Western Washington University is a dynamic, innovative public university ranked among the best in the Pacific Northwest. Western is recognized for excellence in undergraduate education, an increasingly diverse learning environment and a strong sense of community. Students choose Western for the top-notch academic quality, size, location, success of graduates and affordable cost.

FIRST-YEAR ADMISSION CRITERIA

Admission to Western Washington University is selective. Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission, as the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of available enrollment spaces.

The most important criterion in the selection process is demonstrated academic achievement, including grade point average, quality and rigor of course work, grade trends, and SAT or ACT scores. Activities, leadership, special talents, multicultural experience and individual circumstances are also considered.

Applicants are encouraged to pursue academic coursework and advanced study beyond the minimum course requirements. Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Cambridge International, Running Start or other College-in-the-High-School, Honors courses, and even a full load of standard academic courses provide an excellent foundation for a successful college experience.

The minimum recommended high school courses include:

- 4 units of English, including 3 units of college prep composition and/or literature
- 3 units of mathematics beyond pre-algebra, including completion of algebra II*
- 2 units of science, with one year of algebra-based chemistry or physics; one year must include a lab
- 3 units of social science, such as history, civics, psychology, economics, etc.
- 2 sequential units in a single world language, Native American language or American Sign Language. This requirement may be satisfied for students from non-English speaking countries who entered the U.S. educational system in eighth grade or later
- 1 semester or trimester of fine and performing arts

* During the senior year of high school, students must earn a credit in a math-based quantitative course. Completion of higher-level math prior to the senior year exempts students from the senior year quantitative course requirement (e.g., pre-calculus, math analysis or calculus).

WHO SHOULD USE THIS APPLICATION?

The First-Year Application for Admission is for students who have not enrolled in any college coursework after high school graduation or GED completion, excluding the summer immediately following graduation. Students who have earned college credit while in high school, including Running Start students, should use this application.

DO NOT USE THIS APPLICATION IF YOU ARE A:

- Transfer or Postbaccalaureate applicant
- Former/returning Western student
- Graduate School applicant
- International applicant
- Summer-only applicant

Go to admissions.wwu.edu/apply to determine which application is right for you, or call the Office of Admissions at (360) 650-3440.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed application, signed and dated
- Non-refundable $60 application fee*
- Essay/additional information
- Transcript(s)
- Official ACT or SAT test scores

All application materials, including transcripts and the application fee, must be postmarked by the application deadline.

* The application fee must be in the form of a check or money order, payable to Western Washington University, and is non-refundable. To request a fee waiver, include a written request with your application that explains why paying the application fee imposes an extreme financial hardship on you or your family. A limited number of fee waivers are granted.

Apply online at admissions.wwu.edu

Or, mail your completed application and fee to:
Western Washington University, Office of Admissions,
316 High Street, Bellingham, WA, 98225-9009
APPLICATION
INSTRUCTIONS

We recommend you keep a file with copies of all correspondence you have with Western, including a copy of your completed application form and transcripts of high school and college coursework. Some sections of the application for admission require further explanation, which you can find online at admissions.wwu.edu/first-year/apply. If you have questions, please contact the Office of Admissions at (360) 650-3440 or admissions@wwu.edu.

Transcripts

High School: A high school transcript is required at the time of application. For the application review, you may submit either an official or unofficial transcript. We accept electronic transcripts in the following methods: 1) via the Naviance/Docufide transcript system; 2) via the online application, students can upload an electronic version of their transcript. We will also accept paper transcripts mailed from your high school. Official high school transcripts will be required after admission.

College: Official college transcripts and AP/IB/Cambridge International scores are required for college credit to be granted. These transcripts will enable Admissions to process your application more efficiently and expedite the awarding of transfer credit. Washington Running Start students who have completed college credit are encouraged to request an electronic college transcript be sent from the college at the time of application, in addition to a high school transcript.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

Financial Aid: Applying for financial aid does not affect your application for admission or consideration for scholarships. Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov. Western’s school code is 003802. If you are a non-citizen eligible for resident tuition under HB 1079, please submit the WASFA instead at wasfa.wa.gov. Fall quarter applicants should submit the FAFSA/WASFA prior to January 31 for priority consideration. For more information, refer to www.finaid.wwu.edu or contact the Financial Aid Services Center at (360) 650-3470.

