



WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

# Office of Student Activities

## Office of Student Activities, Division of Student Services

The Office of Student Activities (OSA), which is located on the first floor of the University Union, is the primary resource for student organizations and programs. Student life at Western Illinois University is enriched by involvement in campus organizations that meet the diverse cultural, intellectual, and social interests of students.

### Office Hours

**Monday-Thursday:** 8:00 AM–5:30 PM

**Friday:** 8:00 AM–4:30 PM

**During Summer Session and Breaks:** 8:00 AM–4:30 PM

### Campus Programming

The University Union Board (UUB) is the largest and broadest student-run, event-programming organization at Western Illinois University. UUB students gain hands-on experience in business administration, marketing and advertising, and hospitality while planning and implementing entertainment and educational programs. UUB is comprised of an executive board and nine committees. Recent acts have included comedians Brian Posehn and Bill Burr, musical artists Lucky Boys Confusion and Lupe Fiasco, and TV personality Chris Fleming. Activities such as Bingo Nights, ski trips, pro baseball trips, ongoing weekly second-run movies, and yearly Homecoming and Family Weekend are also sponsored by the UUB.

### Greek Life Programs

The Greek community is a proven support system for thousands of men and women across the country. A fraternity or sorority can help personalize the college experience by providing close friendships, scholastic assistance, hands-on leadership experience, exposure to educational programs, and opportunities to enhance the community through service projects. Interfraternity Council, Multicultural Greek Council, and Panhellenic Council are the three self-governing councils that represent the Greek Community. Each council provides programmatic resources and support to fraternity and sorority chapters in the specific areas of educational programming, recruitment, and advocacy. All of Western's fraternities and sororities generally have recruitment or intake at the beginning of each semester. More information and a complete list of fraternities and sororities can be found at [osa.wiu.edu/greeklife](http://osa.wiu.edu/greeklife).

### Leadership Programs

Western Illinois University has made a commitment to student leadership. Leadership programs reflect this commitment through programs, conferences, classes, and recognition. TEAMLEAD, a student leadership programming board, coordinates the two flagship leadership programs: the Fall Leadership Conference, a one-day conference for students to develop leadership skills through educational and interactive sessions; and W.I.S.D.O.M., a one-day conference to promote and educate an appreciation of Western's diverse community by participating in open and honest dialogue concerning multicultural issues. Leadership classes are also offered for emerging and established leaders to enhance and promote leadership skills and practices.

### Learning to Lead

The Learning to Lead leadership program provides students with a comprehensive, three-year experience that enhances their abilities as leaders through courses, workshops, seminars, resources, and practical experiences. Students who participate in the program take part in the Leadership Education and Development (L.E.A.D.) series, perform community service, and have the opportunity to do a summer internship in Washington, DC.

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## Multicultural Programs

This area of OSA is dedicated to promoting education and dialogue about multiculturalism and diversity at WIU and provides support for minority student populations at Western. Leadership and programming opportunities include CRASH peer educators, Campus Dialogue on Multicultural Issues series, the W.I.S.D.O.M. Conference, and assisting with Minority Student Orientation. We also collaborate with and serve as the department's liaison to organizations and areas such as Black Student Association, Latin American Student Organization, International Friendship Club, Unity, the Women's Center, Casa Latina, and Gwendolyn Brooks Cultural Center.

## Volunteer Services

Volunteer Services strives to connect students with volunteer opportunities on campus and in the Macomb community, and they strive to promote the concept of service learning in the classroom. Service learning is coursework that emphasizes community involvement, and it is becoming increasingly popular on many college campuses. Volunteer Services promotes collaborations among the many organizations involved in campus or community service activities. One of the most effective service organizations on campus is Western's All Volunteer Effort (WAVE). This award-winning service organization is open to all Western students who are interested in volunteering. Projects include All Campus Service Day, Angel Tree (a holiday gift-giving project), Relay For Life, and many weekly events. Alternative Spring Break and other service trips are also organized by Volunteer Services.

## WESTEC

Western Technical Services, otherwise known as WESTEC, is Western Illinois University's student-run sound, lighting, and projection company. Throughout the year, WESTEC provides production assistance and technical support for a wide variety of events, including major concerts, Broadway theatre, comedians, and dance recitals. WESTEC also provides projection services for the movies shown in the Sandburg Theatre and assists in the coordination of video projection for a variety of other events such as guest speakers, recitals, and fall and spring commencement. Paid student positions are offered each semester. If you are interested in a position, stop by our office located in the basement of the Union or the Office of Student Activities to fill out an application. Feel free to call us at (309) 298-3210 for more information.

## Student Organization Services

There are more than 200 student organizations relating to academic majors, national honoraries and professional societies, social interest, and service. All students are welcome to be a part of the Student Government Association (SGA), residence hall government, International Friendship Club, or one of the many other organizations on campus. Check out the OSA website for more information on student organizations. The Student Organization Center (located in the basement of the University Union) is home to SGA and 18 other student organizations. The center also provides computers, mailboxes, a conference room, and a glass display case which can be used by all registered student organizations. For a complete list of registered student organizations, go to [www.osa.wiu.edu](http://www.osa.wiu.edu).

## Contact Information

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## Campus Visits

The Admissions Reception Center (Sherman Hall 115) is open most weekdays from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM when the University is in session. Group information sessions are available at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM, and campus tours are conducted at 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM daily. Individual appointments with an admissions counselor, advisers/faculty, or a financial aid adviser may be arranged during the week. The Admissions Reception Center is open from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM most Saturdays when the University is in session. A group information session is available at 10:00 AM, and a campus tour is conducted at 11:00 AM. An individual appointment with an admissions counselor may be arranged. You may schedule your visit or tour online at [www.admissions.wiu.edu](http://www.admissions.wiu.edu) by selecting "Visit Campus." You may also schedule a visit, tour, or individual appointment by calling toll free (877) PICKWIU [742-5948] or (309) 298-3157, or by e-mailing [admissions@wiu.edu](mailto:admissions@wiu.edu).

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