



WESTERN  
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# SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Welcome to the School of Graduate Studies at Western Illinois University!

Once you have received notification from the School of Graduate Studies you have been accepted, please review the official letter for important information and instructions.

To ensure a successful transition, please follow the check list below prior to the start of your first semester.

## NEW GRADUATE STUDENT CHECK LIST

### REVIEW YOUR LETTER OF GRADUATE ADMISSION

You will receive from the School of Graduate Studies an official letter of admission to your degree/non-degree program once you're officially admitted. Please review your official acceptance letter which contains your [WIU ID#](#), as well as instructions for activating your student account.

### ACTIVATE YOUR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION (ECom) STUDENT ACCOUNT

If this is your first time enrolling in classes at Western Illinois University, you will need to activate your [ECom Account](#). Your ECom account grants access to Google Apps (WIU email), 1GB of storage space, and access to services requiring ECom (computer labs, online courses).

### ATTEND THE NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

If you are new to WIU, we encourage you to attend our [School of Graduate Studies Orientation](#) to obtain helpful information on available resources. \*\*Registration is required in the Quad Cities.

### DISCOVER OPPORTUNITIES TO FINANCE GRADUATE SCHOOL

- [Assistantships](#)
- [Scholarships](#)
- [Student Employment](#)
- [Financial Aid](#)

**MEET WITH YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISOR**

Contact your Academic Advisor. Your advisor will be able to assist you with course selection, creating your degree plan, and answer any program questions you may have. Your acceptance letter will include your advisor's name and any conditions assigned to your admission, please review your conditions carefully. If you need guidance selecting courses in which you should enroll, please refer to the online [Graduate Catalog](#).

**BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE STUDENT/ALUMNI RECORDS SYSTEM (STARS)  
(AND REGISTER FOR COURSES)**

The [STARS](#) system allows students access to their university records. You will use STARS to:

- Register for courses
- Review the schedule of classes
- Review your financial aid
- Pay your tuition and fees
- And much more!

**ORDER YOUR BOOKS**

- Textbooks can be purchased through the [University Bookstore](#). Books can be ordered.

**APPLY FOR CAMPUS HOUSING (IF APPLICABLE)**

If you are interested in applying for housing, please contact Student Housing for on-campus or off-campus housing information: [Macomb](#) or [Quad Cities](#)

\*\*Macomb students can also apply for one of our [Meal Plans](#).

**REVIEW REQUIREMENTS FOR IMMUNIZATIONS & HEALTH INSURANCE**

Contact the Beu Health Center to determine [immunization](#) and [health insurance](#) requirements prior to attendance.

**OBTAIN YOUR STUDENT ID AND PARKING PERMIT**

- Once enrolled in courses, be sure to pick up your [WIU student ID card](#). The ID card is used at the Rec Center in Macomb, libraries, campus events, and when making meal plan purchases.
- You will need to purchase a parking permit to park in any lots on the [Macomb](#) or [Quad Cities](#) Campus.

*If you require further assistance or have additional questions related to your admission or program, please do not hesitate to contact the [School of Graduate Studies](#) at (309) 298-1806 or [grad-office@wiu.edu](mailto:grad-office@wiu.edu).*