HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This self-guided tour is designed to help you explore Western’s campus and community. The tour route will take you through the heart of campus and will introduce you to some of the academic programs, artwork and extra-curricular activities Western has to offer. The maps and photos are there to help you identify buildings and scenic points of interest on our beautiful campus. The numbers associated with the buildings can be used to look them up on the full campus map, which can be found in the back of this guide.

A SNAPSHOT OF WESTERN

Western got its start in 1893 as the New Whatcom Normal School, a teacher training institution. The school expanded to become Western Washington State College in 1937, and in 1977 became Western Washington University.

Western’s academic programs are organized into seven colleges: the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, the College of Sciences and Technology, Woodring College of Education, the College of Fine and Performing Arts, the College of Business and Economics, Huxley College of the Environment and Fairhaven College of Interdisciplinary Studies. These colleges allow students to explore more than 160 distinct academic programs.

A commitment to the environment also sets Western apart. In 2004, Western students initiated a program to purchase 100% renewable energy. In 2010 Western created a grant program funded by students’ Green Energy Fee that provides funding for student-driven sustainability projects. Recent projects include a paper towel composting program, adding water bottle refilling stations around campus and installing a solar array on the roof of the Environmental Studies Building.

Western is the third largest public university in the state of Washington with an enrollment of just under 15,000 students. Nestled between spectacular mountains and Bellingham Bay, Western is an inspiring place to live and study, and is only 90 miles from Seattle, Washington to the south and 55 miles from Vancouver, B.C. to the north.

START

Your adventure on campus begins at the CAMPUS SERVICES BUILDING (1) and the gravel “C” parking lots on south campus. In addition to Parking Services, the Campus Services Building is home to University Police and the Student Health Center.

Begin walking north along Bill McDonald Parkway toward West College Way. The first building on your left is the WADE KING STUDENT RECREATION CENTER (2). Built in 2003, the Rec Center contains a 6-lane lap pool, a hot tub, three basketball/volleyball courts, a multi-activity court, a rock-climbing wall, weight room, a floor of cardio machines, two cardio exercise rooms and an indoor jogging track. Students can check out sports equipment and also take advantage of personal trainers and Western’s on-campus nutritionist. Access to the Rec Center is included in full-time students’ tuition.

Turn east down West College Way, cross South College Drive, and go down the steps immediately on your left leading to the parking lot. Across the parking lot, you will see a path to FAIRHAVEN COLLEGE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (3) and the FAIRHAVEN RESIDENCE COMPLEX (4). Fairhaven College was founded in 1967, and its programs emphasize independent learning with self-designed majors and narrative, rather than GPA-based, evaluations. The students at Fairhaven work closely with faculty advisors to create their curricula.
which include Fairhaven’s seminar-style classes of 15 - 20 students, in addition to coursework offered through the larger University.

The Fairhaven Residence Complex is comprised of 12 residence buildings, or “stacks,” the Fairhaven Dining Hall, a market and café, and the Associated Students Child Development Center.

If you were to continue heading south on South Campus Drive, you would pass Robert S. Harrington Field, home to Western’s soccer teams. Also part of the south campus residence hall community are BUCHANAN TOWERS and BUCHANAN TOWERS EAST (5), suite style residences that include individual common rooms and kitchenettes, and the BIRNAM WOOD APARTMENTS (6), which are two bedroom apartments owned by the university that are generally occupied by upperclassmen. These are located along Bill McDonald Parkway.

Head to the northeast corner of the parking lot in front of Fairhaven College, and head through the tunnel that goes under West College Way. The buildings coming up are the newest buildings on Western’s campus, the ACADEMIC INSTRUCTIONAL CENTER (7) and ACADEMIC INSTRUCTIONAL WEST (8), which are connected by a beautiful glass-walled skybridge.

These two buildings are home to Western’s psychology, communication sciences and disorders, and behavioral neuroscience programs. The AIC buildings also operate psychology and communication sciences and disorders clinics open to the Bellingham community where students gain hands-on work experience in their field.

Continuing on under the skybridge to the Communications Lawn, to the right you will see the big, red COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING (9), which houses the communication studies, journalism, physics and astronomy, and computer science departments. The Comm Facility is also the home of three of Western’s award-winning student-run publications, The Western Front, a twice-weekly newspaper, Klipsun, a feature magazine published twice a quarter, and The Planet, a quarterly environmental magazine.

