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Congratulations on your academic success, and welcome to the start of your journey at Western. I hope the time you spend at Western, from your first quarter until you graduate, is full of engaging learning experiences, self-discovery, and enriching personal connections within our campus community.

For those of us who work at Western—more than 2,000 faculty and staff serving in a huge variety of roles inside and outside of the classroom—our common purpose is to empower your success at Western.

We measure our success by advancing three important goals that directly impact your education:

One, we are committed to advancing inclusive success—the success of all students joining Western, to ensure that each of you has the opportunity to be successful at Western and beyond.

Second, we are committed to increasing Western’s impact in Washington state, by increasing access to our programs and preparing our graduates to make a difference in their communities.

And, third, we continually strive to enhance our academic excellence, the quality of our educational programs and learning experiences for every student—which I hope was a key factor that helped you choose Western.

Western is also committed to providing a welcoming, equitable and inclusive campus community for all students, faculty, and staff, regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, age, veteran status, and financial background. We are also committed to providing an intellectual atmosphere in which diverse perspectives and viewpoints are welcome, critically examined, and engaged with civility and respect. Advancing and embracing diversity is not only an integral part of Western’s mission, it is critical to preparing our graduates to succeed in an increasingly diverse and interconnected world.

Thank you for choosing to be a part of Western. We are glad you are here, and look forward to helping you succeed throughout your time here, and after graduation.

Sincerely,

Sabah Randhawa
President
Welcome to Western!

You’ll be hearing that phrase a lot over the next few months. We’re all so glad you’re here! As you find your way around campus and get to know the people and places which will be so important to you, you’ll discover some wonderful things. I invite you to immerse yourself in this remarkable place, both the beautiful, evocative physical location and the community of thinkers, creators, and doers you’ve become a part of. Stay open to the possibilities of this experience over the next years; there’s so much to learn and explore.

Western welcomes you just as you are, in all the dimensions of your identity—and we will support you in becoming the person you want to be. You will find a path to amazing opportunities, lifelong friendships, transformative learning, and, of course, a college degree. In the Division of Enrollment and Student Services, and across the university, dedicated people are waiting to help you along that journey.

On behalf of Western Washington University and of the Division of Enrollment and Student Services, welcome. We expect great things from you!

Best,

Melynda Huskey
Vice President, Enrollment and Student Services

Western Washington University
Western Washington University is a public comprehensive institution dedicated to serving the people of the state of Washington. Together our students, staff, and faculty are committed to making a positive impact in the state and the world with a shared focus on academic excellence and inclusive achievement. Western Washington University prepares and inspires individuals to explore widely, think critically, communicate clearly, and connect ideas creatively to address our most challenging needs, problems, and questions.

Western’s website, wwu.edu, contains a wealth of information about services, resources, events and more for students, faculty, staff, family members, community members and anyone who has questions about Western. Parents and family members are important partners in supporting student success at WWU.

Visit wwu.edu/families for more family resources.

New Student Services/Family Outreach, nssfo.wwu.edu, offers information for students and family members about orientation programs and family weekends, valuable campus resources, off-campus accommodations and information for visitors. The WWU New Student Handbook is a complete guide to WWU for new students and is available in print and online.
**SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS AT WESTERN**

Western students rank among the most successful college students in the country. Their rates of graduation, employment, and admission to competitive graduate programs are among the best in the nation for universities of our type and size.

What does it take to be successful while at Western? Here’s what we have learned from students over the years: Successful students:

**Actively manage their time**, keeping a calendar and setting aside daily blocks of time for study and exam preparation.  
**Keep themselves healthy** by becoming actively involved in their own wellness and the health of their community.  
**Use campus academic resources early**, visiting the Tutoring Center, the Academic Advising Center, and their professor's office hours well before midterms—even if things are going well.

**Form multiple support networks** through student clubs, academic departments, extra-curricular activities, recreation activities, faith-based organizations and campus events.  
**Know there will be setbacks and struggles**; they build tools and approaches for fostering resilience, tenacity and self-forgiveness.  
**Reflectively consider why they are in college**, and what they want to achieve by the time they graduate; they consider how each course brings them closer to their hopes and goals.

### TOP 4 PIECES OF ADVICE FROM CURRENT STUDENTS

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YOUR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Your academic success is a top priority at Western. It is important for you to understand your academic responsibilities and requirements, and careful planning is essential. As a liberal arts institution, Western expects all students to complete certain requirements prior to graduation. Take an active role in planning your academic future by utilizing the many valuable resources available to you!

In addition to receiving the Viking Advisor Registration and Planning Guide for New Students distributed at orientation, there are many online advising and registration resources available to you. The Viking Advisor is designed to help you understand Western’s academic requirements and to provide information on how to select and register for classes using Western’s online registration system.

Advisors are available to work with you throughout your Western experience. You are encouraged to seek out advising at least once a quarter during your time at Western to ensure timely major declaration and graduation.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

For a complete list of requirements, please see the University Catalog (catalog.wwu.edu).

