

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
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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 Illinois University ensures that your college years will be a good investment with its guaranteed four-year rate for tuition. All new undergraduate students entering the University are automatically included in the plan, which freezes the per-hour rate you pay for a four-year period, so tuition will stay the same each year you are here. Western was the first university in Illinois to offer this guarantee.

wiu.edu/costguarantee

GradTrac

Western guarantees graduation in four years from most degree programs when students enroll in, and stick to, the GradTrac program.

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Recognition

- "Best Midwestern University" - U.S. News & World Report
 - "Best Online Program - Bachelor's" - U.S. News & World Report
 - "Best Midwestern College" — Princeton Review
 - "Military Friendly School" — GI Jobs
 - "Best for Vets College" — Military Times EDGE
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Athletics

All Leathernecks sports compete at the NCAA Division I level as members of the Ohio Valley Conference.

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.