Scholarships: Most scholarships are awarded based on the information provided in the application for admission, and no separate application is required. The Office of Admissions awards scholarships based on merit or other interests as identified in the application for admission. First-year students applying for Fall Quarter admission should complete the application for admission by the application deadline of January 31 for priority scholarship consideration. A complete list of new student scholarships is available at admissions.wwu.edu/scholarships. A complete list of all undergraduate student scholarships is available at www.finaid.wwu.edu/scholarships.

Residency

To qualify as a Washington State resident and in-state tuition, you must be a U.S. citizen or have permanent resident (resident alien) status. You must also be a dependent student whose parent or guardian has been a legal resident for at least 12 months prior to enrollment, or an independent student who has established a permanent home in the state of Washington for at least 12 months prior to enrollment. Verification may be requested. The spouse or dependent of a person who is on active military duty can be allowed to pay resident tuition after providing appropriate documentation to the Registrar’s Office.

You are not a resident of Washington State if you (or your parent, in the case of a dependent) have attended, as a resident, college in another state within a year prior to enrollment; have received financial assistance from another state, including a reciprocity award, within a year prior to enrollment; or possess a current out-of-state driver’s license, vehicle registration or other document which gives evidence of being domiciled in another state.

If you are not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the U.S. and not on a current visa, but have continuously resided in Washington State for three (3) years prior to receiving a high school diploma from a Washington State high school, you may be eligible to pay resident tuition, in accordance with HB 1079.

For more information about residency refer to admissions.wwu.edu/residency.

Living on Campus

First-year students who meet all housing deadlines, including the payment deadline, are guaranteed housing on campus. The date you apply to Western serves as your housing priority date, and room assignment priority is given to students who applied for admission the earliest. Detailed housing information will be sent at the time of admission; admitted students can apply at housing.wwu.edu.

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, 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 Vice Provost for Equal Opportunity & Employment Diversity, Title IX Coordinator, Equal Opportunity Office, Western Washington University, Old Main 345, MS 9021, 516 High Street, Bellingham, WA 98225; (360) 650-3307 (voice) or 711 (Washington Relay); eoo@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 170; (360) 650-3083 (voice) or (360) 255-7175 (VP); 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.

As part of Western’s commitment to maintaining a healthy and safe living, learning and working environment, we want to make you aware of our Annual Security & Fire Safety Report. This report is developed in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act) and provides reported crime statistics for the previous three calendar years. The report also includes institutional policies concerning campus security, such as those concerning alcohol and drug use, crime prevention, the reporting of crimes, sexual assault, and other matters. It is available for download at https://www.wwu.edu/vpess/docs/ASRCleryreport.pdf. To request a paper copy of this report, please contact the Vice President of Enrollment and Student Services Office, (360) 650-3839, vpss.office@wwu.edu.
This application is only for students who have not attempted college coursework after high school graduation or GED completion. Visit admissions.wwu.edu/apply for further details.

For which quarter are you applying? Check only one.  
- Winter (January) 2020  
- Spring (March) 2020  
- Fall (September) 2020

Have you or will you earn college credit through the Washington State Running Start program?  
- No  
- Yes (If yes, you need to fill out the Transfer application at admissions.wwu.edu/apply)

Have you previously attended Western?  
- No  
- Yes (Last quarter/year at Western)

Have you attempted college coursework after high school graduation or GED completion, excluding the summer immediately following graduation?  
- No  
- Yes (If yes, you need to fill out the Transfer application at admissions.wwu.edu/apply)

Do you require a non-immigrant student visa to study in the U.S.?  
- No  
- Yes (If yes, you need to fill out the International application at admissions.wwu.edu/apply)

Legal Name: Your legal name will be used for official University communications – including admissions communications, transcripts and degrees.

Prefered First Name: Preferred first name is used in various documents and communications at Western, such as your ID card, class rosters, and in the campus directory. To see a complete list of places preferred first name is used for Western students, visit the Registrar’s Office website. Enrolled Western students may update their preferred name through the Registrar’s Office.

Former Name(s) or other name(s): If your first or last name has changed, indicate your former name(s). Also list any other names that may appear on transcripts.

