



Western Illinois  
University

# Center for Global Studies New International Student Orientation

# Welcome!

Welcome to the United States! I am delighted to begin my new journey at Western this fall simultaneous with your arrival. Our country, and indeed our world, is currently undergoing many challenges. The bold and enterprising spirit that enabled you to take this journey will surely factor into your inevitable success. We look forward to assisting you along the way and to being part of that success. Thank you for trusting us with your tertiary education. I look forward to getting to know you better in the coming years as I also integrate into the culture of our great institution... Welcome to Western Illinois University.

Dr. Glean, Executive Director, Center for Global Studies

# QUARANTINE REQUIRED UPON ARRIVAL

- **PLEASE NOTE:** Due to COVID-19, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Guidance states that international students are required to quarantine for 14 days upon arrival to Macomb. You will be required to do this whether you are living on campus or living in the community.
- Students will be assessed by the Beu Health Center staff.
- Residence halls will be open beginning August 6. Students can choose to stay in a residence hall until they move into their housing choices. The room is free but students will need to pay for food.
- **Students must have housing arrangements in place upon arrival to campus.**
- If students will be quarantining on campus please send an email to [globaloutreach@wiu.edu](mailto:globaloutreach@wiu.edu) to set up an appointment.
- Please visit the Arrival and Quarantine Information at:  
[http://www.wiu.edu/vpas/risk\\_management\\_and\\_emergency\\_preparedness/coronaviruses/index.php](http://www.wiu.edu/vpas/risk_management_and_emergency_preparedness/coronaviruses/index.php)

## Illinois

- WIU is in the Midwest United States
- 6<sup>th</sup> most populous state
- Over 12 million people
- Amtrak train service directly to Chicago
- Illinois is home to Chicago, the country's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest city



Chicago city skyline

## Macomb

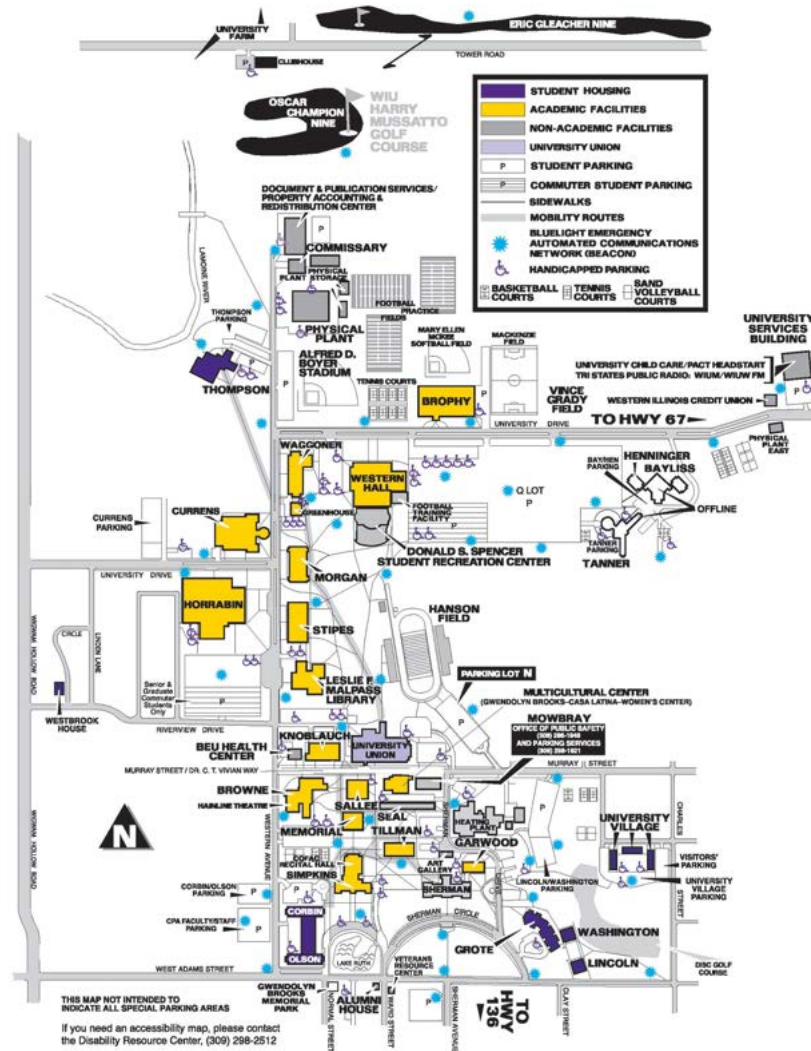
- Over 18,000 people
- Small, safe, friendly community
- Rural town, clean air, plenty of open spaces
- 3 hour train ride from Chicago, IL
- 3 hour drive to St. Louis, MO