- Complete a minimum of 180 quarter credits
- Complete a minimum of 45 credits earned through Western Washington University courses
- Complete at least 60 credits upper-division study, i.e. 300-level and above
- Complete three writing proficiency points
- Complete an approved academic major
- Complete a minor, if required
- Meet minimum grade point average (GPA) requirements
- Satisfy General University Requirements
ACADEMIC ADVISING
Professional advisors and peer advisors in the Academic Advising Center can assist students in course selection and registration, GUR progress, choosing a major/minor, and understanding Western’s academic policies, and more.
Old Main 380, 360.650.3850, www.edu/advising

DISABILITY RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS
disAbility Resources for Students provides services and programs to foster student intellectual, emotional, physical, and social development, assuring full participation in all aspects of university life. DRS also has resources available for Western families.
Old Main 120, 360.650.3083, www.edu/drs

MATH CENTER
The Math Center provides tutoring in advanced mathematical subjects including calculus, linear algebra, statistics and differential equations.
Bond Hall 211A, 360.650.3813, www.edu/depts/mathcenter

REGISTRAR’S OFFICE
The Registrar’s Office assists with questions concerning credit and online degree evaluations, the course catalog, registration, course requirements, adding and dropping classes, graduation requirements, commencement, grade changes, transcripts, and related information requests.
Old Main 230, 360.650.3430, www.edu/registrar

STUDENT OUTREACH SERVICES
Student Outreach Services serves first-generation, multicultural and non-traditional students and engages students in personalized academic coaching, peer mentoring and specialized programs using a global and multicultural focus to support student persistence and academic achievement.
Old Main 387, 360.650.7443, wp.wwu.edu/sos

TUTORING CENTER
The Tutoring Center provides drop-in tutoring support for Math and Science GURs to all WWU students 60 hours per week, tutor-facilitated study groups for select courses and on-on-one study skills appointments.
Wilson Library 280, 360.650.3855, www.edu/tutoring

WESTERN LIBRARIES
Western Libraries provide a wealth of resources and services including the Hacherl Research & Writing Studio; Learning Commons; Scholarship & Research Services; a variety of group study rooms, collaborative and quiet study spaces and more.
Wilson Library/Haggard Hall, 360.650.3094, library.wwu.edu

POLICY: FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)
FERPA stands for Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Passed by Congress in 1974, FERPA regulates the release of education records and grants four specific rights to students:
• The right to inspect and review the student’s education records maintained by the school.
• The right to seek amendment to those records, and in certain cases, append a statement to the record.
• The right to have some control over the disclosure of a student’s education records.
• The right to file a complaint with the Department of Education.

POLICY: ACADEMIC HONESTY
Upholding academic honesty is integral to the educational mission of the university, particularly in assessment and recognition of student performance (e.g., meeting academic standards, conferring awards/degrees). Recognizing the intention of the university to promote and sustain a culture of integrity, this policy serves a key role as part of a comprehensive program to encourage behaviors of integrity and discourage violations of such behavior.
Refer to the Academic Honesty website for specific policy information: wp.wwu.edu/academichonesty.
Learn more about Western’s Coalition for Integrity by visiting their website: www.edu/integrity.
PREVENTION AND WELLNESS SERVICES
Prevention and Wellness Services offers wellness outreach programs and individual support services that facilitate individual and community health and well-being, including sexual assault support services (CASAS), alcohol and other drug consultation/assessment (ADCAS), sexual health education, mental health promotion, and body empowerment. We also offer a unique volunteer opportunity for students interested in contributing to a safe and healthy campus community via our Peer Health Educator program.
Old Main 560, 360.650.2993, pws@wwu.edu, pws.wwu.edu

REQUIRED: SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION TRAINING
All new matriculated students—including freshmen, transfer, and graduate students—are required to complete an online sexual violence prevention training. This training addresses the creation of healthy relationships, emphasizes the importance of obtaining consent in sexual situations, and describes ways students can help strengthen the safe, positive university community they want to be part of. The training also provides information on Western’s policies, resources and reporting options regarding sexual violence. For more information about the training, please visit pws.wwu.edu.

WESTERN’S ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS POLICY
WWU is committed to maintaining an environment that is free of alcohol and other drug abuse for students, faculty and staff. We maintain this commitment in support of academic excellence, work performance, quality of life, and the well-being of all community members.
WWU will uphold state and federal laws pertaining to alcohol and other drug use. It is required that all students and employees comply with these laws. Action may be taken on any violation of state and federal law or university regulations.
For complete policy text, visit: www.edu/vpess/alcohol_drug_information.shtml

Please note: It is a violation of university policy to possess, use, manufacture, cultivate, distribute, sell or provide marijuana on WWU property (grounds, buildings, parking lots), or at an official WWU function at any location. Violations may result in disciplinary action and/or legal citation.
For complete penalty text, visit: www.edu/vpess/alcohol_drug_information.shtml

STUDENT CONDUCT CODE
wp.wwu.edu/officeofstudentlife/student-conduct

UNIVERSITY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
policy.wwu.edu/policies-by-subject
Western provides outstanding support for student technology and a wide range of equipment available for use and check out. From laptops and video equipment to cameras and digital recording tools, students will have access to a wide range of equipment and the technological support and training to go with it!