Look to your left and in the distance you will see a forested hillside rising above the turf soccer field and track. Hidden among the trees are the brick buildings of the RIDGEWAY RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX (10), more commonly known as the Ridge. Along with eight residence halls, the Ridge also includes one of campus’s three main dining halls and tennis and basketball courts.

Head up the stairs to enter Haskell Plaza, a main hub of Western’s campus. The
Plaza was designed to reflect the San Juan Islands with its grassy mounds and colored bricks. It also prominently features *Feats of Strength* – the little green people scattered throughout the Plaza – by artist Tom Otterness. At the top of the stairs, the first two buildings to your left and right are **Parks Hall (11)** and the **Environmental Studies Building (12)**, respectively.

**Parks Hall**, the white building at the south end of the Plaza, houses the College of Business and Economics. The setup of classrooms in Parks is unique, as many of them feature oval tables or horseshoe-shaped seating so students get the feel of working in a boardroom environment. The business programs also take advantage of Bellingham’s location, often helping students find internships in nearby Seattle and Vancouver, BC at companies like Boeing and Microsoft. Parks Hall houses the MBA Career Services and Business Pre-Major Academic Advising offices to help students take advantage of these connections.

On the other side of the stairs, the Environmental Studies building is home to Huxley College of the Environment, which was established in 1968 and is one of the oldest environmental colleges in the country. Also in the Environmental Studies building is the geology department, science lab spaces, and a wave pool to model coastal erosion. In the hallways, geologic and historical exhibits are on display.

Next to the Environmental Studies Building is **Arntzen Hall (13)**, which houses many of Western’s social science programs, including political science, anthropology, sociology, and liberal studies. On the first floor of Arntzen is The Atrium, the food hub of south campus. The Atrium has a market, Starbucks, pizzeria, and sandwich shop, along with cozy café seating and a fireplace.

On the opposite side of the plaza are the **Biology Building (14)** and **Morse Hall (15)** - home to Western’s Chemistry Department - which are connected by a skybridge and are almost completely made up of lab space. Western’s science programs are considered among the best in the country, in no small part because of the opportunities undergraduate students have to participate in professional level research projects, even publishing papers alongside their professors. Because Western’s student body is 94 percent undergraduate, professors are able to offer opportunities that would normally be filled by graduate students to students in undergrad programs.

As you continue walking north, you will pass the sculpture Wright’s Triangle by metals artist Richard Serra. To the right is the **Ross Engineering Technology Building (16)**, which is home to Western’s Engineering programs. Western’s engineering programs, which include industrial design,
electrical (ABET accredited), plastics and manufacturing engineering, emphasize hands-on experience for students. Also in the Engineering Technology department is the Vehicle Research Institute (VRI), whose students build human-powered submarines, racecars, and alternative-fuel vehicles. In 2010, VRI students placed 8th overall in the worldwide Progressive Automotive X-Prize competition to design and build an ultra-fuel-efficient hybrid car.

Just past the Ross Engineering Technology Building, on your right, are the FINE ARTS BUILDING (17) and the ART ANNEX (18). These two buildings contain studio and classroom space for Western’s art students, including a ceramics studio, a photography studio and darkroom, a screen printing shop, computer labs, and a large workshop space for constructed projects. There are also two galleries in the Fine Arts Building: the B Gallery, which primarily showcases student work, and the Western Gallery, which hosts rolling exhibits from local and international artists. Admission to both galleries is free of charge.

Across the brick path from the art buildings is CARVER GYM (19), home to the Physical Education and Health and Recreation department as well as Viking Athletics. Carver has basketball and racquetball courts, a dance studio, a biomechanics and physiology lab, a fitness center and the 3,000-seat Haggen Court, where Western’s basketball and volleyball teams play their home games.

Western is a NCAA Division II school, with varsity sports including soccer, track and field, and fast-pitch softball, as well as a national championship winning men’s basketball and women’s crew teams. Western is also host to a wide range of club and intramural sports.

To the south of Carver is the Science Math and Technology Education Building, better known as SMATE (20). SMATE has five lecture halls on its first floor, and its second floor is home to Western’s Learning Resource Center. The Center provides resources for education students and teachers in Whatcom County to use in enhanced math and science curriculum and activities in the classroom.

Keep following the brick path north past Carver up the steps and into RED SQUARE (21), the heart of Western’s campus. Red Square is a vibrant community space, playing host to everything from outdoor concerts to club events to study sessions and gatherings of friends. A favorite meeting place among students is FISHER FOUNTAIN, the centerpiece of Red Square. (Fun fact: A weather vane designed by a Western Engineering Technology student controls the height of the fountain’s spray to prevent wind from blowing water all over students as they walk past.)

