Welcome to Western

Western Washington University is a dynamic, innovative and challenging public university that is recognized for excellence in undergraduate education, an increasingly diverse and multicultural learning environment and a strong sense of community.

Why Western?

IDEAL SIZE

With 15,000 students, an average class size of 29 students, and over 160 academic programs, Western provides the sense of community, personal faculty relationships and individual attention of a small liberal arts college along with the research opportunities and vast resources you would expect from the third largest public university in Washington State.

OUTSTANDING REPUTATION

Western is focused on educating undergraduate students to excel in the world and workforce. Thanks to our talented faculty and hands-on approach to education, U.S. News and World Report magazine has ranked Western the top public master’s-granting university in the Pacific Northwest for 18 years in a row. Western is also accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), the highest form of accreditation a university can achieve.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Western offers plenty of opportunities to get involved on campus, from student government, the Residence Hall Association, and more than 200 cultural, academic, recreational, religious, social, and political clubs and organizations. Western offers something for everyone!

There are also a variety of ways to stay active at Western with intramural and club sports, outdoor excursions led by Western’s Outdoor Center, as well as the state-of-the-art Wade King Student Recreation Center. These are fun ways to combine exercise and competition as well as getting to know other students.

GREAT LOCATION

Ocean, mountains and everything in between – Bellingham has it all! The Puget Sound and San Juan Islands lie directly to the west; Mt. Baker and the North Cascades Mountain Range are an hour to the east. Right next to campus, beautiful forested hillsides are the gateway to miles of trails for walking and running. Western’s natural setting also provides outstanding research opportunities for undergraduates.

A city of 85,000, Bellingham offers small town benefits – friendliness, safety, and convenience – as well as many of the opportunities of a larger city. With over 200 restaurants, a 16-screen IMAX & RPX movie theatre, an abundance of parks and trails, a mall, and a thriving downtown, there is no shortage of things to do. And with Vancouver, British Columbia, just an hour to the north and Seattle, Washington, just an hour and a half to the south, Western students have easy access to big city life.

COMMITTED TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUCCESS

International Student and Scholar Services provide a variety of academic and support services for international students. These include orientation for new students, counseling and advising, English bridge programs, information and referral to campus and community resources, and advisement on immigration concerns.

The Ethnic Student Center (ESC) is an additional resource for international students. The ESC supports numerous student clubs, and provides students with an active place for cultural programming and meetings. Additionally, the ESC is a welcoming place to study, eat, talk, and just hang out.

2018 international undergraduate student
application for admission

APPLICATION PRIORITY DATES*

Freshman

Fall – Early Action** .................. November 1
Fall – Regular Decision** .......... January 31
Winter ........................................... September 15
Spring ................................................ January 1

Transfer & Post-baccalaureate

Fall .................................................. March 1
Winter ............................................ September 15
Spring ................................................ January 1
Summer*** .................................. March 1

*We recognize the decision timeframe may differ for some applicants, especially those applying from outside the U.S. Although we welcome applications submitted after the application priority date, students whose application is received or completed after the priority application date may learn of their admissions decision later than those who applied on time. Late applications will be considered after all on-time applications have been processed.

**To learn more about freshmen Fall quarter deadline options, visit admissions.wwu.edu/freshman.

***Due to the intensive academic nature of summer quarter and limited course options, summer quarter entry is strongly discouraged for new international students.

DECISION TIMEFRAME

Applicants are generally notified of an admissions decision in writing within six weeks of the application deadline, though additional time may be needed to process out of country applications.

ENROLLMENT CONFIRMATION

To accept the offer of admission, students must submit a $280 Enrollment Confirmation Fee for orientation and advising services. After you have paid your $280 enrollment fee, Western will provide the Certificate of Eligibility for the student visa.

Apply now at admissions.wwu.edu
and find additional information about:

• Majors and programs of study
• Transfer course equivalencies
• Tuition and other expenses
• Campus visit information and tour times
The Certificate of Eligibility, a valid passport, and proof of financial resources are required. Application is made at the closest American Consulate or Consular Section of the American Embassy. Formally admitted to the University for full-time study. This document is not issued to part-time students. It is rarely issued to regularly enrolled students. To qualify for a Certificate of Eligibility, a student must be (which is used in applying for the F-1 Visa); the Form DS-2019 (which is used in applying for the J-1 Visa) visa. This certificate, issued by Western Washington University's International Students and Scholars. International students planning to study in the U.S. need a Certificate of Eligibility to apply for a student Visa Information

Applicants whose native language is not English must demonstrate English proficiency via one of the following options:
- Earning a transferable associate’s degree from a Washington State community college with \*B\* or better grades in English 101 and English 102, or
- A minimum TOEFL score of 80 (internet-based) or 550 (paper-based); or
- A minimum IELTS score of 6.5.

