

## Western Illinois University



**Alvin Goldfarb**  
President

Recognized as one of the “Best in the Midwest Colleges” by *The Princeton Review* and one of only 20 public universities ranked a “Tier 1 Midwestern Masters Institution” by *U.S. News and World Report*, Western Illinois University serves approximately 13,000 students in the heart of the Midwest through its traditional residential, four-year campus in Macomb and its upper-division urban commuter location in Moline. The four core values at the heart of the university are academic excellence, educational opportunity, personal growth and social responsibility. The two campuses are comprised of accomplished faculty, state-of-the-art technology and facilities, and a wide range of academic and extracurricular opportunities.

WIU is dedicated to providing a high-quality, accessible and affordable education. WIU’s GradTrac and Cost Guarantee programs ensure that students can achieve their degrees within four years while paying a fixed rate for tuition, fees, and room and board. WIU is the only university in Illinois to offer the cost guarantee for undergraduate, graduate and transfer students. The program is the model for the state’s Truth-in-Tuition Program.

WIU is committed to preparing students to be productive citizens, diverse thinkers and engaged community members. The university offers 66 undergraduate and 37 graduate degree programs. With a student-to-faculty ratio of 16 to 1, the university’s 762 full-time faculty members teach 93 percent of all undergraduate and graduate courses, in addition to eight pre-professional degree programs and 18 certificate programs. WIU serves students from 92 counties in Illinois, 41 states and 55 countries.

The WIU-Macomb campus has a student population of 10,500. A tradition of partnership between the university and the city of Macomb has made the city the educational, cultural and athletic center of the region.

The university’s Moline campus has a student population of 1,400 and is the only public university in the Quad Cities area, which encompasses the cities of Moline and Rock Island in western Illinois and Davenport and Bettendorf in eastern Iowa. The campus, located on a 10-acre wooded site in the city, offers upper-division degree completion programs and select graduate programs. Thanks to a gift from John Deere and Company and a growing partnership with the city of Moline, plans are under way to expand into a new riverfront campus along the Mississippi River.

The university’s libraries contain more than 1 million cataloged volumes, 20,000 current periodicals and access to more than 100 electronic databases. The library system encompasses the main Malpass Library and four branch libraries. The Physical Sciences Library, the Music Library, the Curriculum Library and the Moline campus library are integral parts of the university’s system. Campus librarians answer approximately 10,000 research questions each year.

The university offers a broad-based athletics program with 20 intercollegiate sports. Football competes in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision through the Missouri Valley Football Conference. All other sports compete at the Division I level through The Summit League.

To be considered for admission to WIU, students must have an ACT composite

score of 20 or higher (SAT 940) and a high school grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Eligibility for regular admission is considered on a sliding scale. Freshmen not meeting these standards may be reviewed for alternative admission through the Office of Academic Services. The university’s Dual Admission and Go4 programs serve the west-central Illinois region through partnerships with area community colleges. Students can gain admission to a community college and WIU simultaneously and receive customized academic advising.

For transferring students, the Compact Agreement provides that the WIU general education requirement is met, and that students have junior standing upon verification of completion of an A.A., A.S. or A.S.A. degree on the official transcript from an accredited Illinois two-year college. The Illinois Articulation Initiative provides that the university’s general education requirement is met upon verification of general education core curriculum completion on the official transcript from participating institutions.

WIU is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association. The university is a fully compliant affirmative action, equal opportunity institution.

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Sherman Hall was the first building on Western Illinois University’s Macomb campus.