

## Western Illinois University



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Continuing a 17-year trend, Western Illinois University's (WIU) combination of excellent academics, affordability, supportive faculty and student services has again brought a "Best Midwestern College" designation from *The Princeton Review*. WIU is one of 158 regional universities — and one of only three Illinois public institutions — named to the "Best in the Midwest" list and is also recognized as a top "Best Midwestern University" by *U.S. News & World Report*. This is the 16th consecutive year that WIU has received the national recognition.

Western Illinois University serves nearly 7,500 students at its traditional, residential four-year main campus in Macomb and its metropolitan campus in Moline. Western is a comprehensive university offering 62 undergraduate and 41 graduate degree programs, which include an Ed.D. in educational leadership and a Ph.D. in environmental science. With a student-to-faculty ratio of 13-to-1, the university's 442 full-time faculty members teach 94% of all undergraduate and graduate courses.

WIU-Macomb is a traditional, residential four-year campus with distinctive undergraduate degrees and numerous graduate programs, including a doctorate in education. WIU-Macomb is located in the heart of west central Illinois in Macomb.

WIU-Quad Cities is the only public university in the Quad Cities area. WIU-QC offers select undergraduate and graduate programs, including a doctorate in education and a doctorate in environmental studies, at its nonresidential campus in Moline.

WIU's Macomb campus is the educational, cultural and athletic center of the region. Annually, 12 major theatrical and dance productions and studio shows are performed, along with outstanding concerts, lectures, presentations, films, dance performances and more. The Gwendolyn Brooks and Casa Latina cultural centers offer programs and activities focusing on Black 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 (LGBTQ\*A) community provides resources, support and programming.

The university's athletics program, based on the Macomb campus, sponsors 17 NCAA Division I intercollegiate men's and women's 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.

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 journals and publications, as well as Illinois Legal Aid Online. The main library, the Leslie F. Malpass Library in Macomb, provides an inviting environment for research and study. The Leslie F. Malpass Library Archives and Special Collections houses a treasure trove of university, community and regional history. The Special Collections document the cultural, economic and natural heritage of west central Illinois. Special-interest centers include the Center for Regional Authors, the Baxter-Snyder Center for Icarian Studies and the Center for Hancock County History, including the Mormon Collection. Publications of the Decker Press and a number of Civil War manuscripts are also part of Special Collections, along with collections related to Congressmen Thomas Railsback and Lane Evans. WIU archives includes regional materials, such as county and town histories, oral history tapes, diaries, letters, maps,

photographs and newspaper clippings, along with a comprehensive digital image database, which can be found on its website at [wiu.edu/libraries/archives](http://wiu.edu/libraries/archives).

The Macomb campus also has two specialized branch libraries for music and curriculum. The WIU-QC campus houses a branch library, which provides access to the same materials as the Macomb libraries, as well as the Jeff Leibovitz Holocaust Collection.

WIU is dedicated to providing an affordable, accessible education. Western’s Cost Guarantee program ensures that students pay a fixed rate for tuition, fees, room and meal plan during their years of continuous enrollment. WIU remains the only university in Illinois to guarantee all costs over a four-year period at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The university backs this guarantee with multiple, stackable scholarship opportunities, including the generous Western Commitment Scholarships, which are automatically awarded to incoming freshmen with a 3.3 GPA or higher (on a 4.0 scale). Fall 2021 freshman students who are admitted to WIU with a 3.0 GPA or higher (on a 4.0 scale) and students who are eligible for the Western Commitment Scholarship can petition for a higher award in lieu of SAT/ACT scores.

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.

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WIU offers an outstanding variety of in-demand undergraduate and graduate programs, integrated programs, pre-professional programs, and certificate programs at its residential main campus in Macomb and its nonresidential branch campus in Moline.