About Western Illinois University

Our Vision
Western Illinois University will be the leader in educational quality, opportunity and affordability among regional public universities.

Our Mission
Western Illinois University empowers students, faculty and staff to lead dynamic and diverse communities. We provide student-centered undergraduate and graduate programs, characterized by innovative teaching, research and service, grounded in interdisciplinary, regional and global perspectives. We engage our students in educational opportunities, guided by a professional and diverse faculty and staff, in collaboration with alumni and community partners.

Our Values
• Academic Excellence
• Educational Opportunity
• Personal Growth
• Social Responsibility

Our Heritage
WIU-Macomb, a traditional, residential four-year campus, opened its doors in September 1902. WIU-Quad Cities, an urban, non-residential campus and the only public university in the Quad Cities, has been providing educational opportunities to the region for more than 50 years.

Our Commitment
Western Illinois University fosters respect, equity and inclusion for all students, faculty and staff. WIU is committed to anti-racism, anti-oppression, equity, social justice and diversity. We value inclusion as a core value and as an essential element of Western’s public service mission.

Cost Guarantee
Western’s Cost Guarantee is the only program in Illinois that guarantees a four-year rate for tuition, fees, room and meal plan. (wiu.edu/costguarantee)

GradTrac
Western guarantees graduation in four years from most degree programs when students enroll in, and stick to, the GradTrac program. (wiu.edu/gradtrac)

Recognition
• “Best Midwestern University” — U.S. News & World Report
• “Best Midwestern College” — Princeton Review
• “Best Online Program — Bachelor’s” - U.S. News & World Report
• “Military Friendly School” — GI Jobs
• “Best for Vets College” — Military Times EDGE

Athletics
Football competes in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) through the Missouri Valley Football Conference. All other Leathernecks sports compete at the NCAA Division I level as members of The Summit League.

Multicultural Center
The Multicultural Center, home of the Gwendolyn Brooks Cultural Center, Casa Latina, the Women’s Center, and the LGBT*QA Resource Center, aims to advance the goals of educational, social, and cultural awareness. Together, the MCC provides resources to enhance the campus community’s understanding and appreciation of all identities.

University Totals (Fall 2021)

Total Enrollment ................................................................. 7,455
Undergraduate ............................................................. 5,394
Graduate ................................................................... 2,061

Student Demographics
Enrollment by % Male .................................................. 43.3%
Enrollment by % Female ............................................... 56.7%
Enrollment by % Underrepresented Students ................. 31.9%

Origin of Students
Illinois ........................................................................... 5,789 (77.7%)
Out-of-State ................................................................. 1,008 (13.5%)
International ............................................................... 658 (8.8%)

Financial Aid
Percent of all students who received aid ......................... 82%

Degrees Offered
Bachelor’s ......................................................................... 61
Master’s ........................................................................... 40
Doctoral .......................................................................... 2
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate ..................................... 13

Degrees Awarded (FY21)
Bachelor’s ........................................................................ 1,539
Master’s ......................................................................... 556
Doctoral .......................................................................... 16
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate ...................................... 39

Top Majors by Enrollment
Undergraduate
1. Law Enforcement and Justice Administration
2. Psychology
3. Biology
4. Agriculture
5. Management

Graduate
1. Business Administration
2. Computer Science
3. Educational Leadership
4. Counseling
5. Alternative Teacher Licensure

Employee Counts
Faculty ................................................................. 505
Staff ........................................................................... 794
Total ............................................................................. 1299

Faculty
Classes Taught by Full-Time Faculty ......................... 95%
Student to Faculty Ratio .............................................. 13:1
Number of Full-Time Tenured Faculty ...................... 288

Additional information is reported in the University Fact Book (wiu.edu/IRP/factbook.php).