**COMPUTER LABS**
There are over 2,000 lab computers available on campus with roughly two-thirds located in specialized departmental labs.

**EQUIPMENT**
Western has a wide variety of equipment available for student checkout, from hundreds of laptops available in a number of locations across campus, to digital still cameras, video cameras, tripods, microphones, lighting kits, digital audio recorders, projectors/screens, microphones, public address equipment and much more!

**MICROSOFT SOFTWARE**
Funded through the Student Technology Fee, all students can download fully licensed versions of the latest Microsoft Windows and Office applications. Students can also install the software on their personal computers for use after graduation!

**ONLINE LEARNING VIA CANVAS**
Most faculty make course materials available online through our Canvas Learning Management System. Access online materials including class discussions, assignments and exams by signing into myWestern.

**PRINTING**
Printing is available for a modest fee in all the labs, including black and white, color, and large-format color options.

**RESIDENCE HALL TECHNOLOGY**
ResTek is a program of University Residences, providing internet service and tech support to students living on campus. Residence halls offer wireless and wired connections as well as computer labs with laser printers. All residence halls also offer basic cable television.

**STUDENT EMAIL, STORAGE, AND ONLINE APPS**
Registered students receive a myWestern computer account, which includes a student web-based email through Office 365. Each account includes 1 TB of data on OneDrive as well as access to Office Apps online. University-assigned student email accounts shall be one of the university’s official means of communication with all students.

**STUDENT PORTAL**
Our student portal, called myWestern, provides campus messages, access to Canvas Courses, student government voting, and other useful information.

**STUDENT TECHNOLOGY CENTER**
Western students can drop in at the Tech Center on the second floor of Haggard Hall for help with software applications and other advanced technologies. The center offers scanning, 3D color and poster printing, video production, editing and conversion tools as well as online tutorials and manuals. The Student Technology Center also offers free workshops and peer-to-peer software tutoring.

**TECHNOLOGY HELP DESK**
The Help Desk provides telephone and email assistance to access all university computer resources and systems including myWestern, Canvas, computer labs, and the wireless network. They can help with activating your account, resetting your password, or resolving any of your computer account issues. The Help Desk also offers information on campus technology resources including computer labs, email, maintaining your computer, and preventing viruses and spyware.

**VIDEO PRODUCTION**
Western offers support for the academic use of video technologies in many venues on campus. The Digital Media Center, a multi-camera production facility located on the second floor of Haggard Hall, is available for use by classes and students.

**WEBSITES**
Our WordPress for Western environment allows students to develop their own websites using the common WordPress content management system. Students can choose from hundreds of available themes to create their own personal websites, blogs, or online portfolios.
WIRELESS ACCESS

The university’s wireless network offers excellent coverage throughout campus, including outside areas near the Viking Union and Red Square on north campus through Haskell Plaza and the Student Rec Center on south campus. Many buildings have strong signals also, and coverage areas continue to improve. Additionally, students can enjoy this widespread wireless network coverage by checking out laptops from the library, Viking Union, Student Rec Center, or the Help Desk in Academic West.

WWU PUBLIC WI-FI NETWORK

Guests of Western Washington University can access the internet from their personal devices using our public Wi-Fi network. No guest account or password is required. Please note, university residence halls have their own separate guest Wi-Fi. To connect:

1. Browse available wireless networks from your device’s wireless settings
2. Select WWUwireless-Guest
3. Review the Terms of Service and select ‘Accept’
4. When you see the Western home page select ‘Done,’ you can now connect to the internet from your browser or applications.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Western’s Academic Technology and User Services (ATUS) has a number of self-serve resources and offers help-desk support for tech-related questions. Visit the ATUS website, atus.wwu.edu/services for resources or contact the ATUS Help Desk: 360.650.3333, helpdesk@wwu.edu or visit them in person in Haggard Hall 123.
MAKING COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

With a population of 82,000, Bellingham is a welcoming and safe community offering the advantages of a larger city and charm of a coastal town. Western students call Bellingham an adventure, a breath of fresh air, and a great place to call home.

ON CAMPUS LIVING
While living on campus is optional for all Western students, many develop strong peer connections and create communities as part of their time living in residence halls. University Residences assists students with housing and residence life questions, engaging students in diverse and inclusive, healthy, safe and sustainable communities that foster academic success and personal growth.

Edens Hall Lobby, 360.650.6565, housing@wwu.edu

OFF CAMPUS LIVING
Living off-campus introduces students to a number of new choices and responsibilities. Western’s Off Campus Living Office provides students with information about the basics of renting, rights and responsibilities as a tenant, and tips for creating community.

wp.wwu.edu/offcampusliving

DINING AND MEAL PLANS
Dining at Western is a campus-wide experience, full of flexibility, convenience and value. Students can choose from three residential dining commons options and 12 cafés and markets.

Meal Plans: Students who live on campus are required to choose a meal plan, and commuter meal plans are available for students who live off campus but may wish to dine on campus from time to time.

Dining Dollars: Student meal plans all include $203 Dining Dollars. Loaded on your Western Card, Dining Dollars work like cash at dining and retail markets. Unused Dining Dollars roll over quarter to quarter until the end of Spring Quarter.