The building on your left is BOND HALL (22), home of the History, Mathematics,
and Philosophy departments. Also in Bond is the Math Tutoring Center where students can seek assistance with homework assignments or study skills. For students particularly adept at math, the tutoring center also offers an employment opportunity. Tucked behind Bond, to the west, is **COLLEGE HALL (23)**, home of Western’s Honors Program, including an Honors Lounge where students can congregate to study or just hang out.

On your right, bordering Red Square to the east, is the recently remodeled **MILLER HALL (24)**, which houses Woodring College of Education and the International Programs and Exchanges Office. Woodring is Washington’s premier teaching college, producing the most teachers in the state and graduates who have the highest job placement rate in their field. Emphasizing real-world experience, Woodring students usually start working in classrooms as soon as they enter the program. The International Programs and Exchanges Office offers great opportunities to Western students to extend their studies abroad to more than 75 countries on six continents.

Behind Miller Hall, you can see the forested hill of **SEHOME ARBORETUM (25)**, a 180-acre park co-owned by Western and the City of Bellingham. The Arboretum features six miles of hiking and biking trails, an outdoor lecture space often utilized by biology and geology classes, and a lookout tower with a breathtaking view over Bellingham out to the San Juan Islands and Mt. Baker.

On the north side of Red Square is the **HUMANITIES BUILDING (26)**, home to the English, East Asian Studies, Linguistics and Modern and Classical Languages departments. To the right of Humanities is **FRASER HALL (27)**. Fraser does not house any academic department, but is the setting for larger introductory classes because it contains three 200-seat lecture halls.

Directly across Red Square from Miller Hall are Western’s two library buildings. The newer building on the left is **HAGGARD HALL (28)**, and the older building on the right is **WILSON LIBRARY (29)**.

Wilson Library was originally constructed in 1928, and though it has been remodeled several times, it still retains much of its classic charm, including stained glass windows, a large stone staircase and a beautiful high-ceilinged reading room – a favorite for students seeking a quiet study spot. The majority of Western’s library collection is housed in Wilson, as is the Writing Center, the Center for Service-Learning, and the Teaching-Learning Academy.

Haggard Hall is more technology-oriented, offering resources for students such as computer labs, large-scale printing, a Student Technology Center,
and Academic Technology User Services, where students can troubleshoot technology issues and check out audio, video and photography equipment. Other features of the combined libraries are study rooms with interactive equipment, designated quiet study areas, Zoe's Bookside Bagels, and space for students and faculty to present research and artwork.

Continue walking north through Red Square and follow the brick path between Wilson Library and the Humanities Building. This will take you to OLD MAIN (30). Old Main was the first building on Western’s campus, built in 1896 to house the New Whatcom Normal School. Once the home of everything from classrooms to dorms to a basketball court, Old Main now mostly houses administrative offices, including Admissions, Academic Advising, Financial Aid, disAbility Resources, New Student Services, the Student Employment Center, and the Career Services Center. Old Main is also home to the Old Main Theater, an intimate performance space that seats just over 200 people.

Continue along the front of Old Main and take a stroll down Memory Walk, where marble slabs cover time capsules from every graduating class since 1912. Every student who graduates from Western is invited to put a memento in their class’s capsule before they walk the stage at commencement.

Following Memory Walk will lead you to EDENS HALL (31), one of the residence halls on the north end of campus. Built in 1921 and renovated in the 1990s, Edens Hall is home to more than 120 students, including the Honors Program residence cluster, and is designated as a quiet hall. Also located in Edens Hall are the offices of University Residences, where students can find information about living and dining options on campus.

Head to the west-facing main entrance of Edens. From Eden’s steps, to the north and northwest, you will see the other residence halls in the north campus community: MATHES HALL (32), NASH HALL (33), HIGGINSON HALL (34) and EDENS NORTH (35). Together, these halls provide housing for around 1,000 students.

Head south on High Street, the main street running through North Campus. This will take you past the VIKING COMMONS (36) on the right, one of Western’s three dining halls. Viking Commons primarily serves the students living in the north campus residence halls, but residents are welcome to eat in any of the other dining halls. Dining halls are also open for all students, staff and visitors, though they mostly serve students living on campus with meal plans. All of the dining locations on campus aim to make sure students’ nutritional needs are met by providing options for students with dietary restrictions and food allergies.
Just past the Viking Commons is the VIKING UNION (37). A covered walkway called Vendors Row leads to the main entrance. Very aptly named, Vendors Row is home to a number of food vendors as well as booths where local artisans (student or otherwise) can sell their products. The space is also available to clubs to use for fundraisers.