Macomb town square



# Map of Macomb Campus



[Click Here for PDF Version](#)

# WESL Placement Test

- Western's English as a Second Language (WESL) Institute is part of the Center for International Affairs and provides an intensive program in academic English for international students who are preparing to enter an American college or university. WESL Institute is accredited by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA). The WESL curriculum is designed and taught by professional faculty to prepare students academically, socially, and culturally for success as university students.
- Students will be assessed during New International Student Orientation and placed in the appropriate level of WESL.
- Students should bring proper identification and \$100 USD for the placement test.

# Housing and Dining Services

# Housing Options

- There are residence/dining halls on campus and options for off-campus housing.
- When students are accepted, they will receive a welcome email and be added to the international student email "listserv." The listserv is a group that provides an easy way for international students to contact each other.
- Residence Hall floors are divided by gender (males only live with males, and females only with females). The halls have a mix of upper and lower division students, however freshman students live on First Year Experience (FYE) floors. Corbin and Olson have both males and females on the same floor, but the rooms are only male or female except on the Open Floor in Corbin.

**More information:** [http://www.wiu.edu/global\\_studies/housing.php](http://www.wiu.edu/global_studies/housing.php)

**Residence Hall Room & Meal Plan Rates & Graduate & Family Housing Rates**

[http://www.wiu.edu/student\\_services/housing/living\\_on\\_campus/rates/index.php](http://www.wiu.edu/student_services/housing/living_on_campus/rates/index.php)





# WIU Housing - Cost

## Cost Guarantee

Western Illinois University ensures that your college years will be a good investment with its guaranteed four-year rate for tuition, fees, and room & meal plan. All new undergraduate students entering the University are automatically included in the plan, which freezes the per-hour rate you pay for a four-year period, so costs will stay the same each year you are here. Western was the first housing program in the state to freeze both room and meal plan rates.

## Here's How It Works...

The rate for tuition, fees, and room and board will be fixed for a four-year period and remain in effect as long as you maintain continuous enrollment. If your major requires more than four years to complete, the guaranteed rate will be extended to cover the expected time for degree completion. Each year the University's Board of Trustees will set new rates for the entering class. If a fee is added and approved by the board, such as funding a new student service, the fee will apply to all students when implemented. The four-year guaranteed cost plan applies to all new students, full- and part-time. If the student has not completed the program within the allotted amount of time, the rate will be advanced by one rate plan and will continue for another two years. Included in all room rates are:

- 24-hour live-in staff
- 24-hour maintenance program
- Cable Television
- Utilities (electric, gas, water, sewer, garbage)
- Access to computer labs
- Access to laundry facilities

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[http://www.wiu.edu/student\\_services/housing/living\\_on\\_campus/rates/index.php](http://www.wiu.edu/student_services/housing/living_on_campus/rates/index.php)



If you have questions or need  
more Information:

**University Housing and Dining Services**

Seal Hall, First Floor  
Macomb, IL 61455

Phone: 309-298-3000  
Email: [UHDS@wiu.edu](mailto:UHDS@wiu.edu)



# Funding Opportunities

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## *International Graduate Students*

### Western Illinois University International Graduate Commitment Scholarship

Award: \$3,000, available fall and spring semester

Criteria:

- Must be a newly admitted graduate, non-sponsored international student enrolling to WIU for the first time.
- Minimum 3.25 GPA (confirmed by WIU; 3.25 GPA must be maintained for renewal).
- Admission into a degree program at WIU.
- Full-time enrollment (minimum 9 hours, even if an immigration exemption has been awarded for the final semester).
- \$1,500 will be awarded fall semester and \$1,500 will be awarded spring semester. Not applicable for summer school.
- Not available to students with a tuition waiver (GA, TA, RA, TSA, etc.).
- Not available to students on a government sponsorship program.
- Scholarship only applied to WIU tuition. No cash refund is available for this scholarship.
- Available for up to two years OR until student receives a degree, whichever comes first.
- No scholarship application is required. Qualifying students are notified through email.