Current Mailing Address: Number and Street (include apartment number)  
- Valid indefinitely  
- Valid until

Email Address: Provide a valid email address that you check regularly, as Western will email important information regarding your admission and enrollment.

Home Phone ( )  
Cell Phone ( )  
- Yes, I accept text messages  
Standard text messaging charges may apply

Permanent Address: Number and Street (include apartment number)  
City  
County if you live in Washington  
State  
Zip  
Telephone

Date of Birth: Month/Day/Year  
Birthplace: City  
State  
Country (if other than U.S.)

Citizenship: Use this application if you are a U.S. citizen, U.S. permanent resident, political asylee or refugee, DREAMer, or eligible for DACA or HB 1079/1487. If you require a non-immigrant student visa to study in the U.S., you must use the International Student Application instead.

- U.S. citizen  
- U.S. permanent resident A  
- Political asylee or refugee  
- Other

Residency:  
- Yes  
- No (Are you a resident of Washington State? See Residency instructions for details about qualifying for Washington State residency. If yes, dates of most recent continuous residence in WA: from to  )

Do you have a parent or guardian who currently resides in Washington and has lived here twelve (12) months or more?  
- Yes  
- No

Military background:  
- Yes  
- No (Are you the dependent or spouse of an active duty military, State Department, or Foreign Service employee who is a permanent resident of Washington State?)

- Yes  
- No (Are you on active duty or a U.S. military veteran?)

- Yes  
- No (Do you plan to use military educational benefits?)
### 3. Family Information

Students age 24 or younger must provide information about at least one parent or legal guardian. This information is required to determine residency classification. Omission of parent/guardian information may result in classification as a non-resident.

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- Highest level of formal education completed (optional):
  - ☐ Some high school or less
  - ☐ Some college
  - ☐ Bachelor’s degree
  - ☐ High school graduate
  - ☐ Associate’s degree
  - ☐ Graduate study

- Attended WWU? ☐ Yes ☐ No Year ________
  - Name at WWU, if different

- Earned a degree from WWU? ☐ Yes ☐ No Year ________
  - Other colleges/universities attended

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Have either of your parents earned a bachelor’s degree?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Do you have other family members who are Western graduates/students?
  - Name(s), relationship to you and year of graduation/expected graduation

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Do you have any family members who work at Western? Name(s) ________
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Have you ever been in state, tribal or federal refugee foster care after age thirteen?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Are you the dependent or spouse of a deceased or 100% disabled veteran, firefighter, law enforcement officer, state patrol officer, or highway worker?

### 4. Demographic Data

In accordance with Washington State law, Western Washington University does not use race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in admission decisions.

Western Washington University is required by law to report aggregate demographic data to the U.S. Department of Education and other federal and state agencies. In addition, this information may assist in the awarding of privately funded scholarships.

- ☐ Female ☐ Male

Western recognizes that people may identify their gender in non-binary ways. Currently, our student information system only provides two binary gender fields. We are aware of this limitation and are working to expand the possible ways for individuals to identify their gender in Western’s records. Enrolled students have the ability to change their gender marker through the Registrar’s Office. For purposes of housing, please contact University Residences at housing@wwu.edu if you have questions.

- Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin? Check one or more. Please specify if you indicate “Other.” Optional
  - ☐ Yes, Cuban
  - ☐ Yes, Mexican, Mexican American/Chicano
  - ☐ Yes, Puerto Rican
  - ☐ Yes, other Hispanic or Latino
  - ☐ No

- What race/ethnicity do you consider yourself? Check one or more. Please specify if you indicate “Other.” Optional

  - American Indian or Alaska Native
  - ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
  - ☐ Tribal affiliation

  - Asian
  - ☐ Asian Indian
  - ☐ Cambodian
  - ☐ Chinese
  - ☐ Filipino
  - ☐ Japanese
  - ☐ Korean

  - Laotian
  - ☐ Thai
  - ☐ Vietnamese
  - ☐ Other

  - Black or African American
  - ☐ Black or African American
  - ☐ African
  - ☐ Caribbean
  - ☐ Other

  - Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
  - ☐ Guamanian
  - ☐ Native Hawaiian
  - ☐ Samoan
  - ☐ Other

  - White or Caucasian
  - ☐ White or Caucasian (includes persons of European [e.g., French, Italian], Middle Eastern [e.g., Iranian, Saudi Arabian], or North African [e.g., Egyptian, Libyan] heritage)

Note: Enrolled tribal members may elect to provide verification of tribal affiliation for purposes of determining resident tuition rates and/or consideration for certain scholarships. For details please visit admissions.wwu.edu/residency.
5. Academic History

Most applicants complete the high school graduation requirement by receiving a diploma through a high school. However, you can also fulfill this requirement with a homeschool transcript, a high school equivalency certificate or diploma score (such as a GED), or a diploma earned through a Washington community college.

