

International Undergraduate Application

Application Deadlines

Fall Semester: April 1

Spring Semester: September 1

Summer Semester: February 1

Please see instructions below to submit with your international student application. Please note the type of international student that must submit each item (if it lists Degree-seeking, Transfer or Exchange Students). If you require an extension on the application deadline, please send your request to the email address listed below.

1. **International Application**---Required for: Degree-seeking, Transfer and Exchange Students (All).

Complete the International Student Application below and submit via fax, email or regular mail. If you have permanent residence status, do not use this application form. Please visit [WCU's Undergraduate Admissions webpage](#), and choose the First Year or Transfer application.

2. **Application Fee**---Required for: Degree-seeking and Transfer Students.

Pay the non-refundable application fee of \$65. You may pay online, or by check/money order. You may pay with a cashier's check or a money order with US funds drawn from a US bank. The check must be made out to Western Carolina University, and include the student's full name. Alternatively, if you prefer to pay online, after you have submitted your application, we will provide you with an identification number (920#) that will allow you to pay [here](#).

3. **Certification of Finances Form**---Required for: Degree-seeking, Transfer and Exchange Students (All).

Complete the Certification of Finances form, which certifies that you have adequate financial support during your stay in the United States. Be sure to obtain all the signatures. Please submit supporting documents based on your finances, this could include bank statement (from self and/or parents), letter of support from sponsor, university or government.

4. **Immunization Record Form**---Required for: Degree-seeking, Transfer and Exchange Students (All).

Obtain the necessary signatures from your physician or health clinic. You may start the initial doses of some immunization series (TDAP-Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis; MMR) in your home country and resume additional doses once you arrive at WCU.

5. **Transcripts**---Required for: Degree-seeking, Transfer and Exchange Students (All).

Send official copies in English of your academic records or transcripts from secondary and postsecondary institutions.

Note: Degree-seeking and Transfer (not Exchange): Coursework taken at postsecondary institutions first must be submitted for evaluation to an approved international credential evaluation company. You may choose any company from this list [here](#).

6. **English Proficiency**---Required for: Degree-seeking, Transfer and Exchange Students (All).

Official TOEFL scores must be sent directly to WCU at the below address. Student copies will not be accepted as official. The WCU code for TOEFL and SAT is 5897. TOEFL (Test of English as Foreign Language): www.toefl.org; +1-877-863-3546. See [here](#) for more information.

Note: Students from countries where English is the primary language are exempt.

Note: For Undergraduate Admissions, the minimum TOEFL score is 68 (Internet Based-iBT) or 520 (Paper Based-PBT). A minimum band score of 6 is required on IELTS. If students have between 68 and 79 on iBT, or between 6 and 6.5 on IELTS, they will be registered in one English bridge credit-bearing course during their first semester.

7. **Passport Identification Page**---Required for: Degree-seeking, Transfer and Exchange Students (All).
Submit a photocopy of the identification page of your passport.

8. **US Visa Page and Previous I-20s**---Required for: Transfer Students and Any Others.

If you are currently in the United States, submit a photocopy of the visa page in your passport and your I-20 and most recent I-94. Others, please submit any previous US visas obtained.

Send application and supporting documents to:

Mail:

Western Carolina University
International Programs &
Services
109 Cordelia Camp
Cullowhee, NC 28723
USA

Email:

international@wcu.edu

Fax:

+1-828-227-7080 (Fax)

When we have received and reviewed all the above items, we will issue a Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20 or DS-2019) and mail it along with your WCU Acceptance Letter to your current mailing address listed on your application. If you prefer the packet mailed to your permanent mailing address, please specify. You will then take the I-20/DS-2019 to the United States Consulate in your country to obtain your student visa. Please allow at least four months for this process.

If you have permanent residence status, please go to Apply.wcu.edu and choose the Freshman or Transfer application.

APPLICANT INFORMATION Last

Name/Family Name/Surname: _____

(Full legal name as listed on your passport or birth certificate)

First Name/Given Name: _____ **Middle Name:** _____

Previous Name: _____

Date of Birth (month/day/year) _____

Gender: Male Female

Marital Status: Married Not Married

Current Mailing Address:

(SEVIS Forms I-20 and DS-2019 will be sent to this address. SEVIS forms sent outside the United States must be delivered to a physical street address and not to a post office box.)