## *International Undergraduate Students*

### Western Illinois University International Undergraduate Commitment Scholarship

Award: \$4,000 – 10,000 per year, available fall and spring semester

\$10,000 per year: 3.5 GPA confirmed by WIU

\$6,000 per year: 3.25 GPA confirmed by WIU

\$4,000 per year: 3.0 GPA confirmed by WIU

Criteria:

- Must be a newly admitted undergraduate, non-sponsored international student enrolling to WIU for the first time.
- 3.0 cumulative GPA must be maintained for renewal.
- Admission into a degree program at WIU.
- Full-time enrollment (minimum 12 hours, even if an immigration exemption has been awarded for the final semester).
- 50% will be awarded fall semester and 50% will be awarded spring semester. Not applicable for summer school.
- Not available to students on a government sponsorship program.
- Scholarship only applied to WIU tuition. No cash refund is available for this scholarship.
- Available for up to four years OR until student receives a degree, whichever comes first.
- No scholarship application is required. Qualifying students are notified through email.



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## *International Transfer Students*

### International Undergraduate Transfer Commitment

Award: \$2,000 – \$4,000 per year, available fall and spring semester

\$4,000 per year: 3.0 GPA on 24+ transfer credits

\$2,000 per year: 2.5 – 2.99 GPA on 24 + transfer credits

Criteria:

- Must be a newly admitted undergraduate transfer, non-sponsored international student enrolling to WIU for the first time.
- 2.5 cumulative GPA must be maintained for renewal.
- Admission into a degree program at WIU
- Full-time enrollment (minimum 12 hours, even if an immigration exemption has been awarded for the final semester).
- 50% will be awarded fall semester and 50% will be awarded spring semester. Not applicable for summer school.
- Not available to students on a government sponsorship program.
- Scholarship only applied to WIU tuition. No cash refund is available for this scholarship.
- Available for up to four years OR until student receives a degree, whichever comes first.
- No scholarship application is required. Qualifying students are notified through email.

\*Once international students are enrolled at WIU, they are eligible to apply for more scholarships which apply to full-time students. For more information about funding opportunities, please visit the [International Student Scholarship page](#).

# School of Graduate Studies

- The School of Graduate Studies is located in Sherman Hall 116.
- All international applications, both undergraduate and graduate, are processed through Graduate Studies.
- Immigration questions should be directed to the Graduate Studies International Admissions staff.
- Email: [international-ed@wiu.edu](mailto:international-ed@wiu.edu)
- Graduate assistantship information may be found on the Website at: [http://www.wiu.edu/graduate\\_studies/](http://www.wiu.edu/graduate_studies/)

# Graduate Assistantships

- Graduate students interested in the possibility of finding a graduate assistantship should contact the School of Graduate Studies. [Graduate Studies](#)
- The School of Graduate Studies is located in Sherman Hall 116.
- Email: [Grad-Office@wiu.edu](mailto:Grad-Office@wiu.edu)
- International Admissions is located in the School of Graduate Studies.

# Beu Health Center



# Beu Health Center

- Beu Health Center is a medical clinic located on campus. Services provided include preventative care, injury care, illness care, vaccinations, allergy shots, pharmacy, x-ray, and insurance. Beu Health Center is your primary health care facility while you are on campus.
- **All** students are required by the Illinois College Student Immunization Act to provide a record of immunizations to the University. (See next slide for additional information).
- [WIU Health Insurance](#) – amount will be charged to your student account, insurance will pay, but it might take several weeks.

# Immunization Information

- **All** students are required by the Illinois College Student Immunization Act to provide a record of immunizations to the University.
- Students can fill out the [Immunization Information Form](#) and bring it with them.
- Students should have their immunization record in English.
- Immunizations must be turned in electronically (a hold can be placed on your account).
- Students who are not able to provide proof of immunizations will have to be re-vaccinated show proof of immunity through a laboratory report. Beu Health Center is also able to administer the required immunizations if you call for an appointment.
- For more information on required immunizations and associated costs visit: [http://www.wiu.edu/student\\_services/beu\\_health\\_center/services/immunization.php](http://www.wiu.edu/student_services/beu_health_center/services/immunization.php)