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English Language Proficiency

Applicants must submit the TOEFL or IELTS scores required for conditional admission. We do not accept the TOEFL CBT or the TOEFL IBT (Internet-Based Test). We require the IELTS and TOEFL exams to be taken at an authorized testing center. In order to be considered for admission, students must meet the minimum score requirements:
- TOEFL scores: minimum of 80 (internet-based), or 550 (paper-based), or 5.5 (IELTS)
- IELTS scores: minimum of 6.5

Financial Responsibility

Proof of sufficient funds is required prior to admission to Western and for the visa application process to gain entrance to the U.S. Applicants need to complete the Statement of Financial Responsibility on the application for admission, demonstrating they can meet Western’s estimated expenses for one year and there is reasonable expectation that funds will be available for the complete course of study.

Funds must be available from sources other than potential employment. Acceptable evidence may take the form of notarized bank statements in the student’s or family’s name; a scholastic award letter from a foundation, agency, government, industry, etc.; or a notarized letter from an individual sponsor indicating willingness to provide support for the specified amount and accompanied by a verifying bank statement.

While we offer merit-based scholarships, including the International Achievement Award, additional financial assistance is not available for undergraduate international students.

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Application form, signed and dated; all items complete
- $60 Non-refundable application fee, check or draft payable through a U.S. bank (Credit cards are only accepted with online application)
- Official secondary and post-secondary school credentials, original or photocopies certified by school, with English translations
- Course by course transcript evaluation by a NACES member organization (www.naces.org) (May be required of students who have attended a foreign institution if we are unable to interpret your academic credentials)
- Official TOEFL or IELTS scores or “B” or better grades in two English Composition courses (for students earning a transferable associate’s degree from a Washington State Community College or the I-20. You are encouraged to submit one to the Office of Admissions before issuing an Statement of Financial Responsibility, signed and dated. Your application can be reviewed without a signed bank statement but such verification is required before issuing an I-20. You are encouraged to submit it now to prevent unnecessary delay.

For priority consideration, all application materials, including official transcripts, must be postmarked by the application deadline.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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<td>Emergency Health Insurance (required)</td>
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*Not fixed costs; varies depending on student. Housing expenses can be reduced with room type, residential area, and meal type.**Travel and summer expenses are not included.

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The Admissions Committee believes that potential is measured by more than grades and test scores. All applicants are encouraged to help the Admissions Committee get to know more about them by responding to as many of the essay questions as are relevant. All documents submitted with the application become the property of the Office of Admissions and will not be released to the student. Notarized copies of international transcripts are acceptable for the admissions decision; however, if admitted, the student must present the original upon request.

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1. Application Information

For which quarter are you applying? Check only one.  
☐ Winter (January) 2018  ☐ Spring (March) 2018  ☐ Summer (June) 2018  ☐ Fall (September) 2018

Are you applying as a:  
☐ First-year Freshman  ☐ Transfer  ☐ Post-baccalaureate (please specify academic goal):  
☐ Teacher Certification only  ☐ Second Degree  ☐ Other _________________________

Are you seeking Conditional Admission to Western?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No  
Students who do not yet meet WWU’s English proficiency requirement may apply for conditional admission. Refer to application instructions for details.

2. Personal Information

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

Family Name/Last Name/Surname  First/Given Name  Middle  Jr., etc.

Preferred First Name  (if different than legal name)

Informal communications may be addressed to your preferred name. Enrolled Western students may update their preferred name through the Registrar’s Office. For information about how preferred names are used, visit the Registrar’s Office website.

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.

Family Name/Last Name/Surname  First/Given Name  Middle  Jr., etc.

Email Address

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

Current Mailing Address

City  State/Province  Zip/Postal Code  Nation

Number and Street (include apartment number)

☐ Address valid indefinitely  ☐ Address valid until ___/___/____

Foreign Permanent Address

(Address in your home country)

City  State/Province  Zip/Postal Code  Nation

Number and Street (include apartment number)

Address valid until ___/___/____

U.S. Home Phone ( )  U.S. Cell Phone ( )  ☐ Yes, I accept text messages.  
☐ Standard text message charges may apply.

☐ Female  ☐ Male  Date of Birth  Birthplace

Month/Day/Year  City  State/Province  Country

Country of citizenship  Country of permanent residence

Current visa, or visa you will be requesting (ex: F-1, J, etc.)