Viking Dollars: Students do not need a meal plan to utilize Viking Dollars. Viking Dollars do not expire and work like cash at dining and retail markets. Purchases made with Viking Dollars automatically receive a 10 percent discount and a sales tax exemption. Students can add Viking Dollars to their Western Cards throughout the quarter online or at cashier stations on campus.

For questions about meal plans, or dining options contact University Dining and Catering Services.

www.campusdish.com, 360.650.2970, dining@wwu.edu

ACTIVITIES
Western’s Associated Students is an organization designed and run by Western students that seeks to ensure a fulfilling college and academic experience for all university students through the many services, facilities and programs.

The AS Club Activities Office (affectionately known as the “Club Hub”) offers all Western students the opportunity to make the most of their college experience by getting involved in the over 200 clubs on campus that appeal to their interests, passions, academic pursuits, identities, and/or goals for social change.

asclubs.wwu.edu

The AS Resource & Outreach Programs has five student outreach and advocacy offices located in the Viking Union, including:

- Social Issues Resource Center (SIRC) aims to foster critical thought on social issues, particularly those faced by marginalized communities, and empower students to take action for change.
- Womxn’s Identity Resource Center (WIRC) supports and enables students who hold marginalized gender identities and expressions to fully and actively participate on WWU’s campus.
- Queer Resource Center (QRC) provides non-judgmental and unbiased programs, safe space, and resources to queer students.
- Disability Outreach Center (DOC) is a resource for students with disabilities and community allies.
- Legal Information Center (LIC) is a confidential and non-judgmental resource for students seeking information about their legal rights and responsibilities.

The Associated Students Bookstore on campus is the go-to location for course materials, textbooks, classroom supplies, Western gear and gifts. 501 High St, 360.650.3655, ASBookstore@wwu.edu
The Ethnic Student Center (ESC) is a student-run organization within the AS. Established in 1991, the goal of the ESC is to help students Affirm their identity, Build a sense of community, and Cultivate leadership. The ESC is home to several diverse clubs open to students of all backgrounds.

[as.wwu.edu/esc](as.wwu.edu/esc)

The Viking Union is the center for Associated Student organizations, programs, activities, clubs, resources and events. The Viking Union welcomes and engages Western students, faculty, staff, and guests in building a diverse community and supporting student leadership, campus involvement and creative expression.

[vu.wwu.edu](vu.wwu.edu)

Campus Recreation Services provide the campus community opportunities to become actively involved in individual or organized sports, fitness and wellness programs. The centerpiece of the department is the Wade King Student Recreation Center, which allows members to take advantage of a wide range of fitness and recreation offerings. The department also oversees WWU’s popular intramural sports programming, sport club teams and faculty/staff wellness programs.

[wp.wwu.edu/campusrec](wp.wwu.edu/campusrec)

Lakewood is a Western owned facility located on Lake Whatcom with over 60 watercraft, ranging from sailboards, canoes, kayaks, keelboards, and stand up paddleboards. All students, alumni, faculty and staff have access to Lakewood and the rental equipment for a small fee. Open Spring, Summer and Fall quarters.

[vu.wwu.edu/lakewood](vu.wwu.edu/lakewood)

Western’s Alumni Association strengthens Western by building strong and caring relationships that make a difference among our students, alumni, friends and the greater university community. Western’s Alumni Association not only provides meaningful connections for WWU graduates, they also assist current students with support through alumni scholarships, mentorship programs and providing valuable career contacts.

[alumni.wwu.edu](alumni.wwu.edu)
At Western, there are a number of resources available to students and families to help with college expenses. More than 60 percent of students at Western receive financial aid in the form of grants, tuition waivers, scholarships, student employment and/or loans to help pay for tuition, books, educational supplies, housing, food, transportation, and personal expenses.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholarships from Western Washington University may be awarded based on academic merit, talent, extracurricular activities, leadership and community involvement, and, in some cases, need. New students are automatically considered for most scholarships based on their information in the application for admission. Additional scholarship information is available in the Scholarship Center.

**OUTSIDE/PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Outside/Private Scholarships are awards that students apply for and are awarded outside of Western Washington University. These may be local scholarships from your community, state or national awards. There are many resources for assisting students in finding these opportunities. For example, TheWashBoard.org is a free, student-centered, online clearinghouse for both Washington residents and students attending Washington colleges and universities who are seeking college scholarships.

**GRANTS**

Grants are “free” money awarded to undergraduate students who have high financial need as determined by the FAFSA. Western participates in most state and federal grant programs including the Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), Washington State Need Grant, Washington State Tuition Waivers and Institutional Grants.

**LOANS**

Federal loans include the Federal Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized loan programs, and the Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) program. Eligibility requires a completed FAFSA and at least half-time enrollment. Loan amounts depend on the FAFSA information, class standing, and dependency status. Loans must be repaid. For more information and to complete the required Master Promissory Note and Entrance Counseling visit studentloans.gov. Private alternative loans are also available. Contact the Financial Aid Department for details.

