, B.C., you have the benefit of seeing incredible artists and popular musicians as they pass through town. None of these shows come close to the 2019 return of ODESZA and DEATH CAB FOR CUTIE to the town where it all began. The show was a homecoming for both bands, having formed when their members were students at Western. In appreciation for the school and the city of Bellingham, net proceeds from the show were donated to Western’s Alumni Association Scholarship Endowment.
LIVE AND LEARN
in a place students love to call home

With endless outdoor possibilities, breathtaking natural beauty, a vibrant downtown, thriving arts and music scenes, and an easy drive to and from Seattle and Vancouver, B.C., Bellingham is a place students love to call home.

100 miles of Salish Sea shoreline
17 protected natural areas
10 lakes
22 rivers and creeks
1,500 miles of trails in the Mount Baker Wilderness
92,000 population of Bellingham, WA
663 inches of annual snowfall at Mount Baker Ski Area
34°F - 74°F typical weather: pleasantly mild and temperate
LEARN WHERE YOU LIVE

For students who need education options close to home, Western offers access to flexible online courses, certificates, and bachelor’s and master’s degree completion programs throughout the Puget Sound and Central Salish Sea Regions.

The following bachelor’s degrees are offered at our locations or online:

- Business Administration, BA (Poulsbo)
- Business and Sustainability, BA (Poulsbo)
- Cybersecurity, BS (Poulsbo)
- Early Childhood, BAE, non-certification (Bremerton)
- Early Childhood, BAE, P 3 (Bremerton)
- Education for Inclusive Environments, BAE (Bremerton, Everett)
- Environmental Policy, BA (Everett, Port Angeles, Poulsbo)
- Environmental Science, BS (Everett, Port Angeles, Poulsbo)
- Human Services, BA (Everett, Online)
- Multidisciplinary Studies, BA (Port Angeles, Poulsbo)

www.edu/locations
WE’LL CONNECT YOU WITH INTERNSHIPS.
Western students have interned for Microsoft, Boeing, the Washington State Legislature, Merrill Lynch, REI, Swedish Hospital, the Seattle Mariners, the White House, Tesla, NASA, the National Wildlife Federation, the United Nations, K2 Sports, and many more.

WESTERN IS IN THE TOP 5 IN THE NATION for grads who go on to earn research doctorates among master's granting institutions.
–Survey of Earned Doctorates

WOODRING COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IS CONSISTENTLY ONE OF THE TOP 3 annual producers of new educators in the state of Washington; 20% of all Washington State teachers are WWU grads teaching in more than 50 school districts.


5 STUDENTS AND GRADUATES received Fulbright Scholarships for the 2019-20 year.

74% OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAVE A WWU ALUMNUS among their certificated staff of teachers, administrators and others; in Western Washington, 93% of districts do.

89% OF BACHELOR’S RECIPIENTS are either employed or continuing their education within 6 months of graduating.
–2017-2018 Graduate Outcomes Report
JESSE MOORE
'05, Political Science
Former Obama Administration Associate Director for Public Engagement; founder and principal consultant at Common Thread Strategies

KATIE BROWN
'00, Cultural Anthropology, Secondary Education
2014 Washington State Teacher of the Year

TJ MARTIN
'05, Interdisciplinary Studies
2012 Academy Award winner "Undefeated;" 2017 Emmy Award winner "LA 92"

DEBORA JUAREZ
'83, Interdisciplinary Studies
Attorney; former King County judge; first Native American on Seattle City Council

VINI ELIZABETH SAMUEL
'84, History and English
Attorney; first female mayor of Montesano, Wash.; first Indian-American woman elected mayor in the country

JESSE MOORE
'05, Political Science
Former Obama Administration Associate Director for Public Engagement; founder and principal consultant at Common Thread Strategies

HARRISON MILLS
'12, Graphic Design

CLAYTON KNIGHT
'12, Physics
Founders of two-time GRAMMY-nominated ODESZA

116,000+ ALUMNI
COST OF ATTENDANCE

Earning a college degree is one of the smartest decisions you will make. At thousands of dollars less than private colleges and large research universities, you will find that Western is a great value, and competitive in terms of quality and cost.

2020-2021 ESTIMATED ANNUAL COSTS

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Costs represent annual expenses for full-time students (10-18 credits)
* Fees include a one-time enrollment confirmation fee, technology, health services, student recreation center, public transportation, etc.
** Not fixed costs; varies depending on student, living arrangements and meal plan

ONE OF THE 100 BEST VALUES IN THE NATION AMONG PUBLIC COLLEGES FOR COMBINING EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE WITH ECONOMIC VALUE.
KIPLINGER’S PERSONAL FINANCE

ONE OF THE 50 BEST “BANG FOR THE BUCK” SCHOOLS IN THE WEST, BASED ON GRADUATION RATES AND LOW LOAN DEFAULT RATES.
WASHINGTON MONTHLY
At Western, there are a number of resources available to help you and your family with college expenses.

- Scholarships recognize academic achievement, leadership potential, special talents and multicultural achievement. Scholarships for non-resident students include our highly-competitive Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program.
- Everyone can apply for need-based financial aid and low-interest loans.
- Eligible students have access to need-based work study (FAFSA dependent) and other on- and off-campus employment opportunities.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

For the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Washington Application for State Financial Aid* (WASFA)

- **October 1** – FAFSA and WASFA applications open
- **January 31** – Western’s priority filing deadline for FAFSA and WASFA

*Western’s FAFSA School Code is: 003802.