The Viking Union is a main hub for student activity on Western’s campus. Along with the café, market, and Underground Coffeehouse, the VU is headquarters for the Associated Students, Western’s student government. The AS is students’ representation in the governing of the university and is also in charge of all things related to student activities. Some of the services and activities provided by the AS include the Resource and Outreach Programs—such as the Queer Resource Center, Women’s Center, Veteran’s Outreach Center, and Disability Outreach Center—Western’s radio and TV stations, the Outdoor Center, and 200+ student clubs and organizations. The VU also houses the VU Gallery, which hosts rotating art exhibits from student and professional artists.

Right next to the VU is the ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BOOKSTORE (38), where students can shop for textbooks and school supplies, and where you can snag some great Western gear as a souvenir of your visit.

Just south of the VU is the PERFORMING ARTS CENTER PLAZA featuring a spectacular view of Bellingham Bay and the striking sculpture For Handel by Mark DiSuvero. Across the plaza from the VU is the Performing Arts Center, or the PAC (39). The PAC is home to the College of Fine and Performing Arts and contains the main rehearsal and performance spaces for students in the Music and Theatre and Dance programs. Anyone can participate in the performing arts programs, whether they are auditioning to perform or are faithful members of the audience.

From the Performing Arts Center Plaza, look out across the bay and you will see the Lummi Indian Nation to the west, and even further out, the San Juan Islands. If you look to the north, you can see the Canadian Coastal Range and, after dark, the lights of Vancouver, British Columbia, which is less than 60 miles away.

As you can see one of the many things that sets Western apart is its incredible location. With Vancouver to the north and Seattle to the south, students seeking adventures in an urban atmosphere have big city life right at their fingertips. For those interested in outdoor excursions, Mt. Baker’s slopes offer hiking, biking and a ski area boasting world record snowfall, all just an hour’s drive to the east. For those without cars, the OUTDOOR CENTER offers shuttles to the mountain during ski season. Students are also able to take advantage of Bellingham’s waters through the Outdoor Center, which offers kayaking excursions on Bellingham Bay and multi-day trips through the San Juan Islands. In addition, students can rent great outdoor equipment such as tents, bikes, skis and snowboards, kayaks, and even mountaineering equipment at extremely reasonable rates. On freshwater, Western owns a recreational facility on Lake Whatcom called LAKewood where students can rent kayaks, canoes, paddleboards and even sailboats for just a few dollars a day. More info about Lakewood can be found at http://www.vu.wwu.edu/lakewood.

Western also has a marine biology satellite campus to the south in Anacortes, WA, the SHANNON POINT MARINE CENTER (SPMC). The SPMC supports and promotes Western Washington University’s instructional and research programs in the marine sciences, provides access to facilities for visiting scientists from around the world, supports supervised, independent research for undergraduates nationwide via federally-funded programs, and promotes ocean literacy among the general public through targeted K-12 and public education initiatives. To schedule a visit and a tour of the SPMC, call (360) 650-7400.

To get back to the Campus Services Building, head southeast across High Street and under the skybridge connecting Wilson Library with Haggard Hall. You’ll find yourself back in Red Square, and from here you can retrace your steps south.
THANKS FOR VISITING!
We hope you enjoyed exploring Western and learning about our campus and programs. If you have any questions about anything you saw or read on this self-guided tour, or if you would like to request more information, please feel free to contact the Admissions Office.

Enjoy the rest of your stay in Bellingham, and we look forward to seeing you again soon!
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

American Cultural Studies, BA +
Anthropology, BA +
Anthropology/Biology, BA
Anthropology/Social Studies, BA
Archaeology, BA
Biocultural Anthropology, BA
Canadian-American Studies, BA +
Chinese Language and Culture, BA +
Communication Studies, BA *
Communication Sciences and Disorders, BA +
Community Health, BS
East Asian Studies, BA +
English *
English - Creative Writing, BA *
English - Literature, BA
French, BA **
German, BA *
History, BA **
Humanities *
History of Culture, BA
Religion and Culture, BA
Japanese, BA *
Journalism, BA *
Journalism - Public Relations, BA *
Journalism - Visual Journalism, BA
Kinesiology
Health and Fitness Specialist, BS
Movement Studies, BS
Pre-Health Care Professions, BS
Pre-Physical Therapy, BS
Sport Psychology, BS +
Linguistics, BA +
Multidisciplinary Studies, BA
Philosophy, BA *
Physical Education & Health P-12, BAE
Political Science, BA *
Political Science/Social Studies, BA *
Psychology, BS *
Behavioral Neuroscience, BA
Recreation, BA
Sociology, BA, BS *
Sociology/Social Studies, BA *
Spanish, BA *
Student/Faculty Designed, BA, BS

