

## GRADUATION APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

**Graduation Application:** The attached Graduation Application should be completed with and approved by your academic advisor and then filed in the Office of the Registrar during the second semester of the Junior year. **Please type or print legibly and use black or dark blue ink.**

An updated WARD Report will be mailed to you upon receipt of the graduation application. Please refer to your WARD Report for deficiencies. Deficiency notices will be mailed from the Office of the Registrar only after the 10th day of classes and after the graduation ceremony.

**Any change made after submission of the application must be reported immediately to the Office of the Registrar on a revised graduation application. Change of name on diploma or change of address to where the diploma is to be mailed must also be submitted on a revised application. Name changes or address changes routinely reported to the Office of the Registrar do not change the graduation application. This can only be done by submitting a revised graduation application.**

**Incomplete applications will not be accepted. All information required on the graduation application must be completed prior to submission to the Office of the Registrar.**

**Clearance:** Please obtain the required signature(s).

**Alumni Registration:** Students are required to complete the Alumni Registration Form found in the Alumni drop down menu on STARS at <http://www.wiu.edu/stars>. If you have difficulty completing the Alumni Registration Form, please contact Alumni Programs at 309-298-1914.

**Graduation with Honors:** ALL undergraduate students, including transfer students, MUST earn at least sixty (60) semester hours of letter-graded coursework (including S/U) at Western Illinois University to be eligible for graduation with honors. Please note that transfer credits may negatively impact the awarding of academic distinction upon graduation.

**Commencement Ceremonies:** Students attending the Commencement Ceremonies will be required to purchase a cap and gown from the University Union Bookstore. Students whose last term of registration is Spring or Summer are invited to attend one of the May ceremonies. Students whose last term of registration is Fall are expected to attend the December ceremony or may choose to attend a later ceremony. You will find information on the Commencement Ceremony at <http://www.wiu.edu/commencement>.

**Disability Accommodations:** If you will require a disability accommodation to participate in the Commencement Ceremony, please contact the Disability Resource Center at 309-298-2512 or by email to [Disability@wiu.edu](mailto:Disability@wiu.edu) as soon as possible, but no later than 2 weeks before the ceremony. Examples of accommodations are special seating arrangements because of a wheelchair, service animal, or other assistive equipment or assistance with crossing the stage. A sign language interpreter is provided during the ceremony, and disability seating is available for family members.

As you prepare to graduate, we will be asking you to complete the First Destination Survey (FDS). This is a quick, important way to share your next steps after WIU. Your response helps improve career resources and supports future Leathernecks. Be on the lookout! We can't wait to hear your story!

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: Students must clear all financial and administrative encumbrances (ie. library fines, security violations, etc.) before degree transcripts and the diploma will be mailed.**



NAME \_\_\_\_\_ WIU I.D.# \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants MUST complete the following areas. If applicable, write in the courses. If none, write none.

I will use the following one course in BOTH my major and minor.

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Please list courses you are planning to take elsewhere or that you have taken elsewhere and are not yet on your WIU transcript.

Term	Dept#	Title	Hours	Institution

**THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED FOR COMPLETION OF THIS FORM**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Advisor's Signature) (Date)

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(Student's Signature) (Date)

If Applicable:

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(Second Major Advisor's Signature) (Date)

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(Signature of Teacher Licensure) (Date)

This space for Registrar's use only.