

Western Illinois University



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President

Recognized as one of the “Best in the Midwest Colleges” by the *Princeton Review* and one of only 21 public universities ranked a “Tier 1 Midwestern Masters Institution” by *U.S. News and World Report*, Western Illinois University (WIU) serves approximately 13,600 students in the heart of the Midwest through its traditional residential, four-year campus in Macomb and its upper-division urban commuter location in the Quad Cities/Moline.

A public university that feels like a private one, WIU’s friendly, accessible, nurturing campus communities are dedicated to higher values in higher education and are comprised of strong faculty, state-of-the-art technology and facilities, and a wide range of academic and extracurricular opportunities for students and staff. The four core values at the heart of the university are academic excellence, educational opportunity, personal growth, and social responsibility.

Committed to empowering students through the opportunity to earn a high-quality education that is also affordable, WIU’s GradTrac and Cost Guarantee programs ensure that students can achieve their degrees within four years while paying a fixed rate for tuition, fees, and room and board. WIU remains the only university in Illinois to offer the cost guarantee for students at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The program is the model for the state’s Truth-in-Tuition Program, which has helped students control the cost of higher education.

WIU’s community of professionals is dedicated to preparing students to be productive citizens, diverse thinkers and engaged community members through excellence in teaching and learning. The university is committed to providing opportunities and access to its faculty through teaching and research while providing excellent benefits programs, including being the first public university in Illinois to offer a comprehensive domestic partner plan.

WIU is a comprehensive university offering 59 undergraduate and 35 graduate degree programs. With a student to faculty ratio of 17 to 1, the university’s 615 full-time faculty teach 95 percent of all undergraduate and graduate courses, in addition to 13 pre-professional degree programs and 14 certificate programs. WIU serves students from 95 counties in Illinois, 41 states and 52 countries. The university is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association. It also is a member of the NCAA and competes at the Division I level, sponsoring 20 intercollegiate sports in a broad-based athletics department.

The Leslie F. Malpass Library ranks among the finest libraries at comprehensive universities in the country. Future capital projects include building the region’s premiere performing arts center at WIU’s Macomb campus and an expanded Mississippi riverfront campus at the Quad Cities location.

The WIU-Macomb campus has a student population of 11,400. A tradition of partnership between WIU and the City of Macomb has made Macomb the educational, cultural and athletic center of the region. Built on farming, industry and education and surrounded by rich farmlands, scenic valleys and drives, Macomb offers a high quality of life in a relaxed setting and a welcoming community to the families it serves in west central Illinois and beyond.

The university's Quad Cities campus has a student population of 1,400 and is the only public university in the area. WIU-QC offers upper-division degree completion programs and select graduate programs at its urban commuter location on a 10-acre wooded site in Moline. Thanks to a gift from John Deere and Company and a growing partnership with the City of Moline, plans are underway to expand into a new riverfront campus along the Mississippi River. The Quad Cities encompasses the cities of Moline and Rock Island in western Illinois and Davenport and Bettendorf in eastern Iowa. The metropolitan area is a family-friendly center for music, the arts, museums, festivals, professional sports, riverboat casinos, biking and hiking trails.

Admission Policy and Accreditation

Students must have an ACT composite score of 20 or higher (SAT 920) and a high school grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Eligibility for regular admission is considered on a sliding scale. Freshman not meeting these standards may be reviewed for alternative admission through the Office of Academic Services.

The University's Dual Admission Program makes it easy to transfer from a community college. Students can gain admission to a community college and WIU simultaneously and receive customized academic advising. Currently, 28 community colleges in Illinois and Iowa participate in the program.

For transferring students, the Compact Agreement provides that the WIU General Education requirement be met, and that students have junior standing upon verification of completion of an A.A., A.S. or A.S.A. degree on the official transcript from an accredited Illinois two-year college. The Illinois Articulation Initiative provides that the university's General Education requirement be met upon verification of General Education Core Curriculum completion on the official transcript from participating institutions.

WIU is accredited through the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association. It is a fully compliant Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity institution.

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Sherman Hall, the first building on Western Illinois University's Macomb campus.