**WORK STUDY**

Work Study is a form of financial aid awarded to students with high financial need. Work Study provides employment opportunities on campus and in the local community. Students earn a paycheck for the hours worked, it is not subtracted from the tuition bill. Students may find Work Study and non-Work Study employment opportunities through the Student Employment Center.

For questions about your financial award or FAFSA, contact the Financial Aid Office.

*Old Main 265, 360.650.3470, financialaid@wwu.edu, finaid.wwu.edu*

For questions regarding scholarship options, contact Western’s Scholarship Center.

*Old Main 285, 360.650.3471, scholarshipcenter@wwu.edu, finaid.wwu.edu/scholarships*
STUDENT BUSINESS OFFICE

The Student Business Office is responsible for the financial administration of all student billing related to tuition and fees, room and board, and for the processing of refunds. The SBO also provides support and advice to students to aid in understanding their student account with the university.

Old Main 110, 360.650.2865, sbo@wwu.edu, wp.wwu.edu/sbo

Here are a few helpful reminders from Western’s Student Business Office:
- The Student Business Office does not provide invoices or statements.
- Students can view their account activity on Web4U.
- Western may email a courtesy notification when a monthly statement is posted to the student account.
- Western’s Student Business Office primarily communicates with students through their Western email.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS

Western students can access their accounts online through myWestern > Web4U > Student > Student Records > Student Account Online.

Need to allow your parents/family to access your student account? Make sure to complete a Release for Financial information, this document allows access to account information in compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

Students can add their parents or other users to their accounts as Authorized Users. Authorized Users can view account activity, make payments and receive email notifications.

Tuition, mandatory fees, on-campus housing and meal plan charges are due the first day of each term. Charges are considered past due after the first day of the term and are subject to late fees and interest.

Miscellaneous charges such as bookstore purchases, medical service charges, ID card replacement and others; have a 30-day due date. Miscellaneous charges remaining unpaid after 30 days are considered past due and are subject to late fees and interest.

Late fees and interest are assessed after the close of business on the 15th of each month. A late fee of $40 and a 1 percent interest charge will be assessed to all past due accounts monthly.

Payments can be made online as an E-Check (no fee), with a credit or debit card (2.75 percent convenience fee assessed), in person with cash, check or debit card, through the mail (please include your student ID number on checks), or via scholarship (please forward scholarship checks to the Student Business Office).

University Collections is available to assist with questions regarding past due balances 360.650.2943.
Studies show that students who work fewer than 19 hours per week have a higher grade point average and are more likely to complete college. Students who work part-time learn to manage their time effectively and interact in a professional setting, all while creating meaningful mentor relationships and acquiring important job skills.

**CAREER SERVICES CENTER**
Career Services helps students explore their career options, gain career-related experience while at Western and make a successful transition after graduation whether to employment or continuing education.

*Old Main 280, 360.650.3240, www.edu/careers*

**STUDENT EMPLOYMENT CENTER**
The Student Employment Center offers students a variety of job listings for on- and off-campus employment in both Work Study and non-Work Study positions, as well as community service opportunities.

*Old Main 275, 360.650.3158, studentemployment@wwu.edu, finaid.wwu.edu/studentjobs*
GETTING AROUND BELLINGHAM

The student transportation program is funded by the quarterly Alternative Transportation Fee and includes a Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA) Bus Pass, Late Night Shuttle service, trip planning assistance, and funding for an Alternative Transportation Coordinator, which is an annual, paid student position.

Transportation@wwu.edu, 360.650.7960, www.edu/transportation

BUS PASS
Western Student ID cards function as a Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA) bus pass. WTA buses serve Western with many convenient bus routes, and they run every 15 minutes during peak travel times. Bus routes serving Western connect with other routes at the Downtown Bellingham Transit Station. WTA routes allow easy access to additional regional transportation options such as Amtrak, Greyhound, BoltBus, Bellingham Airport, Airporter Shuttle, Skagit County Transit, and local Washington ferry routes.

Visit Whatcom Transportation Authority online at ridewta.com or call 360.676.RIDE.

ZIPCARS
Zipcar is a car sharing program that is available on campus. Students 18 and older can apply for a WWU Zipcar membership. Gas, insurance, and maintenance are all included in the hourly rate.

zipcar.com/wwu

WALKING AND BICYCLING
Bellingham has many walking and bicycling routes that make it easy, safe, and pleasant to travel by two feet and by bike. All WTA buses have bike racks on them, bike parking is available throughout campus, and bike lockers can be rented from the Sustainable Transportation Office. Western has four Fix-It Stations with tools for minor bicycle repairs. The Associated Students Outdoor Center also provides bike repair, parts, and rentals.

as.wwu.edu/outdoor

PARKING PERMITS
Parking Permits are awarded through a waitlist system based on accumulated credit hours earned at Western. New students with low or no credit hours may not qualify for an on-campus parking permit. Paid permits are registered to license plates, and while citations are issued to the driver of the vehicle, they are ultimately the responsibility of the registered owner.

Old Main 110, 360.650.2945, parking@wwu.edu, www.edu/parking

LATE NIGHT SHUTTLE
Western’s Late Night Shuttle runs two routes that serve Western’s campus, residence halls, and surrounding neighborhoods. The shuttle stops at all WTA bus stops along its route and runs from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Sundays. You must show a valid Western ID card to the driver when boarding the shuttle.

