

Western Washington University

Bellingham, WA

Western Washington University, founded in 1893, is a public, comprehensive university. It is a dynamic, innovative and challenging public university, among the foremost in the Pacific Northwest. Recognized for excellence in undergraduate education, an increasingly diverse and multicultural learning environment and a strong sense of community, Western is the university of choice for many. Few universities enjoy the geographic diversity of Bellingham, WA. Bellingham Bay and the San Juan Islands lie directly to the west. The snow-covered peaks of Mt. Baker and the North Cascades Mountains are less than an hour to the east. Seven miles of forested walking trails border Western's campus, and an additional 29 miles of running and mountain-biking trails are nearby. Western's natural setting also provides scientific research opportunities. Among the primary reasons that students choose to attend Western are academic reputation, program selection, location, job placement of graduates and affordable costs. Size is also a positive factor in the decision to attend Western. With a student body of approximately 10,200 undergraduates and 800 graduate students, Western is large enough to offer a wide choice of academic and extracurricular opportunities, yet small enough to allow students to receive personal attention. The university offers nearly 150 undergraduate majors and academic programs and more than 1,400 course sections each quarter. 70 percent of Western classes have fewer than 30 students, and only six percent have more than 75 students. Its 195-acre campus is located in Bellingham, in the northwest corner of the state, 20 miles from Vancouver, British Columbia

Website: www.wwu.edu/



Public



Co-ed

15,240

Undergraduate
Students

(57.3%)  8,737 Women

(42.7%)  6,503 Men



902

Graduate
Students

Admission

Entrance Difficulty	Moderately difficult
Overall Admission Rate	90% of 10,513 applicants were admitted
Early Action Offered	Yes
Early Decision Offered	No
Regular Admission Deadline	January 31

Qualifications of Enrolled Freshmen

Average GPA	3.42
SAT Math	575 average 520-630 range of middle 50%
SAT EBRW	595 average 540-650 range of middle 50%
ACT Composite	25 average 22-28 range of middle 50%

Money Matters

Cost of Attendance	In-state: \$25,284 Out-of-state: \$41,633
Tuition and Fees	In-state: \$8,341 Out-of-state: \$24,690
Room and Board	\$12,037
Average Percent of Need Met	78%
Average Freshman Award	\$18,180


Academics

Academic Calendar System	Quarter
General Education/Core Curriculum	Required for most or all students
Full-Time Faculty Teaching Undergraduates	665
Regular Class Size	2-9 students: 8% of classes 10-19 students: 26% of classes 20-29 students: 28% of classes 30-39 students: 15% of classes 40-49 students: 7% of classes 50-99 students: 12% of classes Over 100 students: 4% of classes


Campus Life

Bellingham Population	82,234
Nearest Metropolitan Area	Seattle, WA and Vancouver, BC Canada
Freshman Housing Guarantee	Freshmen are guaranteed housing
Students in College Housing	26% of all students
Athletic Conferences	NCAA Division II
Mascot	Viking
Sororities	Not reported
Fraternities	Not reported


Students

Ethnicity of Students from U.S.	0.4% American Indian/Alaskan Native 6.3% Asian 1.6% Black/African-American 10.3% Hispanic/Latino 8.9% Multi-race (not Hispanic/Latino) 0.2% Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander 70.6% White 1.7% Unknown
International Students	0.9% from 47 countries
First-Year Students Returning	82.0%
Students Graduating Within 4 Years	36.8%
Graduates Offered Full-Time Employment Within 6 Months	Not reported
Graduates Pursuing Advanced Study Directly	15.6%