



A WESTERN WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Kristi Mindrup
President of Western Illinois University

Fall semester at Western Illinois University is an exciting time filled with opportunities to explore, meet people, and build new connections in and out of the classroom. Student organizations begin to gather, signage appears to “get involved,” and the sounds of activities, the marching band, and athletic competitions begin to fill the air.

WIU is a special place because of its people. WIU faculty, staff, student mentors, and community members are dedicated to supporting students and inspiring their full potential. Families are also part of that network. Together, we work together to ensure that every student feels like they matter and make the most out of their academic and social experiences at WIU.

As a 28-year employee and also a WIU Alum, I have been honored to serve as president of Western Illinois University during the past 15 months. During my Inauguration Celebration on October 16, I enjoyed sharing my WIU story and the ways educators, professors, colleagues, and especially students have inspired and motivated me throughout my career. I also shared our collective vision for the next evolution of WIU, one that our students and their families will help shape for years to come.

I wish all of our Leathernecks and their families a memorable, fulfilling, and successful year ahead. This is your time to shine, and to pave the path to a bright future.

Go Leathernecks!
Kristi Mindrup, Ph.D.
President

USE THE GPA CALCULATOR TO ESTIMATE GRADES

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GPA Calculator

This calculator is to be used for estimating GPA only. Calculations are based on anticipated grades. For more information refer to Undergraduate Grading Policies, Grade Replacement or contact your academic advisor (also see Graduate Academic Guidelines).

STEP 1 -- Enter Cumulative Totals

Enter hours attempted, honor points and proceed to Step 2 to determine overall GPA. (You may skip this step and proceeding directly to Step 2 to determine GPA for one term.)

Hours Attempted (HA): (not AHE)
Honor Points (HP):

STEP 2 -- Enter In-Progress Course Information

Enter in-progress courses, credit hours and estimated grades in the In-Progress column. If you are retaking any courses eligible for grade replacement, enter hours and original grades in Previous column. Proceed to Step 3 to calculate projected results.

IN-PROGRESS				PREVIOUS (repeating a course)			
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HERE ARE SOME THINGS FOR STUDENTS TO THINK ABOUT BEFORE YOU DROP A CLASS

Students have until **November 2** to drop a class, if they think they will not be able to recover. Irregularly scheduled classes have different drop dates.

- "First, they need to check with their academic advisor prior to withdrawing because they may end up dropping a class that's only offered once a year or they may drop a class that's a prerequisite into something that they needed sequentially the following semester," cautioned Academic Success Coach Andrea Riebling. "So that's why it's so crucial that they talk to their academic advisor before they make any final decisions on the drop date."

If the student drops a class on this date, they will not get a refund and will also not receive a credit for the class. Only a total university withdrawal may be eligible for a prorated refund/credit.

- Riebling has observed that the financial connection to this decision sometimes impacts the student's decision to drop a class or not. If there is a good chance the student can still pass, she encourages them to consider keeping the course.

Students using financial aid may lose funding if they cannot meet 'Satisfactory Progress' requirements.

- WIU satisfactory progress standards are required and guided by Federal regulations. Students must earn credit for at least 67% of the total cumulative hours they attempt and must have a cumulative grade point average. They must also graduate before exceeding 150% of the hours required for their degree.

Student Wellness and Healthy Habits

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UNIVERSITY COUNSELING CENTER

Join WIU's University Counseling Center for **THERAPY DOGS** this semester!

LOCATION: Garden Lounge in Campus Library

- October 8 (Wed): 1 - 3
- November 5 (Wed): 2 - 4
- December 15 (Mon): 1 - 3
- December 16 (Tues): 2 - 4

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wiuwritingcenter

The UWC Presents **Healthy Writing Habits**
Fall 2025 Virtual Workshop Series

Virtual!

4:30 - 5 PM

POINTS

SEPT 30	THE BENEFITS OF WRITING
OCT 28	ESTABLISHING A WRITING ROUTINE
NOV 18	DISCOVERING YOUR WRITING STYLE
DEC 09	TIME MANAGEMENT DURING FINALS

Zoom Room | uwc@wiu.edu
tinyurl.com/UWCHHealthyWriting

wiuwritingcenter We're bringing back our virtual writing workshop series this semester! Join us TODAY from 4:30-5 PM on Zoom for our first workshop! #WritingWorkshop #UniversityWritingCenter #WesternIllinoisUniversity

FREE TUTORING

MALPASS LIBRARY (2ND FLOOR)
ONLINE VIRTUAL (BY APPT ONLY)

MONDAY 11AM-2PM, 3:00PM-8:00PM
TUESDAY: 11AM-2PM, 3:00PM-8:00PM
WEDNESDAY: 11AM-2PM, 3:00PM-8:00PM
THURSDAY: 11AM-2PM, 3:00PM-8:00PM
FRIDAY: 11AM-2PM

Visit the SLC Tutoring page for a list of courses and to sign up.

Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome.

For additional information contact the Student Learning Center
(309) 298-1871 | SLC@wiu.edu

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WIU Homecoming Highlights



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SAVE THESE DATES

NOV. 3-8, 2025

First-Gen Student Week

NOV. 8, 2025

First Generation Student Day

NOV. 24-28, 2025

Thanksgiving Break (No Classes)

DEC. 1, 2025

Classes Resume

DEC. 22, 2025 - JAN. 19, 2026

Winter Break (No Classes)

DEC. 23, 2025

Final Grades Available

JAN. 20, 2026

First Day of Classes

MARCH 3, 2026

All Major Job Fair

MARCH 16-20, 2026

Spring Break

APRIL 17-19, 2026

Family and Friends Weekend

MAY 15, 2026

Last Day of Classes

Break Housing

Residence Hall Housing Info

Residence Hall Move Out Instructions

All residence halls will close at **7 P.M. on Friday, Nov. 21, 2025.**

All residence halls will reopen at **10 A.M. on Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025.**

Do you need to stay a little later? All residents needing to stay past the closing time must fill out a Late Stay Request Form from the “Housing/Dining” Information Menu on STARS.

Visit the Housing Website to learn more about the following:

- **Thanksgiving Break Closing Details**
- **Getting Your Room in Thanksgiving Break Condition**
- **Winter Break Closing & Sign-Up Information**
- **Winter Break Closing Details**
- **Getting Your Room in Winter Break Condition**
- **MicroFridge Procedures**

wiu.edu/student_success/housing/living_on_campus/MoveOut.php

Apply for WIU scholarships today!

Deadline: March 1, 2026

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\$26 Million in Scholarships & Awards Annually

84%

of Students Receive Financial Aid

Western Illinois University (WIU) scholarships are designed to reduce financial barriers, support you in achieving your goals, and unleash your full potential.

An affordable, high-quality education is well within reach through Western's merit-based, need-based, and departmental scholarships for students from all backgrounds. Western Illinois University scholarship opportunities are awarded for both merit (based on your grades and/or extracurriculars) and need (based on your and your family's finances).

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For more information, visit:

<https://wiu.academicworks.com/>

https://www.wiu.edu/student_success/scholarship/

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