Future Focused

Col. Rock IV (Ray), WIU's live mascot
Dear Colleagues,

As Western's newest president, I'm so pleased to connect with you to share more about Western Illinois University. WIU is an outstanding place for students to continue their education. We have numerous distinctive academic programs, including our internationally-recognized criminal justice programs; hands-on School of Agriculture programs that provide our agriculture students the opportunity to learn in state-of-the-art facilities; our teacher education programs that allow our students to begin working in the field early in their academic career; Western’s chemistry program that gives students the chance to participate in groundbreaking cancer research; and WIU’s broadcasting program that puts students in high tech broadcast studios from day one to produce programming for ESPN and more.

We have solid programs in place to ensure our students’ success, from their first year at Western through their graduation, Leatherneck Lookout, which provides outreach to all students. Incoming first-year students are advised by a common team of first-year advisors, with multiple interactions with their advisor to keep on track. We have also expanded the Connections Mapping Program, which identifies students who may need assistance early in the semester and provides intervention strategies to keep students enrolled and on a path to achieving their degree.

We look forward to connecting with you, both on and off campus. We will be in touch with a variety of opportunities for your students. Please continue to encourage your students to achieve their potential at Western Illinois University.

Best wishes for a successful year!

Guiyou Huang, Ph.D.
President, Western Illinois University
Requirements

Apply online at [wiu.edu/apply](http://wiu.edu/apply).
Admission is test optional—SAT/ACT scores are not required. WIU evaluates the student’s weighted or unweighted GPA, whichever is higher.

- **2.75+ GPA on a 4.0 scale**
  
  The student will be admitted.

- **2.0-2.74 GPA on a 4.0 scale**
  
  The student’s application will be reviewed and additional information may be requested.

- Pay the $30 application fee or send fee waiver.

Self-Reported Information

Students can self-report their GPA and English/math grades. WIU also accepts unofficial and official transcripts. Students must send a final, official transcript confirming eligibility for admission prior to the start of their first semester of classes. Students who do not submit this information may not be allowed to enroll.

Send documents to:

Undergraduate Admissions
Western Illinois University
1 University Circle
Macomb, IL 61455

Dual Enrollment

WIU offers in-person and online classes to students interested in earning college credit while still in high school. On-site classes are also available at partnering high schools. Students automatically earn a scholarship that covers 2/3 of their tuition cost.

Learn more at [wiu.edu/highschool](http://wiu.edu/highschool).

Reach Program

[wiu.edu/reach](http://wiu.edu/reach)

Established in 1969, WIU’s Reach Program is an alternate admission option for students whose GPA and other credentials fall below our regular admission requirements.

- WIU reviews overall cumulative GPA and grades in academic courses, including English/composition and math.

- Additional supporting materials, such as personal statements and/or letters of recommendation may be requested.

External Credit

WIU reviews credits completed through military training, dual credit, Advanced Placement, College-Level Equivalency and International Baccalaureate programs.

- **Dual Credit** - Send an official college transcript
- **AP, CLEP, IB** - Send official test scores
- **Military** - Send DD-214 and/or joint services transcripts
- **Seal of Bi-Literacy** - Send official high school transcript

Early Graduates

Students who properly notify Undergraduate Admissions of their early graduation plans maintain eligibility for freshmen scholarships. Seniors must notify Admissions via email prior to December 1. School counselors must verify the student’s graduation date via email.

Transfer Admissions

Students considering community college can transfer to WIU or participate in the Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG). TAG participants receive a $1,000 scholarship, assistance planning transfer courses and can apply during their senior year of high school or first year of community college for free. Visit [wiu.edu/tag](http://wiu.edu/tag) to learn more.

Application Fees Waived

**October 1-31, 2022**
Western Commitment Scholarships

Incoming freshman student eligibility for the Western Commitment Scholarship is determined by GPA.

- **3.9+ GPA** $8,000 annually
- **3.6+ GPA** $6,000 annually
- **3.3+ GPA** $3,000 annually

Financial Aid

[wiu.edu/fa](http://wiu.edu/fa) | WIU Code: 001780

FAFSA opens October 1. If eligible, file early to ensure maximum consideration. WIU also accepts the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid.

Scholarships

Learn more about freshman scholarship opportunities at [wiu.edu/scholarships](http://wiu.edu/scholarships).

Alumni Legacy Scholarships

- $1,500 renewable award
- Child or grandchild of a WIU graduate

Leatherneck Scholarships

- Leatherneck Book Award
- Local Leatherneck Housing Scholarship
- Justice, Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Scholarship

Learn more about freshman scholarship opportunities at [wiu.edu/scholarships](http://wiu.edu/scholarships).

Tuition & Fees

Annual Cost to Attend

**Macomb**

$22,941 total

- $12,441 tuition & fees
- $10,500 room & board

**Quad Cities**

- $11,865 tuition & fees

**Online**

$12,441 tuition & fees

*Use the cost calculator to determine your cost at [wiu.edu/costs](http://wiu.edu/costs).*

4-year Cost Guarantee freezes your tuition, fees, room and meal plan rates.

[wiu.edu/costguarantee](http://wiu.edu/costguarantee)
STUDENT DEVELOPMENT AND SUCCESS CENTER
wiu.edu/sdsc

Disability Resources
Assist students with accommodations for note-taking, alternate delivery formats and more

Health Education
Provides wellness and nutrition programs with options for workshops for campus groups

Student Development
Conducts emergency and crisis follow up, student absence assistance and referral services

RETENTION INITIATIVES
wiu.edu/fye/retention.php

Academic Advising
First-year advising assists students with building a personalized support network throughout campus

Building Connections
Faculty/staff mentor program for new freshmen

Career Development
Career planning, interview preparation and resume building assistance

Connections Mapping
Connects students to valuable campus resources during critical times throughout the semester

Leatherneck Success Team
Peer-to-peer assistance with navigating classes and study planning

STUDENT SUPPORTS

Centennial Honors College
wiu.edu/honors
Honors students can complete unique courses, participate in research, gain leadership experience, participate in service learning projects and have access to exclusive scholarships.

Freshman Entrance Requirements
• 3.75+ GPA
Or meet two of the three criteria
• 3.4+ GPA
• SAT 1160+/ACT 24+
• Top 15% of graduating class

Transfer Entrance Requirements
• 3.4+ GPA
• 12+ college credit hours
Close to you and your students