Indicate how you plan to fulfill the high school graduation requirement:

- [ ] Graduation from a high school or homeschool with a diploma

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- [ ] High school equivalency certificate (ex: GED)

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- [ ] High school diploma earned from a Washington community college

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Please provide the name of a high school official who can verify, if necessary, the academic information provided in your application.

( )  
Name  Title  Phone  Email

Have you participated in a homeschool program during grades 9-12?  [ ] No  [ ] Yes  
If yes, select all grade(s) that apply  [ ] 9  [ ] 10  [ ] 11  [ ] 12

Have you ever attended school outside the U.S.?  [ ] No  [ ] Yes

If yes, at what level did you begin school in the U.S.?  [ ] K-7  [ ] 8  [ ] 9-12  [ ] College or University  [ ] No school in U.S.

Were you on exchange?  [ ] Yes

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Other than English, what language(s) do you speak or use fluently (include creoles and dialects)?

First language(s) ____________________________________________

Language(s) spoken or used in your home ____________________________________________

Language(s) learned through coursework ____________________________________________

6. Academic Information

A high school transcript is required for the application review. Please attach your transcript or arrange for your high school to send one to the Office of Admissions.

Senior Year Schedule

List your complete anticipated senior year (Grade 12) schedule, including the summer before you enroll at WWU. Misrepresenting your schedule and/or failure to complete courses listed may jeopardize your admission status. If your schedule changes after you apply, please email an updated schedule to admissions@wwu.edu. For each term, include: 1) Course Title; 2) Course Notation “CN”: H for Honors, AP for Advanced Placement, RST for Running Start, COL for all other college enrollment (including College in the High School), IB for International Baccalaureate, and CIE for Cambridge International.

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7. College Credit and Academic Enrichment

Official college transcripts and AP/IB/CIE scores are required for college credit to be granted and may be requested during the application review process. These transcripts will enable Admissions to process your application more efficiently and expedite the awarding of transfer credit. Washington Running Start students who have completed college credit are encouraged to request an electronic college transcript be sent from the community college now, in addition to a high school transcript.

Indicate if you have taken or will take any of the following courses while in high school (N/A = courses not offered at your school):

- Advanced Placement
  - Yes □ No □ N/A □ # of courses you plan to complete _______ # of exams you plan to take _______
- International Baccalaureate
  - Yes □ No □ N/A □ # of courses you plan to complete _______ # of exams you plan to take _______
- Other advanced courses or exams (please list)
  - Yes □ No □ N/A □
- Running Start or other college
  - Yes □ No □

Are you planning to earn an associate’s degree while in high school?

College ____________________________ Date earned/expected ___________________ Month/Year __________

Total number of college credits (Running Start, College in the High School, AP, IB) earned or expected to earn while in high school _______

Indicate if you have participated in, or been selected for, any of the following programs:

- AVID □
- Business Week □
- Champions of Diversity □
- College Access Now □
- College Bound Scholars (WA State) □
- College Success Foundation □
- Compass 2 Campus □
- Gear Up □
- National Honor Society □
- National Merit Finalist □
- National Merit Semi-Finalist □
- National Society of High School Scholars □
- Phi Theta Kappa □
- Rainier Scholars □
- Ready to Rise □
- TRIO □
- Upward Bound □
- Other □

8. Academic Interests

Indicate academic programs that interest you. Selecting academic interests on your application is not binding as major declaration occurs after you begin your studies at Western. This information will allow us to address your particular interests in future communications and is not tied to future plans of study. Refer to www.edu/majors for information about our academic programs.

Academic Interests

First choice ____________________________ Second choice ____________________________

Academic Programs Requiring Additional Application Materials - If you wish to participate in any of the following programs for the coming year, please indicate below.

