## 2021 first-year application

for admission & scholarships



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

#### FIRST-YEAR ADMISSION CRITERIA

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

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

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

The minimum recommended high school courses include:

- 4 units of English, including 3 units of college prep composition and/or literature
- 3 units of mathematics beyond pre-algebra, including completion of algebra II\*
- 2 units of science, with one year of algebra-based chemistry or physics; one year must include a lab
- 3 units of social science, such as history, civics, psychology, economics, etc.
- 2 sequential units in a single world language, Native American language or American Sign Language. This requirement may be satisfied for students from non-English speaking countries who entered the U.S. educational system in eighth grade or later
- 1 semester or trimester of fine and performing arts
  - \* During the senior year of high school, students must earn a credit in a math-based quantitative course. Completion of higher-level math prior to the senior year exempts students from the senior year quantitative course requirement (e.g., pre-calculus, math analysis or calculus).

#### FIRST-YEAR APPLICATION DEADLINES

Fall Quarter\* Early Action – November 1

Regular Decision – January 31

Winter Quarter September 15
Spring Quarter January 1

\*To learn more about fall quarter deadline options, visit admissions.wwu.edu/first-year.

#### WHO SHOULD USE THIS APPLICATION?

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

#### DO NOT USE THIS APPLICATION IF YOU ARE A:

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

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

#### **APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

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

  Note: Western will not require test scores for

students applying for 2021 but will consider them if submitted.

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

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

### Apply online at admissions.wwu.edu

**Or, mail your completed application and fee to:**Western Washington University, Office of Admissions,
Old Main 200, MS 9009, 516 High Street, Bellingham, WA
98225-9009

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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

### **Transcripts**

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

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

### **Financial Aid and Scholarships**

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

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

#### Residency

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

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

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

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

### **Living on Campus**

First-year students interested in living on campus should apply for housing by the housing deadlines. The date you apply to Western serves as your housing priority date, and detailed housing information can be found at **housing.wwu.edu**.

Western Washington University (WWU), in compliance with applicable laws and in furtherance of its commitment to fostering an environment that welcomes and embraces diversity, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex (including pregnancy and parenting status), disability, age, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status or genetic information in its programs or activities, including employment, admissions, and educational programs. Inquiries may be directed to the Executive Director, Title IX and ADA Coordinator, Office of Civil Rights and Title IX Compliance, Western Washington University, Old Main 345, MS 9021, 516 High Street, Bellingham, WA 98225; (360) 650-3307 (voice) or 711 (Washington Relay); crtc@www.edu.

WWU is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. To request an accommodation in the application process, please contact the Disability Access Center, Wilson Library 170; (360) 650-3083 (voice) or (360) 255-7175 (VP); drs@www.edu. One week advance notice appreciated. To request this document in an alternate format, please contact the Office of Admissions, Old Main 200; (360) 650-3440; admissions@www.edu.

As part of Western's commitment to maintaining a healthy and safe living, learning and working environment, we want to make you aware of our Annual Security & Fire Safety Report. This report is developed in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act) and provides reported crime statistics for the previous three calendar years. The report also includes institutional policies concerning campus security, such as those concerning alcohol and drug use, crime prevention, the reporting of crimes, sexual assault, and other matters. It is available for download at https://pess.wwu.edu/files/docs/ASRCleryreport.pdf. To request a paper copy of this report, please contact the Vice President of Enrollment and Student Services Office; (360) 650-3839; vpsa.office@wwu.edu.

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submit with \$60 fee to:

Western Washington University Office of Admissions Old Main 200, MS 9009 516 High Street, Bellingham, WA 98225

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Have you attempted college coufollowing graduation? ☐ No  Do you require a non-immigrant	☐ Yes (If yes, complete	e the Transfer application	on at <b>admissions.wwu.edu/apply</b>	y)	
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☐ Yes ☐ No Have you ever been in state, tribal or federal refugee	foster care after age thirteen?
☐ Yes ☐ No Are you the dependent or spouse of a deceased or 10 state patrol officer, or highway worker?	00% disabled veteran, firefighter, law enforcement officer,
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$\square$ Yes $\square$ No Are you on active duty or a U.S. military veteran?	
☐ Yes ☐ No Do you plan to use military educational benefits?	
Other than English, what language(s) do you speak or use fluently ( First language(s)  Language(s) spoken or used in your home  Language(s) learned through coursework	
. Family Information	
Students age 24 or younger must provide information about required to determine residency classification. Omission of a non-resident.  Name    Rirst   Middle   Last	
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Telephone ( )	Telephone ( )
Address  Number and Street (include apartment number)	Address Number and Street (include apartment number)
City State Zip  Email	City State Zip  Email
Highest level of formal education completed (optional):	Highest level of formal education completed (optional):
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☐ High school graduate ☐ Associate's degree ☐ Graduate study	☐ High school graduate ☐ Associate's degree ☐ Graduate study
Attended WWU?	Attended WWU?
Name at WWU, if different	Name at WWU, if different
Earned a degree from WWU? ☐ Yes ☐ No Year	Earned a degree from WWU? □ Yes □ No Year
Other colleges/universities attended	Other colleges/universities attended
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### 5. Academic History