Street Address/P O Box : _____ **City/State/Province:** _____

Postal Code _____ **Country:** _____

Permanent or Home Address:

Street Address/P O Box : _____ **City/State/Province:** _____

Postal Code: _____ **Country:** _____

Telephone (Country Code, City/Area Code, Telephone Number): _____

FAX (Country Code, City/Area Code, Telephone Number): _____

Email: _____

City of Birth: _____ **Country of Birth:** _____

Country of Citizenship: _____

What is the official language of your country? _____

Language Spoken at Home: _____ **Language Spoken at School:** _____

PROGRAM INFORMATION

I am applying as a (check one of the following):

- Freshman
- Transfer Student
- Study Abroad Exchange Program

I am applying to stay for (check one of the following):

- One Semester
- One Year
- Two Years
- Other-Need Explanation

Please Explain:

I am applying for (check only one):

- Fall** Semester 20 ____ (August)
- Spring** Semester 20 ____ (January)
- Summer** Semester 20 ____ (May)

Application filing deadlines:

- Fall Term* April 1
- Spring Term* September 1
- Summer Term* February 1

Intended College or Major Area of Study

Refer to the program chart at the end of this application and enter the appropriate code number that indicates your area(s) of interest. You will have opportunities throughout the application, advising, and registration processes to make changes.

Primary Z - _____ - _____ - _____

Secondary Z - _____ - _____ - _____

VISA INFORMATION

Are you currently in the United States? Yes No

If NO, please include a photocopy of the identification page of your passport with this application.

If YES, do you currently have a visa? Yes No

If YES, what type of visa do you hold (choose one)? F-1

F-2

J-1

J-2

Other (please give exact type of visa you hold)

Issuing Country: _____ Date of Issue: _____
Please include a photocopy of the visa page in your passport with this application.

Are you currently attending school in the US? Yes No

If YES, what institution issued your I-20 or DS-2019 for your current visa?

Please include a photocopy of your I-20 and I-94 card (back and front) with this application.

EDUCATION INFORMATION

Are you currently enrolled in a college or university? Yes No

If YES, _____
Name of School City State Country

Attendance from _____ until _____ (inclusive dates)

In chronological order, list all secondary/high schools, colleges, universities, certificate and diploma programs that you have ever attended for any length of time, whether or not you completed the term or program. Attach supplemental list if necessary.

Secondary School/High School: _____

City/State or Province/Country: _____

Dates Attended from _____ (Month/Year) to _____ (Month/Year)

Diploma, Degree or Certificate Earned: _____

Date Earned: _____

Academic Program or Field of Study: _____

College/University: _____

City/State or Province/Country: _____

Dates Attended from _____ (Month/Year) to _____ (Month/Year)

Diploma, Degree or Certificate Earned: _____

Date Earned: _____

Academic Program or Field of Study: _____

Are you eligible for readmission to the last institution you attended? Yes No

If NO, please provide an explanation:

You must have official copies, **in English**, of your academic records or transcripts from secondary and postsecondary institutions sent to Western Carolina University at the above address. Course work taken at postsecondary institutions first must be submitted for evaluation to an [approved international credential evaluation company](#). You may choose any company from this list.

STANDARDIZED TESTS

Official test scores must be sent directly from the testing services to Western Carolina University. Student copies will not be accepted as official. The Western Carolina University code for TOEFL and SAT is 5897.

Have you taken the TOEFL (Test of English as Foreign Language)?

No Yes Date/score: _____

(If your TOEFL score is below 5 (paper-based), (internet-based), @Q10 please consider applying to the Intensive English Program iep.wcu.edu at Western Carolina University.)

Have you taken the SAT?

No Yes Date: _____ Verbal score: _____ Math score: _____ Writing Score: _____

HOUSING INFORMATION

IMPORTANT: We encourage international students to live on campus. All freshmen and exchange students attending WCU must live on campus. Housing for families with children is not available on the Western Carolina University campus and is only available in off-campus residences.