- Art □ requires a portfolio. Refer to admissions.wwu.edu/art for more information.
- Design □ requires a portfolio. Refer to admissions.wwu.edu/design for more information.
- Fairhaven College of Interdisciplinary Studies □ requires additional application materials. Refer to admissions.wwu.edu/fairhaven for more information.
- Music □ requires an audition. Refer to admissions.wwu.edu/music for more information. Primary Instrument/Voice ____________________________
- Honors Program □ admission is highly selective and is based on a variety of factors, including strength of curriculum, academic achievement, standardized test scores, teacher/counselor recommendation, and a writing sample. Refer to admissions.wwu.edu/honors for more information.
- Location Programs: Are you applying to a degree program delivered at one of the following Western sites: Bremerton, Distance/Online Learning (Human Services only), Everett, Port Angeles or Poulsbo? Visit oce.wwu.edu for more information.
  
  Program Name ____________________________ Site Location ____________________________
9. Extracurricular, Community, Work and Personal Activities

We believe that ability and potential are measured by more than grades and test scores. Help us learn how you spend your time by providing a list of your most meaningful activities and achievements in grades 9-12. This could include areas like: community involvement, volunteer experience, employment, athletics, extracurricular clubs, arts, family responsibilities, or special awards and recognition. Be sure to include the name of the organization or involvement, your position or role, and how long you have participated. You may also share a short description about the activities that are most significant to you. You can find tips and examples on how to organize your activity list on our website at admissions.wwu.edu/activities.

10. Essay Questions for Admission and New Student Scholarships

Help the Admissions Committee learn about you beyond what we can see in your transcript, test scores and activity list by expanding on one of the prompts below. Your response will be reviewed for both admission and scholarship purposes.

Please select one of the essay prompts below and provide your response.

☐ Describe any activities you have been involved in related to diversity or multiculturalism in your community.

☐ Share a meaningful experience and how this has helped shape you in your preparation for college. This could be related to your passions, commitments, leadership experience, family, or cultural background.

☐ Admissions essay – topic of your choice. If you have written another essay that captures what you want the Admissions Committee to know about you, feel free to share it here.

Most essays are about 500 words, but this is only a recommendation, not a firm limit. Feel free to take what space is necessary for you to tell your story. You can find tips for writing a strong application essay on our website at admissions.wwu.edu/essay.

The Admissions Scholarship Committee awards scholarships based on the information provided within your application for admission and does not require an additional scholarship application. Students are encouraged to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), or Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA), prior to the January 31 priority deadline, as some scholarship criteria include financial need. Information about new student scholarships is available at admissions.wwu.edu/scholarships.

11. Tell Us More (optional)

Describe any special circumstances that created challenges or opportunities for you while in high school and what you learned from those experiences. This might include personal or academic challenges, being the first person in your family to pursue college, inconsistent grade trends, a grade point average or test scores that you feel do not reflect your potential, or anything else you feel the Admissions Committee should know about you and your ability to succeed in college.

12. Additional Information

Indicate if you are interested in learning about the following clubs and activities at Western. This will help us address your interests in future communications.

☐ Academic clubs
☐ Art
☐ Athletics (Division II, club sports, intramurals)
☐ Community service, volunteering, mentoring
☐ Dance
☐ Debate
☐ Environment & sustainability
☐ Ethnic and multicultural
☐ Global issues
☐ Leadership
☐ LGBTQIA or Queer
☐ Media (TV, film, radio, photography, newspaper)
☐ Music
☐ Outdoor
☐ Study abroad
☐ Theatre
☐ Other

Have you visited Western’s campus? ☐ Yes ☐ No

How did you first learn about Western?

☐ WWU website
☐ Letter or email from Western
☐ Western visited my school
☐ College fair
☐ Family member
☐ Friend
☐ Teacher, coach, mentor
☐ Counselor, advisor
☐ Online college search
☐ Visit to campus
☐ Visit to Bellingham
☐ Other

13. Certification of Accuracy

Your signature certifies that all information included in and with the application for admission is accurate and complete. By signing below, you acknowledge that failure to disclose complete and accurate information, knowingly providing falsified information, or misrepresentation may result in denial of admission or subsequent dismissal from Western Washington University and that information included in your application may be verified with an official source.

Signature of Applicant (required) ____________________________ Date ____________________________

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