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 16,000 students, an average class size of 27 students, and over 175 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 20 years in a row. Western is also accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), the highest form of accreditation a U.S. 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 Cascade 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 89,000, 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, 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.

Application Priority Dates*

First-Year
Fall – Early Action** ........................ November 1
Fall – Regular Decision** ............... December 1
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 be placed in a separate 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 first-year Fall quarter deadline options, visit admissions.wwu.edu/first-year.

***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
Once the Certificate of Eligibility has been received, the student visa application process begins. The student visa application process begins.

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

Visa Information

International students planning to study in the U.S. need a Certificate of Eligibility to apply for a student visa. This certificate, issued by Western Washington University's International Students and Scholars Office, can be either the Form I-20 or the Form DS-2020. In general students will be given the Form I-20 (which is used in applying for the F-1 Visa); the Form DS-2020 (which is used in applying for the J-1 Visa) is rarely issued to regularly enrolled students. To qualify for a Certificate of Eligibility, a student must be formally admitted to the University for full-time study. This document is not issued to part-time students.

Once the Certificate of Eligibility has been received, the student visa application process begins. Application is made at the closest American Consulate or Consular Section of the American Embassy. The Certificate of Eligibility, a valid passport, and proof of financial resources are required.

English Language Proficiency

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 recommended TOEFL score of 80 (internet-based) or 550 (paper-based); or
- A recommended IELTS score of 6.5.

Students who do not yet meet this requirement may be eligible for Conditional Admission; see below. Official scores should be sent directly from the Educational Testing Service to Western’s Office of Admissions and should be postmarked by published application deadlines.

Conditional Undergraduate Admission

Western offers an Intensive English Program (IEP) and Conditional Admissions status to academically qualified students who do not meet the university’s English language requirement or who need more university preparation and English language study. Applicants must fulfill all other requirements for undergraduate admission, including having competitive grades from previous high school or post-secondary institutions. Students do not need a TOEFL/IELTS score to apply for conditional admission. Before enrolling in their first credit class and moving into full admission status, Conditional Admission students must attend the IEP full-time for a minimum of one quarter, successfully complete the IEP Academic English courses (academic preparation, writing, academic communications, and applied language skills), and demonstrate a high level of academic English ability, equivalent to Western’s English language requirement. Students may apply for Conditional Admission by first enrolling in the IEP, or they may apply directly to the Office of Admissions. Find more information online at iep.wwu.edu. Contact IEP at iep@wwu.edu or (360) 650-3755.

Financial Responsibility

Applicants need to complete the Statement of Financial Responsibility on the application for admission to certify 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. Proof of sufficient funds is required for the visa application process to gain entrance to the U.S. For your convenience, you may upload proof of funds with your application for admission. 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 scholarly 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.

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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) (not required of Conditional Admission applicants)
- Personal Essay (not required of Conditional Admission applicants)
- Statement of Financial Responsibility on the application for admission. (Note: U.S. federal regulations requires all international applicants to provide sufficient proof of funds to cover the yearly cost for tuition and estimated living expenses before a form I-20 can be issued. You are encouraged to upload your financial documents with your application.)

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</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.

### OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

Western Washington University
516 High Street
Bellingham, WA 98225-9009
admissions@wwu.edu
admissions.wwu.edu
(360) 650-3440  | fax (360) 650-7369
1. Application Information

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

Are you applying as a:

□ First-year
Are you currently completing an International High School Completion program?  □ Yes  □ No
Are you a Washington Running Start student?  □ Yes  □ No

□ Transfer
Are you transferring directly from a Washington State community college?  □ Yes  □ No

□ Post-baccalaureate (please specify academic goal):
□ Teacher certification only
□ Add a major or minor to my current bachelor’s degree (for WWU alumni)
□ Second bachelor’s degree
□ Other (prerequisites for graduate school, etc.)

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.

Preferred First Name ____________________________
(if different than legal name)

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 _________________________________

Current Mailing Address __________________________________________
Number and Street (include apartment number)
City ____________________________________________ State/Province ________ Zip/Postal Code ________ Nation __________

Foreign Permanent Address _______________________________________
Number and Street (include apartment number)
City ____________________________________________ State/Province ________ Zip/Postal Code ________ Nation __________

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

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

Note: Test scores are not required of Conditional Admission applicants - skip to section 5.

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

Secondary/High School

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Dates attended: From ________ to ________

Certificate received or exams completed ________

Month/Year     Month/Year     Month/Day/Year

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 ________

List all other schools attended during grades 9 through 12:

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<th>Secondary/High School Name</th>
<th>City</th>
<th>State or Country</th>
<th>From (Month/Year)</th>
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6. Educational Background: First-Year 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 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 Post-baccalaureate 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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<th>Post-secondary College/University</th>
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☐ Yes ☐ No  Have you completed fewer than 45 transferable quarter credits (30 semester hours) at the time of application? If yes: you must submit a final high school transcript and meet all first-year 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 ________________________
10. Essay Questions

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 interests and drive 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 and 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
- Athletics (Division II, club sports, intramurals)
- Community service, volunteering, mentoring
- Dance
- Debate
- Environment & sustainability
- Ethnic or 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

12. 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 ____________________