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ADMISSION CRITERIA

Admission to Western Washington University is selective, as the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of available enrollment spaces.

Transfer: Western welcomes transfer students in all majors and from all types of colleges and universities. A transfer student is someone who has attempted college credit after graduating from high school or earning a certificate or diploma of high school equivalent (such as the GED). Academic achievement is the most significant factor in the application review. Clearly defined academic goals, completion of major prerequisites and related experiences, number of transfer credits, contributions to and/or experiences with multiculturalism, special talent, personal circumstances, and space availability are also considered. Transfer applicants with fewer than 45 transferable credits at the time of application must meet freshman admission requirements, submit a final high school transcript, and send SAT or ACT test scores (scores required only for students under age 21).

Post-baccalaureate: Proposed program of study, preparation for major, cumulative academic record, related experience, space availability and clarity of academic and career goals are the most important factors considered in the application review. All post-baccalaureate applicants are encouraged to contact their intended academic department before applying for admissions and must include a detailed Statement of Purpose with their application for admission. Students planning to pursue teacher certification must apply simultaneously to Woodring College of Education.

Freshman: High school students, including those earning college credit through Running Start or other College in the High School programs, should use the freshman application. Freshman applicants must submit an unofficial high school transcript or certificate or diploma of high school equivalent (such as the GED) and SAT or ACT scores. 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 talent, multicultural experience and individual circumstances are also considered. Applicants are encouraged to pursue academic course work and advanced study beyond the minimum high school course requirements. Find more information at admissions.wwu.edu/apply.

DO NOT USE THIS APPLICATION IF YOU ARE A:

- Freshman (including Running Start) 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.

TRANSFER & POST-BACCALAUREATE
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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

☐ Completed application, signed and dated
☐ Non-refundable $55 application fee*
☐ Official transcripts from every institution attended
☐ Essay/additional information

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☐ Official SAT or ACT test scores (required if under age 21)
☐ Official high school transcripts

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☐ Detailed Statement of Purpose

All application materials, including official 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. A very 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, 516 High Street, Bellingham, WA, 98225-9009
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1. Application Information

For which quarter are you applying? Check only one.  
☐ Winter (January) 2017  ☐ Spring (March) 2017  ☐ Summer (June) 2017  ☐ Fall (September) 2017

Are you applying as a:  
☐ Transfer  ☐ Post-baccalaureate

☐ Yes  ☐ No Are you applying to a degree or certificate program at one of the following extended education sites: Bremerton, Distance/Online Learning (Human Services), Everett, Mount Vernon, Port Angeles, Poulsbo, or Seattle; or one of the following programs on Bellingham's main campus: RN-to-BSN or TESOL? Western offers an array of degree and certificate programs throughout the Puget Sound. Before submitting an application, students interested in an Extended Education Program should contact the appropriate program/site for pre-admissions advising and program-specific application requirements. Extended Education programs are listed in Section 9 of this application.

☐ Yes  ☐ No Have you previously applied for admission to Western? If yes: ________________ Quarter/Year at Western

☐ Yes  ☐ No Have you previously attended Western? If yes: ________________ Last Quarter/Year at Western

2. Personal Information

Social Security Number ___________ - ___________ - ___________ - ___________

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.

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

Last First Middle Jr., etc.

Preferred First Name ____________________________  Middle ____________________________  Jr., etc.

Current Mailing Address ____________________________  Number and Street (include apartment number) ____________________________

City ___________  County (if you live in Washington) ___________  State ___________  Zip ___________

Email Address ____________________________

Home Phone (__________) ____________________________  Cell Phone (__________) ____________________________  Yes, I accept text messages ____________________________

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 US) ___________

Citizenship: Use this application if you are a U.S. citizen, U.S. permanent resident, political asylee or refugee, 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  ☐ 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 ___________.

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

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.

Name  

First  Middle  Last  

Relationship to you  ☐ Mother  ☐ Father  ☐ Guardian  ☐ Other  

Is parent/guardian living?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No  (If no, skip to formal education)  

Telephone ( )  

Address  

City State Zip  

Number and Street (include apartment number)  

Email  

Highest level of formal education completed:  

☐ 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 been in foster care in Washington State for at least one year since your sixteenth birthday?  

☐ Yes  ☐ No  Are you the dependent or spouse of a deceased or 100% disabled veteran, firefighter, or law enforcement officer?  

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.
6. College Academic History

- Beginning with your current/most recently attended institution, list all colleges and universities you have ever attended (including in high school). Include an additional page if necessary.
- **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. Students who have attended Washington State community or technical colleges are encouraged to have their official transcripts sent electronically. If you have earned credit outside of the U.S. or Canada, an official foreign credit evaluation must be sent directly to Western.

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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 ACT or SAT scores and meet all freshman admissions requirements.
- Yes □ No □ Have you taken any AP, IB, Cambridge International, or other advanced courses or exams?
  If yes: to receive college credit, official scores must be sent by the testing agency.
7. College Degrees

Indicate which college degree you have earned or 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 (transfer) degree
  - Other associate’s degree __________________________
- Associate’s degree from outside Washington State
- Bachelor’s degree
- Other degree __________________________

8. Current and Future College 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 or will be taking between now and when you enroll at Western. (Include an additional page if necessary.)

