

ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- International Education Week
- International Bazaar
- World Cup Tournament
- International Women's Day

WIU RECOGNITIONS

Accredited by the North Central Association Higher Learning Commission at the certificate, bachelor's, master's, specialist's and doctoral degree-granting levels. WIU has been continuously accredited since 1913.

- The Princeton Review: Western ranked a "Best Midwestern College"
- U.S. News & World Report: WIU recognized as a top tier "Best Regional University"
- U.S. News ranked "Best Online Programs: Bachelor's"
- Forbes: Western listed among the best of 650 institutions in the U.S.
- Carnegie Community Engagement Classification
- U.S. President's Honor Roll for Service

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY FAST FACTS

Fall application deadline	May 1
Spring application deadline	October 1
Summer application deadline	March 1
TOEFL admissions requirements	
Internet based test (iBT)	73
Paper based test (PBT)	533
Total student enrollment	10,000 students
International student enrollment	500 students
Average undergraduate class size	20 students
Population of Macomb, IL	21,000
Distance from Chicago, IL	3 hour train ride

CUSTOMIZED SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS

- Professional development
- Educational training and workshops
- English language training and cultural activities
- Customized programs

QUESTIONS?

Email your country's student ambassador:
www.wiu.edu/international_studies/student_activities/ambassadors.php

SCHOOL OF DISTANCE LEARNING, INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND OUTREACH

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Macomb, Illinois, U.S.A.



Approximate Travel Times

Macomb to Chicago . . . 4 hours
Macomb to Moline . . . 1.5 hours
Macomb to St. Louis . . . 3 hours



WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

YOUR CONNECTION TO THE WORLD



WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

- Fully-accredited university
- 65 baccalaureate degrees
- 37 master's degrees
- 2 doctoral degrees
- CEA accredited ESL program
- Conditional admission for ESL
- Accredited programs (AACSB, ABET and more)
- Outstanding academic experience
- Scholarships
- Over 500 students from 68 countries
- International orientation program
- Year-round housing
- Free bus service
- Friendly and safe community
- Short train ride from Chicago

POPULAR PROGRAMS

- Accountancy
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Engineering Technology
- Health Sciences
- Nursing
- Physics



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WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Established in 1899, **Western Illinois University (WIU)** is located in Macomb, IL, in the heart of the midwest United States. WIU provides student-centered undergraduate and graduate programs characterized by innovative teaching, research, and service, grounded in interdisciplinary, regional and global perspectives. WIU's reputation for a quality education, signature programs, service and affordability brings 500 international students from more than 60 countries to campus each year.

Friendly and supportive staff help ease the transition of living and studying in America. A weeklong **orientation** is held prior to each semester and covers topics such as academic support, cultural concerns, banking, health issues, and safety.

WESTERN'S ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (WESL) INSTITUTE

WESL offers an accredited ESL program that has been in existence for over 35 years. The WESL Institute is accredited by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation and is one of only four accredited programs in the state of Illinois.

WESL offers three levels of study:

- Foundation (Beginning)
- Intermediate
- University Preparation (Advanced)
- Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking, Grammar, Integrated Skills and Research Writing classes meet 20 hours weekly
- Short-term programs by arrangement
- Field trips and activities provide opportunities for students to learn about American culture and practice speaking English.
- **Conditional admission** may be offered for students without the necessary TOEFL score of 533 or 73; IELTS 6.0
- ESL requirement satisfied upon successful completion of the WESL program

HOUSING

On-campus housing offers international students an opportunity to experience American culture in unique double, single and suite-style living options.

University Housing & Dining Services provides a supportive environment within the residence halls that encourages academic success and collaborative learning experiences. A **Writing Center** and **Math Tutor** labs are located in the halls, as well as quiet and group **study rooms**. An **International Floor** is available in Olson Hall.

APPLY ONLINE TO WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

wiu.edu/international_studies/international_admissions/

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Apply online with the International Application for Admission available at: wiu.edu/international
- Pay the \$30 application fee
- Submit official academic records
- Submit official test scores such as TOEFL, IELTS, GRE and GMAT.
- Submit original financial documentation, including a Declaration of Finances form.
- Submit any additional material required by the academic department (for graduate applicants only wiu.edu/graduate_studies/prospective_students/apchecklist.pdf)



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Automatic \$3,000 scholarship to newly admitted, full-time international students with a minimum 3.5 GPA.

WIU COMMITMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Automatic scholarship of **up to** \$10,000 annually based on high school GPA and SAT or ACT scores. Minimum scores are 3.0 GPA and 20 ACT or 1020 SAT.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE wiu.edu/scholarship; sc-office@wiu.edu

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

ACTIVITIES

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ACTIVITIES wiu.edu/international

Conversation Partners is a program where international students are paired with U.S. WIU students for conversational purposes.

International Neighbors is for first semester international students who are matched with local families in the area for purposes of cross-cultural exchange.

Cultural Connections are biweekly gatherings that enable intercultural discussions based on select cultural topics, using guided conversational questions.

Cultural Café presentations offer a glimpse into countries from around the world over a weekday lunch hour.

WESL Conversation Mentors provides the WESL students with the opportunity to practice their English skills.

International Friendship Club promotes cultural awareness, respect, and understanding among all students through cultural, educational, and social activities.

