Located in the heart of west central Illinois, historic Macomb (population 20,000) first welcomed Western Illinois University (WIU) in 1899. A tradition of partnership between Western and the City of Macomb has made Macomb the educational, cultural, and athletic center of the region. Macomb offers a high quality of life in a relaxed setting and a welcoming community to the students and families it serves. Special annual events in Macomb include a hot air balloon rally held on campus, the Al Sears Jazz Festival, seasonal farmers markets, and Dickens on the Square. The region also boasts three 18-hole golf courses, including one on the WIU campus. Macomb, an Amtrak city with twice daily service to Chicago, is located approximately 75 miles from the Quad Cities International Airport (Moline, IL) and 70 miles from the Greater Peoria Regional Airport (Peoria, IL). For more information on attractions and accommodations, call the Macomb Area Convention and Visitor’s Bureau at (309) 833-1315 or visit makeitmacomb.com.

**Look us over**

**Character:** Recognized as one of the "Best in the Midwest Colleges" by the Princeton Review and ranked a top Midwestern Master’s Institution by "U.S. News and World Report," WIU’s friendly, accessible campus communities are dedicated to higher values in higher education and are comprised of accomplished faculty, state-of-the-art technology and facilities, and a wide range of academic and extracurricular opportunities. The four core values at heart of WIU are academic excellence, educational opportunity, personal growth, and social responsibility.

**Macomb Campus:** More than 1,050 beautifully landscaped acres support 54 buildings and 9 residence halls.

**Enrollment:** Western Illinois University serves more than 12,500 students in the heart of the Midwest through its traditional, residential four-year campus in Macomb, IL (enrollment 10,377); its metropolitan, non-residential location in the Quad Cities/Moline, IL (enrollment 1,277); and through extension courses. WIU provides a low student-to-faculty ratio (16:1) and an average class size of 23 students.

**Faculty:** With 612 professors teaching 97 percent of all undergraduate and graduate courses, Western students benefit from a high degree of interaction and interest from their professors.

**Diversity:** Western’s commitment to access, opportunity, affordability, and to the potential of every student is evident in its diverse student body. Students come from 92 Illinois counties, 38 states, and 65 nations, and 20 percent are minority students. The male-to-female ratio is 53:47.

**Technology:** Wireless coverage extends to all academic buildings and common areas of residence halls and dining centers as well as to most buildings on campus, and each residence hall room has Internet capability. Western continually adds technology-rich electronic classrooms, and updates older technologies with the newest, to provide the best education and opportunities for students.

**Library:** University Libraries’ facilities hold more than 1 million cataloged volumes of monographs and periodicals, and offer online access to the full texts of 56,000 academic journals and other publications. Items may be borrowed swiftly from more than 70 other Illinois academic libraries through the I-Share network or obtained through interlibrary loan from libraries across the nation. The Malpass Library in Macomb, the main branch, is a gem of the campus, with plenty of natural lighting and hundreds of indoor plants, creating an excellent environment for research, individual study, and collaborative learning. Malpass Library also houses the University Archives and Special Collections, as well as substantial holdings of government documents. University Libraries also encompasses specialized libraries for music, curriculum, and physical sciences in Macomb, as well as the WIU-Quad Cities Library in Moline.

**Athletics:** Western Illinois University offers a broad-based athletics program, sponsoring 20 intercollegiate sports. Football competes in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision through the Missouri Valley Football Conference; all other sports compete at the Division I level through The Summit League.

**Directions**

30 miles to Macomb. Amtrak provides swift, affordable rail service from Chicago to Macomb twice daily with nine stops en route.

**From the Chicago area**, travel west on I-88 or I-80. On I-88W, exit #1A to I-74 east to Peoria. On I-80W, exit I-74 east to Peoria. On I-74 east, exit #46A to U.S. 34 west to Galesburg/Monmouth. At Monmouth, take Highway 67 south, changes to IL 336/U.S. 136 east to Macomb.

Approximate travel time from Macomb for the following cities:

- Bloomington/Normal—2 hours
- Chicago—4 hours
- Ft. Madison, IA—1 hour
- Keokuk, IA—1½ hours
- Carbondale—5 hours
- South/West Suburbs—4½ hours
- Peoria—1½ hours
- South/West Suburbs—3½ hours
- Quad Cities—1½ hours
- Effingham—3½ hours
- Quincy—1¼ hours
- Quad Cities—1½ hours
- St. Louis, MO—3 hours
- Rockford—3½ hours

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