Visa Type  Date granted (Month/Year)

3. Family Information

Please provide family information, which may be used for address and document verification.

Name  First/Given Name  Middle  Family Name/Last Name/Surname

Relationship to you  ☐ Mother  ☐ Father  ☐ Guardian  ☐ Other

Is s/he living?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No (if no, skip to end of section)

Telephone ( )

Address

Number and Street (include apartment number)

City  State/Province  Zip/Postal Code  Nation

Email

☐ Yes  ☐ No  Have either of your parents earned a bachelor’s degree (4-year college degree)?
4. Standardized Tests

All international applicants whose native language is not English must demonstrate English proficiency by taking the standardized Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), International English Language Testing Service (IELTS), or - if earning a transferable associate degree from a Washington community or technical college - earn “B” or better grades in English 101 and 102.

TOEFL  highest score ___________________ date taken (month/year) ___________________
IELTS highest score ___________________ date taken (month/year) ___________________

ACT or SAT test scores are not required for admission consideration but are required for certain scholarships. International students who are studying at a U.S. high school should submit test scores to strengthen their application for admission. Arrange to have scores sent directly from the testing agency. For unofficial use, report your test scores below.

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5. Secondary/High School Background

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Primary Language of Instruction _______________________

At what level did you study in the U.S.?  □ No school in U.S. □ K-8 □ 9-12 □ College/University Graduated ___________ Year

List all other schools attended during grades 9 through 12:

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<th>Secondary/High School Name</th>
<th>City</th>
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6. Educational Background: Freshman Applicants

Final Year Courses: If you are still enrolled in secondary/high school, list all courses you are taking or plan to take in your final year of secondary/high school (Grade 12). An official secondary/high school transcript is required for your application to be complete.

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Indicate if you have taken or will take any of the following (Select “N/A” if courses are not offered at your school):

□ Yes □ No □ N/A  International Baccalaureate # of courses you plan to complete _________ # of Higher Level exams you plan to take _________

□ Yes □ No □ N/A  A-level exams # of exams you plan to complete _________

□ Yes □ No □ N/A  O-level exams # of exams you have completed _________

□ Yes □ No □ N/A  Advanced Placement # of courses you plan to complete _________ # of exams you plan to take _________
7. Educational Background: Transfer and Postbaccalaureate Applicants

- Beginning with your current/most recently attended institution, list all post-secondary colleges and universities you have ever attended.
- DO NOT OMIT or exclude any institution, even if you do not expect to transfer credit.
- An official transcript from each college and/or university is required for your application to be complete. Please note that transcripts printed more than one year ago cannot be accepted. Documents not in English will require certified English translations to accompany the original transcripts. If we are unable to evaluate your transcripts you may be asked to provide an official foreign credit evaluation from an approved NACES member credential evaluation service (list available at www.naces.org). To be considered official, transcripts and evaluations must be sent directly from the school or organization to Western. Students who have attended Washington State community or technical colleges are encouraged to have their transcripts sent electronically.

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☐ Yes  ☐ No  Have you completed fewer than 45 transferable quarter credits (30 semester hours)? If yes: you must submit a final high school transcript and meet all freshman admissions requirements.

**College Degrees**

Indicate which degree you have earned/will earn prior to enrollment at Western:

☐ No degree
☐ Washington State community or technical college associate’s degree
☐ Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA) associate’s degree (often called Associate in Arts and Sciences or Associate in Arts)
☐ Associate in Science (AS-T) transfer degree
☐ Other associate’s degree (e.g. Associate in Technical Arts (ATA), Associate in Applied Science (AAS))

☐ Associate’s degree from outside Washington State
☐ Bachelor’s degree
☐ Other degree

**Current and Future Courses**

☐ Yes  ☐ No  Will you be taking classes any time between now and when you plan to enroll at Western?

If yes, list college/university:

List all courses you are currently taking or plan to take between now and when you enroll at Western.

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I understand that I will not receive financial aid from Western Washington University and thus am responsible for providing my own funding for educational expenses. A bank verification will be required after enrollment confirmation. Your I-20 cannot be processed without bank verification. To prevent a delay in your visa processing, we encourage you to attach now or send your bank verification as soon as possible.

The specific sources of my funds and the amount in U.S. currency to be received from each are listed below:

A. Student’s personal funds from salary or family funds. Submit a letter in English from a bank official to validate financial support in U.S. currency.

B. Funds from other sources:
   1. From a sponsor (person outside your family). List the sponsor’s full name and address below, and submit a letter from that sponsor verifying support and verification of funds (in U.S. currency) signed by a bank official.
   2. From government or agency. List the agency name and address below, and attach an official copy of your award letter.

