

Western Illinois University



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President

Recognized as a “Best Midwestern College” by the *Princeton Review* and one of 37 public universities ranked top tier “Best Regional University” by *U.S. News & World Report*, Western Illinois University serves more than 11,700 students through its traditional campus in Macomb and its Quad Cities campus in Moline. Both campuses offer state-of-the-art technology and facilities, accomplished faculty, and a wide range of academic and extracurricular opportunities. At the heart of the university are four core values of academic excellence, educational opportunity, personal growth and social responsibility.

The WIU-Macomb campus is a traditional, residential four-year campus located in the heart of west-central Illinois in historic Macomb. WIU is a comprehensive university offering 65 undergraduate and 37 graduate degree programs, including a doctorate in education. With a student population of 10,205 and a student-to-faculty ratio of 15 to 1, the university’s 664 full-time faculty members teach 94 percent of all undergraduate and graduate courses, in addition to 10 pre-professional degree programs and 19 certificate programs.

A tradition of partnership has made WIU and Macomb the educational, cultural and athletic center of the region. Twelve major theatrical and dance productions and more than 12 studio shows are presented annually in the university’s three theatres. The Bureau of Cultural Affairs and the University Union Board present outstanding concerts, lectures, dramatic presentations, films and dance attractions. The Gwendolyn Brooks and Casa Latina cultural centers offer programs and activities focusing on African-American and Hispanic cultures, while the Women’s Center promotes gender equity through education, support and advocacy. WIU’s student organization for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning and ally (LGBTQA) community provides resources, support and programming.

The university’s broad-based athletics program sponsors 20 NCAA Division I intercollegiate varsity sports. Football competes in the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision through the Missouri Valley Football Conference; all other varsity sports compete at the Division I level through The Summit League.

The WIU-Quad Cities campus has a student population of 1,502 and is the only public university in the area, which encompasses the cities of Moline and Rock Island in northwestern Illinois and Davenport and Bettendorf in southeastern Iowa. WIU-QC offers select undergraduate and graduate programs, including a doctorate in education, at its metropolitan, non-residential campus in Moline. Thanks to a gift from Deere & Company and a growing partnership with the city of Moline, the WIU Riverfront Campus opened in January 2012. Phase II of the Riverfront Campus is expected to be completed in 2014.

WIU libraries house extensive collections and provide regional archives, research assistance, lectures and special events. The libraries offer online database access to thousands of academic periodic journals and publications as well as Illinois Legal Aid Online. The Leslie F. Malpass Library in Macomb is the main branch and provides an inviting environment for research and study. The Macomb campus also has three specialized branch libraries for music, curriculum and physical sciences. The WIU-QC campus hous-

es a branch library, which provides access to the same materials as the Macomb libraries.

WIU is dedicated to providing an affordable, accessible education. WIU’s Cost Guarantee program ensures that students pay a fixed rate for tuition, fees, plus room and board during their years of continuous enrollment. It remains the only university in Illinois to guarantee all costs over a four-year period at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The university’s Dual Admission and Dual Enrollment 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.

The university is committed to admitting students whose academic records indicate a high potential for success. Beginning with the fall 2014 semester, WIU will increase admissions standards for new freshmen. The new admission standards are based primarily on previous academic achievement (measured by high school grade-point average) and future academic potential (measured by ACT composite score).

Western Illinois University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer and has a strong institutional commitment to diversity. The university is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

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