Do you plan to live in an on-campus residence hall? Yes No

Will your spouse or children be accompanying you? Yes No

If YES, provide the following information for each family member accompanying you:

Last Name/Family Name/Surname: _____

First Name/Given Name: _____

Relationship to You (spouse or child): _____

Date of Birth (month/day/year): _____

City of Birth: _____ Country of Birth: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergency Contact's Full Name: _____

Relationship to You: _____

Emergency Contact's Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number (Country Code, City/Area Code, Telephone Number): _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Your “yes” answer to one or more of the following questions will not necessarily preclude your admittance. However, your failure to provide complete, accurate, and truthful information will be grounds to deny or withdraw your admission, or to dismiss you after enrollment.

For the purpose of the following six questions, “crime” or “criminal charge” refers to any crime other than a traffic-related misdemeanor or an infraction. You must, however, include alcohol or drug offenses whether or not they are traffic related.

- 1. Have you ever been found responsible for a disciplinary violation at any educational institution you have attended from 9th grade (or the international equivalent) forward, whether related to academic misconduct or behavioral misconduct, that resulted in your probation, suspension, removal, dismissal, or expulsion from the institution? YES NO
- 2. Have you ever been adjudicated guilty or convicted of a misdemeanor, felony, or other crime? YES NO [Note that you are not required to answer “yes” to this question, or provide an explanation, if the criminal adjudication or conviction has been expunged, sealed, annulled, pardoned, destroyed, erased, impounded, or otherwise ordered by a court to be kept confidential.]
- 3. Do you have any criminal charges pending against you? YES NO
- 4. Have you entered a plea of no contest or nolo contendere, or an Alford plea, to a misdemeanor, felony, or other criminal charge; or received a deferred prosecution or prayer for judgment continued for such a charge; or otherwise accepted responsibility for such a crime? YES NO
- 5. Have you received any type of discharge from military service “other than an honorable discharge”? YES NO

If you answered “yes” to any of the five questions above, please explain the circumstances below.

You must promptly notify the Admission Office in writing of any criminal charge, any disposition of a criminal charge, or any school, college, or university disciplinary action against you, or any type of military discharge other than an honorable discharge that occurs at any time after you submit this application. Your failure to do so will be grounds to deny or withdraw your admission, or to dismiss you after enrollment.

I further understand that the university encourages its students, faculty, and staff to display the following traits of citizenship: behavior characterized by honesty, integrity, and responsibility; service to others; awareness of and sensitivity to the concerns of diverse people and cultures; and commitment to stewardship of the natural and cultural environment. By completing and submitting this application, I agree to the policies and regulations of Western Carolina University. To the best of my knowledge, the information I have given is true and accurate. I understand my failure to provide complete, accurate, and truthful information on this application will be grounds for refusal of admission, cancellation of admission, or dismissal from the university.

Applicant Signature (required)

Date

Parent or Guardian Signature (if applicant is under 18)

