



International Student & Scholar Services

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Name of institution	Western Washington University https://www.wwu.edu/
Academic term dates	https://registrar.wwu.edu/term-dates
Information website for exchange students	https://iss.wwu.edu/
Application deadlines	Fall March 1 Winter/Spring October 15
Contact person for incoming exchange students (students coming to WWU)	Richard Bruce International Student & Scholar Services Western Washington University 516 High Street MS 9078-S Bellingham, WA 98225 USA Phone: +1-360-650-6517 Email: Richard.Bruce@wwu.edu
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Areas of study open to exchange students	Typically, exchange students are allowed to take any courses at WWU. However, there are some limitations to enrollment in the following areas: College of Business courses, Environmental Studies, Chemistry, Computer Science, Political Science, Biology, Geology, Physical Education, Kinesiology, Health and Recreation, Communications, English, Psychology, Education and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) courses. Audition or portfolio is required for admission to some Music and Art classes.

	<p>Regarding Physical Education classes: All Physical Education classes have additional charges. This means that the normal exchange tuition waivers provided by WWU will not cover PE classes. So, PE classes will not be an option unless students choose to pay the additional charge per credit fee themselves.</p> <p>Regarding online classes: Online courses are not available for exchange students. Please do not register for online courses.</p> <p>There is no guarantee of being able to enroll in all desired courses, so flexibility is required and the courses requested may not be the actual courses taken while at WWU. Course enrollment is often at the discretion of the course instructor and/or academic department, or depends on the space available in any given course. Information about academic departments https://www.wvu.edu/department-directory and courses offered, https://admin.wvu.edu/pls/wwis/wwsktime.SelClass .</p>
Credit system	Credits vary from 1 hour to 5 hours; one credit is equal to one hour of class time per week. One hour of class time is expected to require 2-3 hours of homework. Exchange students are required to register for a minimum of 12 credits per quarter (usually 3 or 4 courses) to meet their student visa requirements. A typical course load is 12-15 credits per quarter.
Language of instruction	English
Units/degrees offered in English	All courses
Language classes other than English available as part of exchange (if applicable)	Language classes other than English are an option depending on space availability and level of ability.
English language requirements (if applicable)	<p>Applicants must submit English proficiency scores unless English is the applicant's native language. Minimum scores required are the following:</p> <p>TOEFL 79 iBT or 550 (paper-based) IELTS 6.5</p>
Housing assistance offered & contact person or web link	<p>Exchange students are housed in on-campus, four-person Birnam Wood Apartments https://housing.wvu.edu/life-on-campus/birnam-wood or Buchanan Towers, https://housing.wvu.edu/life-on-campus/buchanan-towers .</p> <p>On-campus married housing is not available. Single rooms may be available depending on space, however the student is responsible for the</p>

	additional cost. Information about housing can be found here, https://housing.wvu.edu/ .
Housing deadlines	Fall quarter: Mid-June Winter quarter: Mid-November Spring quarter: Early March
Examination period	During the last week of each quarter: Fall: Mid-December Winter: Late-March Spring: Mid-June
Orientation dates for incoming exchange students	Fall 2023 September 25-26 Winter 2024 January 8 Spring 2024 April 1
Visa information	After acceptance for exchange, WWU will issue students a DS-2019 visa document which they will use to apply for a J-1 Exchange Visitor visa at the nearest U.S. consulate. The U.S. Department of State maintains a useful website on the visa application process, https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas.html .
Health Insurance	<p>U.S. federal regulations require that each visitor holding a J-1 Exchange Visitor visa have insurance in effect which covers the visitor and any accompanying spouse or dependents for sickness or accident during the visitor’s stay in the U.S. In addition, Western Washington University has an insurance plan for all international students at WWU, including exchange students coming from partner universities. This plan will cover everything necessary in the case of student accident or illness and exceeds requirements for health coverage related to the J-1 student visa. Please see the LewerMark website, http://www.lewermark.com/wwu/ for more information about what the insurance covers.</p> <p>All international students who study at Western Washington University will be required to enroll in the WWU LewerMark Student Insurance plan for international students <u>unless</u> students show proof of equivalent health insurance coverage from home. If using a health plan from back home, students must complete the J-1 Exchange Visitor Insurance Compliance form and provide a copy of their insurance plan to waive out of the WWU insurance.</p>