Visit www.ridesystems.net for shuttle maps, route information and real-time route updates.

PARKING SERVICES
Parking on campus and in the surrounding neighborhoods is extremely limited, and it is recommended that students do not plan to drive to class unless it is absolutely necessary. Parking Services is part of the Student Business Office and manages Western’s parking lots. A valid WWU parking permit is required to park in Western’s parking lots. Parking permits provide permission to park in a specific lot but do not guarantee drivers a parking space.
CAMPUS SAFETY

Safety at Western is a community-wide effort. Each member of our community needs to accept the challenge of living in a way that promotes health and well-being for ourselves and others. To support that, the university provides services and assistance in maintaining a safe environment.

UNIVERSITY POLICE

University Police is dedicated to the safety and security of Western’s campus community. University Police provides 24-hour services to the campus community, working directly with Western’s Parking Services team and the University Lock Shop to ensure a safe and accessible campus.

GREENCOATS

Western’s Greencoats provide walking safety escorts to all locations within Western’s campus. Greencoats are available 24 hours a day, including holidays and weekends.

Emergencies/crimes in progress: 360.650.3911 or 911
Non-Emergency/Safety Escort: 360.650.3555
Anonymous Reporting: 360.650.SAFE (7233)
Campus Services, 2001 Bill McDonald Parkway
University.Police@wwu.edu
wwu.edu/ps/police

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Environmental Health and Safety office works with and provides support for the Western community to keep ourselves and our environment healthy and safe. They conduct fire safety, waste recycling and disposal, laboratory safety, general safety, and multiple types of training across campus.

Western’s Annual Security and Fire Safety Report includes statistics for reports of serious crime and other offenses related to personal safety on university property and nearby public property during the previous three calendar years. This report also has important information concerning Western’s policies regarding alcohol and drug use and Western’s sexual assault prevention and response programs.
Western’s Equal Opportunity Office implements non-discrimination laws and university policies prohibiting discrimination and sexual violence, and works to create an environment in which equity, inclusion and diversity are valued. Under Western’s Policy on Ensuring Equal Opportunity and Prohibiting Discrimination and Retaliation (POL-U1600.02), students have the right to learn, work, and participate in university programs and activities free of harassment or discrimination based on: race, color, religion, creed, national origin, sex (including pregnancy and parenting status), gender identity or expression, disability, sexual orientation, age, veteran status, marital status, and genetic information.

Western strives to maintain an environment free from sexual harassment, gender-based harassment and sexual violence—including sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. These behaviors are prohibited by Western’s Policy on Preventing and Responding to Sex Discrimination, Including Sexual Misconduct (POL-U1600.04).

Students with concerns about harassment, discrimination or sexual violence are encouraged to contact the Equal Opportunity Office/Title IX Coordinator for assistance. Students may also file discrimination complaints with the EO Office; these complaints are investigated using Western’s Discrimination Complaint Procedure. Western policies prohibit retaliation against anyone who raises an equal opportunity concern, makes a complaint to the Equal Opportunity Office, or participates in an investigation as a party or witness. If a person who experiences sexual violence chooses not to file a complaint, Western must still take reasonable steps to provide support for the person reporting and work to prevent future similar incidents.

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OFFICE**
**TITLE IX & ADA COORDINATOR**

*Old Main 345*
360.650.3307 or 711 (WA Relay)
eoo@wwu.edu
wwu.edu/eoo
wp.wwu.edu/sexualviolence
CAMPUS RESOURCES

ACADEMICS
Academic Advising Center
Old Main 380, 360.650.3850, advising@wwu.edu
www.wwu.edu/advising
Offers help with choosing majors and academic planning, assistance with the class registration process, advice on the General University Requirements (GURs) and more.

Career Services Center
Old Main 280, 360.650.3240, careers@wwu.edu
www.wwu.edu/careers
Support is available for initial career decision-making, gaining career-related experience through internships, exploring graduate and professional school and securing employment after graduation.

Education Abroad
Miller Hall 208, 360.650.3298, ed abroad@wwu.edu
studyabroad.wwu.edu
Offers educational opportunities through university-sponsored programs, international exchange partners and affiliated organizations in more than 75 countries.

Honors Program
360.650.3034, honors@wwu.edu
www.wwu.edu/honors
An opportunity for highly capable and motivated students to participate in small, interactive courses and collaborate with faculty.

Math Center
Bond Hall 211A, 360.650.3813, www.wwu.edu/depts/mathcenter
The Math Center provides tutoring in advanced mathematical subjects including calculus, linear algebra, statistics and differential equations.

Registrar’s Office
Old Main 230, 360.650.3430, Registrar. Office@wwu.edu
www.wwu.edu/registrar
Handles questions concerning credit and online degree evaluations, the course catalog, registration, course requirements, adding and dropping classes, graduation requirements, commencement, grade changes, transcripts, and related information requests.