Date

PROGRAM CHART FOR ADMISSION APPLICATION

PROGRAM	CODES
Academically Gifted Licensure Distance	EAAIG2
Accounting	BS-ACCT
Anthropology	AS-ANTH
Anthropology (Forensic)	AS-ANTH-FANT
Art	FP-ART
Athletic Training	HH-ATTR
Biology	AS-BIOL
Birth-Kindergarten - Distance	EA-BK2
Business Administration & Law	BS-BALW
Chemistry	AS-CHEM
Chemistry (Biotechnology)*	AS-CHEM-BT
Chemistry (Environmental)*	AS-CHEM-EC
Coaching	EA-UNEA-COCH
Communication	AS-COMM
Communication (Broadcasting)*	AS-CM-BC
Communication (Public Relations)*	AS-CM-PR
Communication Sciences & Disorders BS	HH-CODI
Computer Information Systems	BS-CIS
Computer Science	AS-CS
Construction Management	KS-CM
Criminal Justice	HH-CJ
Criminal Justice - Distance	HH-CJ2
Electrical & Computer Engineering Technology	KS-ECET
Electrical Engineering	KS-EE
Elementary Education Distance UG	EA-ELED2
Elementary Education	EA-ELED
Emergency & Disaster Management	HH-EDM
Emergency & Disaster Management - Distance	HH-EDM2
Emergency Medical Care	HH-EMC
Emergency Medical Care - Distance	HH-EMC2
Emergency Medical Care (Science)*	HH-SCE
Engineering Sales & Distribution Certificate	KS-ETSD
Engineering Technology	KS-ET
Engineering Technology - Distance	KS-ET2
English (Literature)*	AS-ENGL-LIT
English (Motion Picture Studies)*	AS-ENGL-MPS
English (Professional Writing)*	AS-ENGL-PW
English BA	AS-ENGL
English BSFD	EA-FNGL
Entrepreneurship - BS	BS-BS-ETP
Entrepreneurship - BSBA	BS-ETP
Environmental Health	HH-ENVH
Environmental Science	AS-ES
Finance	BS-FIN
Finance (Financial Planning)*	BS-FIN-FNP
Forensic Science	AS-FSC
Geology	AS-GEOL
Geology (Environmental Hydrology)*	AS-GEOL-ENVL
Geology (Solid Earth)*	AS-GEOL-SE
Gerontology Certificate	HH-GRTG
History	AS-HIST
Hospitality Tourism & Management	BS-HTM
Interior Design	FP-DES
Management	BS-MGT

PROGRAM	CODES
Marketing	BS-MKT
Mathematics	AS-MATH
Mathematics in Education	EA-MATH
Middle Grade: Language Arts & Social Science	EA-LASS
Middle Grade: Math & Language Arts	EA-MALA
Middle Grade: Math & Science	EA-MASC
Middle Grade: Math & Social Science	EA-MASS
Middle Grade: Science & Lang Arts	EA-SCLA
Middle Grade: Science & Social Science	EA-SCSS
Film and Television Production BFA	FP-MPT
Music	FP-MUS
Music (Commercial & Electronic Music)*	FP-MUS-CE
Music (Music Industry)*	FP-MUS-MIO
Music (Performance)*	FP-MGP
Music Education - General Music	EA-MUED-GMU
Music Education - Instrumental	EA-MUED-IMU
Musical Theatre	FP-MT
Natural Resource Conservation Management	AS-NRM
Natural Resource Conservation Mgt (Forest Resources)*	AS-NRM-FRS
Natural Resource Conservation Mgt (Landscape Analysis)*	AS-NRM-LSA
Natural Resource Conservation Mgt (Soil & Water Conservation)*	AS-NRM-SWR
Nursing - Capstone - Distance	HH-NURC2
Nursing RN to MS(N) - Distance	HH-NUR-C5
Nutrition/Dietetics	HH-NTDT
Parks & Recreation Management	EA-PRM
Parks & Recreation Mgt (Commercial & Resort Recreation)*	EA-PRM-CRR
Parks & Recreation Mgt (Community Recreation)*	EA-PRM-CR
Parks & Recreation Mgt (Outdoor Leadership & Instruction)*	EA-PRM-OLI
Philosophy	AS-PHIL
Physical Education	EA-PE
Political Science	AS-POLS
Pre-Nursing	HH-PNUR
Pre-Dentistry	GN-PRDN
Pre-Law	GN-PRLW
Pre-Medicine	GN-PRMD
Pre-Optometry	GN-PROT
Pre-Pharmacy	GN-PRPH
Pre-Physical Therapy	GN-PRPT
Pre-Veterinary Medicine	GN-PRVM
Psychology	EA-PSY
Recreational Therapy	HH-RETH
Social Work	HH-SOWK
Sociology	AS-SOC
Spanish	AS-SPAN
Spanish Education	EA-SPNE
Special Education	EA-SEGE
Sport Management	BS-SPMG
Sport Management (Athletic Administration)*	BS-SPMG-AAD
Sport Management (Exercise Science)*	BS-SPMG-ESF
Theatre	FP-THEA
Theatre (Acting)*	FP-THEA-ACT
Theatre (Design)*	FP-THEA-DSN
Theatre (Technical Production)*	FP-THEA-TPD
Undeclared/Undecided	GN-UDCL
Undeclared/Undecided - Distance	GN-UDCL2

*Concentration