# Health Insurance

- All students are charged for health insurance each semester.
- Cost for this fall (through January 31) is \$795
- Cost for spring semester (through July 31) for **new** students is \$923
- In order to waive the insurance:
  - \* You must have a policy deductible of \$750.00 or less or an office visit co-pay of \$25 or less.
  - \* Your coverage must pay benefits at 80% or greater.
  - \* Your coverage must be effective during your enrollment dates at WIU.
  - \* Your policy maximum must be unlimited.
  - \* Your policy must be Affordable Care Act compliant.
  - \* Your insurance must be United States based insurance.
- You may request that health insurance be waived by submitting a waiver form to the Student Health Insurance Office. Please click this link to access the **Health Insurance Waiver**. This form must be approved and on file in the Student Health Insurance Office by the 10th day of Fall and Spring Semesters and the 6th day of Summer Semester.
- **Spring 2021 waiver deadline is January 29, 2021.**
- Medical costs in the U.S. are expensive.
- Having insurance does not mean all costs will be covered (e.g. ambulance bill).

# Insurance Waiver Information

- The online waiver form can be found at:

<https://www2.academichealthplans.com/school/197.html>

- Your WIU ID# is the login, and the password is your birthdate – **MMDDYYYY** unless previously changed.
- Please wait 48 hours after you enroll in classes to attempt the login process. Call (309) 298-1822 if you have any questions or email at: [bs-crouse@wiu.edu](mailto:bs-crouse@wiu.edu).

***The deadline for Spring 2021 waiver is January 29, 2021.***

- Waivers must be filed each academic year.

- Health insurance does not cover dental and vision.

[wiu.studentbenefitplans.com](http://wiu.studentbenefitplans.com)

If you have questions or need  
more Information:

**Beu Health Center**

1 University Circle  
Macomb, IL 61455

Phone: 309-298-1888  
Email: [beuhealthcenter@wiu.edu](mailto:beuhealthcenter@wiu.edu)



# Billing and Receivables

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- Due dates – 28<sup>th</sup> of each month
- Billed by the end of the semester
- Payment options – must sign up by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the semester on STARS
- [Billing and Receivables](#)

If you have questions or need  
more Information:

**Billing and Receivables**

Sherman Hall 106  
Macomb, IL 61455

Phone: 309-298-1831  
Email: [billings@wiu.edu](mailto:billings@wiu.edu)





# Recreation Center

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- Free for students
- Use ID card
- Weight room, pool, track, basketball, classes
- Hours
  - Monday-Thursday: 5:30 am – 11:00 pm
  - Friday – 5:30 am – 9:00 pm
  - Saturday – 8:00 am – 9:00 pm
  - Sunday – 12:00 – 11:00 pm
- Snap Chat: WIURec
- Facebook/Instagram/Twitter: WIUCampusRec



If you have questions or need  
more Information:

**Campus Recreation**

Donald S. Spencer Student Recreation Center, 200A  
Macomb, IL 61455

COVID-19 updates can be found at

**[http://www.wiu.edu/student\\_services/campus\\_recreation/](http://www.wiu.edu/student_services/campus_recreation/)**

Phone: 309-298-1228



# The Center for Global Studies

# Contact Information

**CENTER FOR GLOBAL STUDIES-** Horrabin Hall 6

E-mail: [globaloutreach@wiu.edu](mailto:globaloutreach@wiu.edu) Phone: 309-298-1920

**STUDY ABROAD & OUTREACH** - Horrabin Hall 8

E-mail: [StudyAbroad@wiu.edu](mailto:StudyAbroad@wiu.edu)

Phone: 309-298-2504 or 309-298-1911

Macomb, IL 61455 USA

Admission questions: [international-ed@wiu.edu](mailto:international-ed@wiu.edu)

Phone: 309-298-1806

[Center for Global Studies](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/WIUGlobal/>

Office hours: Monday-Friday from 8:00 am – 4:30 pm (most campus offices are open during this time).

# Let Us Help You!

- That is our job. Reach out to us about anything. *We can't always know when you need help, so please ask!*
- We want you to learn about the U.S., but we also want for you to teach us about your country and culture.
- Only 50% of your education will occur in the classroom. You will learn so much more if you get involved!
- Please read the comprehensive [International Student Guide](#) for information about WIU and American Culture.