  Note: You will need to send updated official transcripts prior to enrollment at Western.
9. Academic Interests

Indicate academic programs that interest you. While major declaration typically occurs after enrollment, this information will allow us to address your particular interests in future communications. If you are applying for an Extended Education Program, please indicate in that sub-section below. Refer to wwu.edu/majors for information about our academic programs.

**Academic Interests**
First choice ________________________________  Second choice ________________________________

**Main Campus Academic Programs Requiring Additional Materials.** If you wish to participate in any of the following main campus programs for the coming year, 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.  **Primary Instrument/Voice ____________________________**
- [ ] **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.

**Extended Education Programs.** If you wish to apply to any of the following extended education programs please indicate the program and site below. Check one program only; applying to more than one location requires separate applications and fees.

**Degree Program Options:**
- [ ] **Business Administration** (BA) DH01/XBA-BADM  
  Locations: ☐ Poulsbo (PB)
- [ ] **Computer and Information System Security** (BS) NC06/XBS-CISS  
  Locations: ☐ Poulsbo (PL)
- [ ] **Elementary Education Teacher Certification with Major in Special Education** (BAE) EA20/XBAE-SPED  
  Locations: ☐ Bremerton (BR) ☐ Everett (EV) ☐ Seattle (NS)
- [ ] **Environmental Policy or Environmental Science:**
  - [ ] **Environmental Policy** (BA) 8A35/XBA-EP  
  - [ ] **Environmental Science** (BS) 8A07/XBS-ES  
  Locations: ☐ Everett (EV) ☐ Port Angeles (PA) ☐ Poulsbo (PB)
- [ ] **Human Services** (BA) 6B01/XBA-HS  
  Locations: ☐ Everett (EV) ☐ Distance Learning (DL)
- [ ] **Multidisciplinary Studies** (BA) XG02/XBA-MDS  
  Locations: ☐ Poulsbo (PB)
- [ ] **Nursing** (BSN) 3A02/XBSN-NURS  
  Locations: ☐ Bellingham (BH) ☐ Mount Vernon (MV)

**Post-Baccalaureate Program Options:**
- [ ] **Communication Sciences & Disorders** PB02/XPB-CSD  
  Locations: ☐ Bellingham (BH)
- [ ] **Elementary Education Teacher Certification** PB01/XPB-ELED  
  Locations: ☐ Bremerton (BR) ☐ Everett (EV) ☐ Seattle (NS)
- [ ] **Vehicle Design Certificate** PB04/PB-VD-CERT  
  Locations: ☐ Bellingham (BH)

**Endorsement Only Options** (for certified teachers):
- [ ] **Endorsement Program** PBEN/X-CP-TXKV  
  Locations: ☐ Bremerton (BR) ☐ Everett (EV) ☐ Seattle (NS)
- [ ] **English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)**  
  PB19/XPB-ESOL-END  
  Locations: ☐ Distance Learning (DL) in coordination with school districts

**Certificate Options:**
- [ ] **TESOL Certificate** XE06/PS-TESOL-CRT  
  Locations: ☐ Bellingham (BH) ☐ Distance Learning (DL)
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, including academic preparation, 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? Indicate which 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. New Student Scholarships

The Admissions Scholarship Committee awards scholarships based on 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) prior to the February 15 priority deadline, as some scholarship criteria include financial need. Information about new student scholarships is available at admissions.wwu.edu/scholarships.

Students requesting consideration for the following scholarships must indicate their interest and include a written response.

☐ Yes, consider my essay for the Multicultural Achievement Program (MAP) Scholarship. Students selected for the MAP scholarship receive a $2,000 - $3,000 scholarship and invitations to special events. Applicants must demonstrate an ongoing commitment to multiculturalism and diversity, and are encouraged to address past contributions to multiculturalism and/or diversity and how they intend to promote these values at Western. Priority is given to Fall quarter applicants and residents of Washington State.

   Essay question: Describe any activities you have been involved in related to diversity or multiculturalism and how you will actively contribute to a diverse campus community at Western. (300-500 words)

☐ Yes, consider my essay for the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Scholarship. Students selected for the PTK scholarship receive a $1,000 - $2,000 scholarship. Must be a PTK member to receive this scholarship. Selection criteria includes academic achievement, extracurricular activities, leadership, and PTK involvement. Priority is given to Fall quarter applicants.

   Essay question: List Phi Theta Kappa programs/activities you were involved in and/or additional honors attained while attending community college. Describe the extent of your involvement as well as any specific leadership positions held. (300-500 words)
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, dance, music, theatre
- Athletics (Division II, club sports, intramurals)
- Community service, volunteering, mentoring
- Debate
- Environment & sustainability
- Ethnic and multicultural
- Global issues
- Leadership
- LGBTQIA or Queer
- Media (TV, film, radio, photography, newspaper)
- Outdoor
- Study abroad
- Other

Have you visited Western’s campus?

- Campus tour
- Discovery Days/Transfer Days
- Western Fall Welcome
- Western Scholars Invitational
- Spring Into Western
- Visited friends/family
- Self-tour
- Business Week
- Summer Programs for Youth
- College Quest
- Sports Camp
- Quick Start
- Other

How did you first learn about Western?

- WWU website
- Letter/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. Criminal History

☐ Yes ☐ No Have you ever been convicted of a violent, weapons-related, drug-related or kidnapping offense; required to register as a sex offender by any legal authority within the U.S.; or are there any felony charges pending 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.

14. 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 ________________________ Date ________________________