**All Other Classes** 

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

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

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### 7. College Credit and Academic Enrichment

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

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

Yes No N/A Advanced Placement # of courses you plan to complete \_\_\_\_\_\_ # of exams you plan to take \_\_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A Advance	d Placement # of courses you plan to	complete # of exams you plan to	take
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A Internati	onal Baccalaureate # of courses you	ı plan to complete # of exams you	u plan to take
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A Other ad	vanced courses or exams (please l	ist)	
☐ Yes ☐ No Running Start or	other college College		
☐ Yes ☐ No Are you planning	to earn an associate's degree w	hile in high school?	
College		Date earned/expected _	
		in the High School, AP, IB) earned o	Month/Year
Indicate if you have participat	ed in, or been selected for, any o	f the following programs:	
□ AVID	☐ College Success Foundation	☐ National Merit Semi-Finalist	☐ Ready to Rise
☐ Business Week	☐ Compass 2 Campus	☐ National Society of High School	☐ TRIO
☐ Champions of Diversity	☐ Gear Up	Scholars —	☐ Upward Bound
☐ College Access Now	☐ National Honor Society	☐ Phi Theta Kappa —	☐ Other
☐ College Bound Scholars (WA State)	☐ National Merit Finalist	☐ Rainier Scholars	
Academic Interests			
occurs after you begin your st	udies at Western. This informatio	mic interests on your application is on will allow us to address your part wwu.edu/majors for information about our a	icular interests in future
Academic Interests First choice		Second choice	
Academic Programs Requiri the coming year, please indica		terials - If you wish to participate in	any of the following programs for
☐ <b>Art</b> requires a portfolio. Refer to	admissions.wwu.edu/art for more informa	ation.	
□ <b>Design</b> requires a portfolio. Ref	er to <b>admissions.wwu.edu/design</b> for more	e information.	
☐ Fairhaven College of Inter	disciplinary Studies requires addition	nal application materials. Refer to <b>admissions</b>	.wwu.edu/fairhaven for more information.
☐ <b>Music</b> requires an audition. Refe	er to admissions.wwu.edu/music for more	information. Primary Instrument/Voic	e
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Location Programs: Are you applying to a degree program delivered at one of the following Western sites: Bremerton, Distance/Online Learning (Human Services

Site Location \_\_\_\_\_

only), Everett, Port Angeles or Poulsbo? Visit oce.wwu.edu for more information.

Program Name \_\_\_\_\_

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### 9. Extracurricular, Community, Work and Personal Activities

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

### 10. Essay Questions for Admission and New Student Scholarships

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

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

Committee to know about you, feel free to share it here.

Describe any activities you have been involved in related to diversity or multiculturalism in your community.
Share a meaningful experience and how this has helped shape you in your preparation for college. This could be related to your passions, commitments, leadership experience, family, or cultural background.
Admissions essay – topic of your choice. If you have written another essay that captures what you want the Admissions

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

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

### 11. Tell Us More (optional)

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

☐ Academic clubs		☐ Dance	☐ Global issues		☐ Music		
☐ Art		☐ Debate	☐ Leadership		☐ Outdoor		
<ul><li>□ Athletics (Division II, club sports, intramurals)</li><li>□ Community service, volunteering, mentoring</li></ul>		☐ Environment & sustainabili	y 🔲 LGBTQIA or Queer	☐ LGBTQIA or Queer ☐ Media (TV, film, radio, photography, newspaper)			
		☐ Ethnic and multicultural	☐ Media (TV, film, ra			☐ Theatre ☐ Other	
			newspaper)				
Have you visited Western's ca	•	res □ No					
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### 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	

### Demographic Data

In accordance with Washington State law, Western Washington University does not use race, sex, gender identity, 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.

	red to collect gender data for external reporting purposes. We recognize and respect that your self-identification ected in these options. You will have the ability to indicate your gender identity beyond the binary fields below after enrollment.
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☐ Yes, Cuban ☐ Yes, Mexica ☐ Yes, Puerto	nic or Latino origin? Check one or more. Please specify if you indicate "Other." <i>Optional</i> n, Mexican American/Chicano Rican Iispanic or Latino
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☐ 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)