Student Outreach Services
Old Main 387, 360.650.7443, sos@wwu.edu
wwu.edu/sos
Serves first-generation, multicultural and non-traditional students and engages students in personalized academic coaching, peer mentoring and specialized programs using a global and multicultural focus to support student persistence and academic achievement.

Western Libraries and the Learning Commons
360.650.3094, library.wwu.edu
The hub for teaching and learning support. Includes research and writing assistance both in-person and online, tutoring services, collaborative and quiet study spaces, and more.

CAMPUS LIFE
Academic Technology & User Services (ATUS)
Haggard Hall 123, 360.650.3333, helpdesk@wwu.edu
west.wwu.edu/atus/helpdesk
The ATUS Help Desk provides technology support, information and reference materials via the web, email, phone, and in person.

Associated Students
Viking Union 504, 360.650.3450, as.wwu.edu
All Western students are members of the Associated Students (AS). The AS offers exciting ways to get involved including 200+ clubs, 45+ committee leadership opportunities, and 200+ student jobs. Includes the Bookstore, KUGS 89.3 FM, Lakewood watersports facility, and the Outdoor Center. Check out ASofWWU on Facebook and @WWU_AS on Twitter.

AS Bookstore
501 High Street, 360.650.3655, bookstore.wwu.edu
An educational resource for textbook purchase and buyback, school supplies, art supplies, course material and apparel.

Athletics
Carver Academic, 360.650.3109, www.vikings.com
A student athletic pass is available and provides admission to all home soccer, volleyball and basketball games. Also, join BLUE CREW and step into “Viking Territory” as Viking fans bring energy to all Western Athletic events.

Campus Recreation
Wade King Student Recreation Center, 360.650.3766, www.wwu.edu/campusec
Offers a wide range of programs and activities, including intramural and club sports, fitness classes and more.

Dean of Students/Office of Student Life
Viking Union 547, 360.650.2235, www.wwu.edu/dos/office
Comprised of Student Conduct and Student Assistance Services. Services include: advice on academic and administrative policies, procedures and grievances; support while experiencing a crisis; information on university resources; hardship withdrawals; and leaves of absence for non-medical emergencies.

disAbility Resources for Students
Old Main 120, 360.650.3083, drs@wwu.edu
wwu.edu/drs
DRS provides disAbility management counseling, enabling resources, and referral information to enrolled students who possess a temporary or permanent disAbling condition. A complete diagnostic description from a qualified professional is required for eligibility.

Equal Opportunity Office (EOO)
Old Main 345, 360.650.3307, eoo@wwu.edu
www.wwu.edu/eoo
The Vice Provost for Equal Opportunity and Employment Diversity is Western’s Title IX and ADA Coordinator. Western students have the right to an educational environment free of discrimination and harassment based on race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, veteran status and genetic information. Students with discrimination or harassment concerns may contact the EOO for assistance or to file a complaint.

Ethnic Student Center
Viking Union 420, 360.650.7271, as.wwu.edu/esc
The ESC is a student-run organization within the AS that offers resources and a safe environment where students can work on event programming, study, or just hang out. The ESC supports clubs that assist students in transitioning to Western, developing cultural identity, providing a sense of community, and being active in social justice.
New Student Services/Family Outreach  
Old Main 300, 360.650.3846, 
nssfo@wwu.edu  
nssfo.wwu.edu  
NSSFO provides programs and services to help strengthen families’ connection to Western, including online resources, family weekends, and more.

Residential Technology  
360.650.2946, restek.info@wwu.edu, restek.wwu.edu  
ResTek student consultants offer personalized computer assistance in residence halls.

University Dining Services  
Edens Hall 109, 360.650.2970, 
www.campusdish.com  
University Dining is committed to designing and delivering a full complement of excellent food services to Western’s unique higher education community.

University Residences  
Edens Hall First floor, 360.650.6565, 
housing.wwu.edu  
Provides diverse and inclusive communities that foster active learning, leadership, social responsibility, civic engagement, and effective citizenship in a high quality, attractive and sustainable campus environment.

Veteran Services  
Old Main 280, 360.650.3324, 
veterans.affairs@wwu.edu  
www.wwu.edu/veteranservices  
Assists with educational benefits, change of program forms, and other services to support WWU veterans.

Viking Union  
High Street, 360.650.3120, 
vu.wwu.edu  
The VU is the home of the Associated Students and offers a student-centered place to meet people, get involved, study and just relax.

Western Card Office  
Edens Admin, 360.650.7414, 
housing.wwu.edu/wcard  
The Western Card is the official identification and transaction card, used to check out materials at the library, access meal services, enter the Student Recreation Center, ride on WTA buses, and use copy machines.

Western Student Transportation  
Viking Commons 25, 360.650.7960, 
as.wwu.edu/transportation  
Programs include the Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA) bus pass and the WWU Late Night Shuttle.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

ADCAS Alcohol and Other Drug Consultation/Assessment  
Old Main 560C, 360.650.6865, 
pws.wwu.edu/adcas  
ADCAS is a confidential, non-judgmental service for Western students who want assistance or information regarding their own use or someone else’s use of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs. We offer referral options and sobriety and risk reduction support.