Marine Biology, BS
Molecular and Cell Biology, BS
Chemistry, BA, BS *
Biochemistry, BS
Computer Science, BS *
Computer and Information Systems
Security, BS
Engineering & Design
Electrical Engineering – Electronics, BS
Electrical Engineering – Energy, BS
Industrial Design, BS
Industrial Technology – Vehicle Design, BS *
Manufacturing Engineering, BS +
Plastics and Composites Engineering, BS
Geology, BA, BS *
Geophysics, BS
Mathematics, BA, BS *
Applied Mathematics, BS
Mathematics/Computer Science, BS
Physics and Astronomy *
Physics, BS *
Science Education *

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

Accounting *
Accounting, BA
Economics/Accounting, BA
Business Administration *
Business and Sustainability, BA
Finance, BA
Human Resource Management
International Business, BA *
Management, BA
Management Information Systems, BA
Marketing, BA
Operations Management, BA
Economics *
Economics, BA *
Economics/Accounting, BA
Economics/Environmental Studies, BA
Economics/Mathematics, BA
Economics/Political Science, BA
Economics/Social Studies, BA
Financial Economics, BA
Politics/Philosophy/ Economics, BA
Manufacturing and Supply Chain Management, BS *

WOODRING COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Early Childhood Education, BAE
Elementary Education Professional Program
Human Services, BA
Language, Literacy and Cultural Studies, BAE
Nursing (RN to BSN), BSN
Secondary Education Professional Program
Special Education, BAE

COLLEGE OF FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Art *
Art History, BA *
Art Studio, BA, BFA
Dance, BA *
Design, BA, BFA *
Music **
Music Composition, BMus
Music Education, P-12, BMus
Music History and Literature, BMus
Music, BA
Music Performance, BMus
Theatre, BA **

HUXLEY COLLEGE OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Science, BS *
Freshwater Ecology, BS
Marine Ecology, BS
Terrestrial Ecology, BS
Toxicology, BS
Environmental Studies, BA *
Environmental Education, BA
Environmental Policy, BA *
Geography, BA *
Geography/Social Studies, BA
Urban Planning and Sustainable Development, BA

Student/Faculty Designed, BA, BS

FAIRHAVEN COLLEGE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

With an emphasis on interactive learning and social justice, Fairhaven College is Western’s small liberal arts college. Working closely with faculty advisors, Fairhaven students design an interdisciplinary program of study tailored to their interests and goals. Experiential learning, self-direction, strong advising, and student-faculty collaboration are hallmarks of a Fairhaven education.

Fairhaven Interdisciplinary Concentration, BA, BAE
Upside-Down Program, BA

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PATHWAYS

Pre-Chiropractic
Pre-Dentistry
Pre-Law
Pre-Medicine
Pre-Occupational therapy
Pre-Optometry
Pre-Pharmacy
Pre-Physical therapy
Pre-Physician assistant
Pre-Veterinary

OTHER ACADEMIC OPTIONS

Honors Program
Freshman Interest Groups (FIGs)
Distinguished Scholar Programs
International Programs and Exchange

+ minor offered (additional minors in a range of disciplines are also available)
* related teaching endorsement offered (BA) Bachelor of Arts degree
(BS) Bachelor of Science degree
(BAE) Bachelor of Arts, Education degree
(BMus) Bachelor of Music degree

Note: This list of academic programs is subject to change with advanced notice.
WE WANT TO MEET YOU!
Want to get a more in-depth look at our amazing campus? There are several options, offered year round, for you to come to campus and learn more about Western. For a comprehensive listing of all our visit options, check out admissions.wwu.edu/visit.

DISCOVERY DAYS
A more comprehensive experience than a campus tour, our Discovery Days program includes an admissions presentation and panel where students and parents can ask questions of admissions counselors, a faculty member, and current students. The day also includes a residence hall showcase. After the program, you are free to visit departments at your leisure.

CAMPUSS TOURS
Join our Student Admissions Representatives on a 90-minute walking tour of campus, offered twice every weekday and most Saturdays. You will be able to visit academic buildings, see inside a residence hall, and learn all about the exciting opportunities Western has to offer.

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

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