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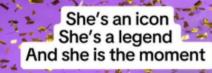
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A WESTERN WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

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.

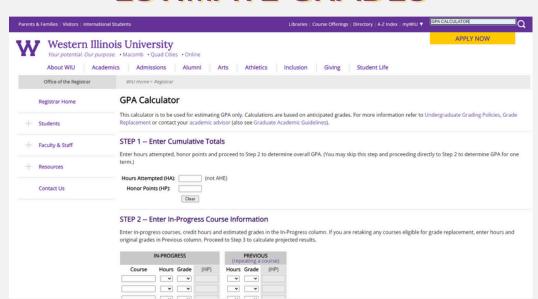
As a 28-year employee and also a WIU Alum, I have been honored to serve as president of Western Illinois University during the past 15 months. During my Inauguration Celebration on October 16, I enjoyed sharing my WIU story and the ways educators, professors, colleagues, and especially students have 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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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.

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• 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.

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FREE TUTORING

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

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

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

11AM-2PM FRIDAY:



for a list of courses and to sign up.

Visit the SLC Tutoring page

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**



Family & Student Resources at Western



Office of NSFP



Campus Event Calendar



Student Support Services



Leatherneck Link

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

MEET THE NSFP TEAM



DR. MICHELLE IANISZ Director of New Student & Family Programs



TAMMIE LEIGH BROWN-EDWARDS Hope Chicago Program Coordinator **Academic Success Coach**



KAYLANN BEEKMAN **Graduate Student** LSL Supervisor First-Gen Student Programs



KENRO BLACK Graduate Student LSL Supervisor **Special Projects**



BRADLEY IENKINS Graduate Student LSL Supervisor **Transfer Student Programs**

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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/

'Neck News: Connect with Social Media









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nsfpwiu Special recognition to all inductees of this semester Fall 2025 Tau Sigma honors society here at Western Illinois University! We're proud to recognize our outstanding members:
(Top left to bottom right) Caley Murphy, Lea Morgan Kennedy, Ignacio Zamora Reyes, Kimmy Smith, Jessica Beach, and Jalynna Gimm.
And a special shoutout to those who couldn't attend the ceremony: Andres Alphonse, Douglas Davis, Sean Delaney Kelly, Benjamin T. Pezley, Jenna Showalter, and Hayden Hank

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