Counseling Center  
Old Main 540, 360.650.3164, 
wwu.edu/counseling  
Designed to assist students with psychological concerns, personal development, and other personal issues that may impede academic progress. Services include workshops and support groups, short-term individual counseling, crisis response, self-help resource library, consultation, and referrals on-campus and in the community.

CASAS Consultation and Sexual Assault Support  
Old Main 585B, 360.650.3700, 
wwu.edu/casas  
CASAS is a free, safe, and confidential service for students who have experienced any form of violence during childhood, adolescence, or adulthood. CASAS offers a full range of advocacy, support, and referral services.

Prevention and Wellness Services  
Old Main 560, 360.650.2993, 
pws.wwu.edu  
PWS offers support in improving and maintaining overall health of the student community through volunteer Peer Health Educators, a variety of self-care services, resources and information about stress, alcohol, drug or tobacco use, sexual assault and more.

Student Health Center  
Campus Services Building, 360.650.3400, 
www.wwu.edu/chw/student_health  
The SHC is staffed by a team of physicians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses and support staff who educate and assist students with preventive health care. SHC staff also evaluate, diagnose and treat physical and mental health concerns, illnesses and injuries.

University Police  
Campus Services Building, upd@wwu.edu  
Non-emergency, call 360.650.3555, 
On-campus emergency, 360.650.3911  
wwu.edu/ps/police  
UP has primary responsibility for law enforcement on campus and also works closely with other law enforcement agencies. All officers are fully commissioned by the state of Washington and invested with the same authority as other police officers in the state.

Green Coats  
Campus Services Building, 360.650.3555  
Student safety assistants employed by University Police to provide safety services on campus including personal safety escorts.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Financial Aid  
Old Main 265, 360.650.3470, 
financialaid@wwu.edu  
finaid.wwu.edu  
Provides information about grants, loans, Work Study, scholarships, employment opportunities and personal finance.

Scholarship Center  
Old Main 285, 360.650.3471, 
scholarshipcenter@wwu.edu  
finaid.wwu.edu/scholarships  
Posts scholarship announcements, maintains resource guides and offers internet access with bookmarked scholarship websites.

Student Employment Center  
Old Main 275, 360.650.3158, 
studentemployment@wwu.edu  
finaid.wwu.edu/studentjobs  
Offers students job listings for on- and off-campus employment in both Work and non-Work study positions, as well as volunteer and community service opportunities.

STUDENT BUSINESS OFFICE

Old Main 110, 360.650.2865, 
www.wwu.edu/sbo  
sbo@wwu.edu  
Student Accounts  
Handles questions about tuition and fees, financial aid refunds and waivers.

Loans and Collections  
Contact for any questions about student loans, debt, past due notices, and exit paperwork.

University Cashier  
Services include: payments for billings, check-cashing services (limits and fees apply), notary service and more.

Parking Services  
360.650.2945, parking@wwu.edu  
www.wwu.edu/ps/parking  
Visit the website to learn about parking rates, purchasing a permit, visitor parking, commuter park and rides and more.
15,915 students
3,100 new freshmen
1,040 new transfer students
728 graduate students
95% undergraduates
57% female
87% resident of Washington
13% non-resident, including international students
25.6% students of color
90% of freshmen live on campus their first year
62% of freshmen enrolled with college credit
70% of new transfer students come directly from Washington state community colleges, led by Whatcom, Everett, Bellevue, Skagit Valley, and Olympic community colleges

160+ academic programs
99% of classes taught by faculty, not graduate assistants
79% of Western’s faculty hold the highest degree in their field
18:1 student-to-faculty ratio
28 is the average class size
73% of classes have fewer than 30 students
3.27 – 3.80 High School GPA (middle 50% of freshman admits)
1100-1290 SAT score (middle 50% of freshman admits)
23-29 ACT score (middle 50% of freshman admits)
3.00 – 3.61 College GPA (middle 50% of transfer admits)
81% of the freshman class of 2016 returned in fall 2017
64% of all freshmen students who began at Western in fall 2011 graduated in 5 years or less
70% six-year graduation rate
4.2 years is the average time to degree for freshmen students who began at Western
110,000+ graduates living and working around the world

82,000 population of Bellingham, Washington
90 miles north of Seattle
55 miles south of Vancouver, B.C.
52 miles to Mt. Baker Ski Area
10 minute walk across campus
15 minute walk to downtown Bellingham
180 acres of forest and 6 miles of forested trails adjacent to campus
#1 PUBLIC, MASTER’S-GRANTING UNIVERSITY
in the Pacific Northwest for 19 years in a row
*U.S. News & World Report*

for grads who go on to earn research doctorates among master’s-granting institutions

AMONG THE NATION’S
100
BEST VALUES IN EDUCATION
combining an outstanding education with economic value
*Kiplinger’s Personal Finance magazine*

President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction award for FIVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS

RANKED THIRD NATIONALLY FOR
FULBRIGHT FELLOWSHIPS
among master’s-granting institutions

Outside and National Geographic Adventure magazines ranked Bellingham AMONG THE TOP COMMUNITIES IN THE COUNTRY FOR OUTDOOR LOVERS