*Washington residents ineligible to complete the FAFSA due to immigration status may apply for state financial aid by completing the Washington Application for State Financial Aid

**MORE THAN 65%**

of students at Western receive some form of financial aid, including grants, scholarships, loans, and work-study.

Western disbursed more than $23 MILLION in scholarships during the 2018-2019 academic year.

**ESTIMATE YOUR COSTS:**

Find our Net Price Calculator at admissions.wwu.edu/net-price-calc
TRANSFER PLANNING RESOURCES

Transferring credit. You have questions. We have answers.

You’ve worked hard to earn college credits, so naturally you will want to know how previous courses will transfer toward your bachelor’s degree. Credit acceptance is governed by Western’s credit policies, and the majority of students are pleased to learn that most, if not all, of their previous coursework transfers easily to Western.

While Western provides transfer credit reports to all students who have earned college credit before they register for their first quarter, why wait for the good news? You can review the following online tools at any time to determine how many credits Western will accept in transfer, and, most importantly, how those credits will apply toward your degree requirements at Western.

Western’s Transfer Course Equivalency Guide provides a detailed list of courses from community colleges and most public baccalaureate institutions in Washington state that Western accepts in transfer. If you have earned transfer credit from another college or university outside of Washington state, reviewing the Transfer Course Equivalency Guide and Western’s Catalog for similar courses should give you a good idea of how your credits will transfer. You will find our credit awarding policies for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and Cambridge International exams on our website as well.

A summary of our transfer credit policies is available at admissions.wwu.edu/transfer. If you have further questions after taking advantage of the resources listed below, please don’t hesitate to contact us at transfer.credit@wwu.edu or (360) 650-3440.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
admissions.wwu.edu/apply

PROGRAMS OF STUDY
admissions.wwu.edu/catalog

TRANSFER COURSE EQUIVALENCY GUIDE
admissions.wwu.edu/tceg

MAJOR GUIDES
wwu.edu/majors

Western Washington University (WWU), in compliance with applicable laws and in furtherance of its commitment to fostering an environment that welcomes and embraces diversity, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex (including pregnancy and parenting status), disability, age, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status or genetic information in its programs or activities, including employment, admissions, and educational programs. Inquiries may be directed to the Executive Director, Title IX and ADA Coordinator, Office of Civil Rights and Title IX Compliance, Western Washington University, Old Main 345, MS 9021, 516 High Street, Bellingham, WA 98225; (360) 650-3307 (voice) or 711 (Washington Relay); crtc@wwu.edu.

WWU is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. To request an accommodation in the application process, please contact the Disability Access Center, Wilson Library 120; (360) 650-3183 (voice) or (360) 295-7150 (TDD); drs@wwu.edu. One week advance notice appreciated. To request this document in an alternate format, please contact the Office of Admissions, Old Main 200; (360) 650-3440; admissions@wwu.edu. (7/2013 version)
TIPS FOR A SMOOTH TRANSITION

PREPARE FOR YOUR MAJOR
Whenever possible, complete prerequisite courses before you transfer. Research the courses Western requires for your academic area, talk with your transfer advisor, and utilize Western’s online resources for transfer students. Gaining related work or volunteer experience helps, too!

DON’T WAIT TO TAKE MATH AND ENGLISH
Strive to complete college-level mathematics and English composition before submitting your application for admission to Western. Doing so strengthens your application by alleviating any concerns we may have about your ability in these fundamental areas.

PLAN AHEAD
With careful planning, you can often use the same course for multiple purposes. A course that meets a general education requirement at your current college, for example, might also serve as a necessary prerequisite for your intended major at Western.

WRITE A HELPFUL ESSAY
You can further strengthen your application by providing an essay that helps us understand:

• Your academic plan and experiences you’ve had that relate to your educational or career goals

• Your potential contributions to the Western community such as unique experiences, commitment to diversity, special talent, leadership experience, etc.

• Any circumstances that have helped or hindered your academic achievement and your strategies for succeeding at Western

APPLICATION DEADLINES

TRANSFER/POST-BACCALAUREATE

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The following academic departments require additional information prior to admission to Western: Art, Design, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Fairhaven College of Interdisciplinary Studies, Human Services, Industrial Design, Music, Secondary Education, and Special Education.
VIRTUAL CONNECTIONS
Explore campus from wherever you are with our virtual visit options, including virtual campus tours and student panels, one-on-one video chats with Admissions Counselors, and more.

CAMPUS TOURS
Spend time exploring our beautiful campus, which offers views of the bay and easy access to outdoor recreation and Bellingham’s vibrant downtown.
• Take a tour of campus with a current student and learn about Western’s admissions process.
• Arrange to meet with academic departments.
• ¡Se ofrecen giras del campus en español!

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES
Large open-house style events for prospective students occur in the fall and spring. Check our website for the most up-to-date information regarding special visit opportunities.

DISCOVERY DAYS
In addition to a campus tour, our Discovery Days program includes an admissions presentation and a panel where you and your family can ask questions of an Admissions Counselor and current students. You’ll also have the opportunity to visit academic departments, learn about student support resources, tour the Wade King Student Recreation Center, and more.

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