TOTAL PER YEAR $ ____________________

Name of source __________________________
Address __________________________________

Name of source __________________________
Address __________________________________

Academic Interests

Indicate academic programs that interest you. While major declaration is a separate process that typically occurs after enrollment, many Western majors have selective admissions requirements including completion of prerequisite coursework, elevated GPA, audition or portfolio review. Refer to admissions.wwu.edu/catalog for detailed information about program entrance requirements. Refer to www.edu/majors for information about our academic programs.

Main Campus Academic Programs Requiring Additional Materials. If you plan to participate in any of the following main campus programs, please indicate below and refer to departmental websites.

- Art requires a portfolio. See admissions.wwu.edu/art for more information.
- Computer and Information Systems Security requires additional application materials. See admissions.wwu.edu/ciss for more information.
- Design requires a portfolio. See admissions.wwu.edu/design for more information.
- Early Childhood Education requires an application. See admissions.wwu.edu/early-ed for more information.
- Elementary Education requires an application. See admissions.wwu.edu/elementary-ed for more information.
- Fairhaven College of Interdisciplinary Studies requires additional application materials. See admissions.wwu.edu/fairhaven for more information.
- Human Services requires an application. See admissions.wwu.edu/human-services for more information.
- Industrial Design requires a portfolio. See admissions.wwu.edu/id for more information.
- Music requires an audition. See admissions.wwu.edu/music for more information.
- Secondary Education requires an application. See admissions.wwu.edu/secondary-ed for more information.
- Special Education requires an application. See admissions.wwu.edu/special-ed for more information.
- TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) requires an application. See admissions.wwu.edu/tesol for more information.

What term do you plan to start in this program? ____________________ Term ____________________ Year

Primary Instrument/Voice

What term do you plan to start in this program? ____________________ Term ____________________ Year

8. Academic Interests

Refer to admissions.wwu.edu/catalog for detailed information about program entrance requirements.
10. Essay Questions

Note: Essays are not required of Conditional Admission applicants - skip to section 11.

We believe that ability, potential and success are not measured exclusively by grades. Western values the diverse experiences and perspectives that make you unique. Your essay response will help the Admissions Committee learn what is important to you and what qualities you would bring to Western's community. A response to Question #1 is required, and you may respond to more than one question if applicable. We recommend 300-500 words per question (this is not a firm limit but a recommended range).

Required:
1. Tell us about your educational and/or professional goals. What are you interested in studying and why? Describe any steps you've taken to prepare for your intended major, related life experiences, enrichment activities, future plans, etc. In addition, feel free to address what makes Western Washington University a good match for your interests.

Optional:
2. Western benefits from a student body whose energy and interests extend beyond the classroom. What interests or significant activities enrich your life?
3. Describe any special circumstances or hurdles that have challenged you personally or academically, and steps you have taken to move beyond those challenges.

Post-baccalaureate Applicants: Statement of Purpose. All post-baccalaureate applicants are required to submit a statement of purpose that addresses the following items.

1. Why are you pursuing further studies? What are your long-term academic and professional goals? Describe your related experience or preparation – either academic or experiential. Be as specific as possible.
2. After reviewing the requirements for admission to your intended academic program, including course prerequisites, how prepared are you to begin your program? If you need additional prerequisite courses or otherwise do not meet admissions requirements, what specifically are you lacking? List the courses you plan to take as well as how many academic quarters you plan to enroll.
3. Why is it necessary for you to enroll at Western? Do other four-year universities or community colleges offer what you need at this time? Can you meet your goals as a non-matriculated student, attending classes on a space available basis?
4. If you are seeking admission to an undergraduate program with selective admission criteria, are you assured departmental admission? Because capacity is an important consideration, please detail any information or advising you have received from the department.

11. Additional Information

Please indicate if you are interested in learning about the following clubs and activities at Western.

- Academic clubs
- Art, dance, music, theatre
- Athletics (Division II, club sports, intramurals)
- Community service, volunteering, mentoring
- Debate
- Environment & sustainability
- Ethnic or multicultural
- Global issues
- Leadership
- LGBTQIA or Queer
- Media (TV, film, radio, photography, newspaper)
- Outdoor
- Study abroad
- 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

12. Criminal History

□ Yes □ No  Have you ever been convicted of a crime or made a plea of guilty or no contest, or do you have a pending criminal charge against you at this time?

If you answered yes, include an explanation with your application for admission. Answering yes does not disqualify you from consideration for admission, although additional information may be required to complete your application. If circumstances arise in the future that render your answers to the above question inaccurate, misleading, or incomplete, you must provide the Office of Admissions with updated information.

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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