# Let Us Help You!

- Dr. Randy Glean, Executive Director
- Christie Carmack, Assistant Director
- Sharon Thompson, Office Administrator
- Qi Qi, International Relations Coordinator
- Alee Sebben, Graduate Assistant
- Kakeng Her, Graduate Assistant

# International Student Activities

- Conversation Partners
- International Friendship Club organization
- International Bazaar Annual Event
- International Coffee Hour
- Jani Annual International Home Sports (JAIHO) Event
- Holiday activities





# International Friendship Club

- Join the IFC!
- A great way to make friends from around the world.
- Help provide social activities for international and American students.
- Share your country's culture at the International Bazaar, International Coffee Hour, and Cultural Cafés.
- Jani Annual International Home Sports (JAIHO) Event
- Become an International Orientation Volunteer and help new students.
- Throughout the year activities and student organizations are available to help students become accustomed to living in the United States.



# Involvement on Campus

- Student Activities
- Living on Campus in Residence Halls
- Athletics NCAA Division
- Student Recreation Center
- Concerts, Theater
- Intramural Sports
- Cultural Events



# WIU Email

- Information about all the activities, scholarships, and important information will come to you via WIU email.
  - Example: Thrift stores in Macomb, activities, and food pantries.
- Check it regularly! All WIU information about your bill comes to you by email.
- Sync it to your personal account.
- Will also be added to the Google group email – you can remove your personal email account.

# International Student Google Group Email

- You will automatically be added to the Google group email.
- This allows you to post/send messages to all WIU international students at [wuintlstudents-g@wiu.edu](mailto:wuintlstudents-g@wiu.edu) (must be approved).
- This is a way for you to find rides, buy/sell things, look for roommates, get information on events, etc.

# A Few Notes on U.S. Classroom Culture

- **Time** – You will be expected to be on time! Many people in the U.S. are very punctual and organize their activities around schedules. This includes classes and meetings, etc. *Being late is considered rude.* If you cannot be on time, tell the people who are waiting for you. It is important to make reservations and plan ahead.
- **Greetings** – Some people will shake hands (handshakes usually last just a few seconds) when they first meet, and some people say, “Hi, nice to meet you.” Many people say “How are you?” or “How’s it going?” which are common greetings. (They are not usually asking questions about your life). “See you later,” or “See you soon,” are ways of saying goodbye informally.

# A Few Notes on U.S. Classroom Culture

- **Equality** – Regardless of how important your need is, you will be treated like everyone else; first come, first served. You can also see equality in the classroom. All students should be the same in the eyes of the professors, and many professors may ask their students to call them by their first names.
- **Informality** – People treat one another very informally, even in the presence of great differences in age and social status. This is **not** a lack of respect; this is the custom in the United States.

# Graduate Orientation

- Information on Graduate Orientation can be found here: [wiu.edu/grad/orientation](http://wiu.edu/grad/orientation)
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# Important Phone Numbers and Apps

**Emergency.....911**

**Office of Public Safety (OPS - Mowbray Hall).....309-298-1949**

**Macomb Police Department (120 S. McArthur).....309-833-4505**

Beu Health Center.....309-298-1888

Billing and Receivables (Sherman Hall 106).....309-298-1831

Campus Recreation Center.....309-298-2797

School of Graduate Studies (Sherman 116; admissions documents).....309-298-1806

**Immigration (Sherman Hall 116, Dana Sistko).....309-298-1806**

Registrar (Sherman Hall 110).....309-298-1891

Taxi.....309-837-9087 or 309-318-9815

University Counseling Center (Memorial Hall 102).....309-298-1806



# Stay Informed

## **Check Your WIU Email Daily:**

Make sure to add your WIU email to your phone. You will receive important information and updates about upcoming events.

## **Learn About Student Activities:**

[http://www.wiu.edu/global\\_studies/services/index.php](http://www.wiu.edu/global_studies/services/index.php)

## **WIU App:**

Download the WIU app for your phone: WIU Mobile



## **Facebook Page:**

[WIU Global Education and Outreach](#)



## **Study Abroad Page:**

[WIUStudyAbroad](#)

## **International Friendship Club Page:**

[IFCatWIU](#)

## **Email All International Students:**

The International Student Google group email includes all of the international students on campus, in addition to others. You will be automatically added to this group email. To send an email, email: [wiuintlstudents-g@wiu.edu](mailto:wiuintlstudents-g@wiu.edu)

# If you have questions or need more Information

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