Pierce College

Western Oregon University (WOU) offers qualified and motivated students from Pierce College who meet the Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) requirements a dynamic and personalized educational experience. WOU is the oldest public university on the West Coast and is nationally recognized as being one of the most innovative and successful student-focused schools in the country. The university continues to increase enrollment to meet student demand, and is in the midst of a major building construction phase to match student needs.

WOU has added new majors, such as gerontology, visual communications design and early childhood studies, in the past two years. The campus opened the new DeVolder Family Science Center in 2013. The small classes (average size 25 students) at WOU are taught by faculty, not teaching assistants or graduate students. The personalized classes, availability of faculty, and new buildings create the ideal learning and student-focused university. Additionally, with the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program, it is less expensive to attend WOU than to attend a University of California campus, and comparable in price to attending a Cal State campus. Go to wou.edu/wue for more details.

Transfer Admission Guarantee requirements

1. Cumulative GPA of 2.25 or higher on transferable credits
2. Completion of 24 semester credits. No more than two PE or non-academic credits will be counted toward the 24 semester credits.
3. Completion of English 101 with a C or higher
4. Completion of Math 140 or higher, with a C or higher
5. No ACT or SAT is required for students who meet the above requirements
6. International students are eligible

Accepted California transfer pathways

- IGETC
- Associates in Arts for Transfer (AA-T)
- Associates in Science for Transfer (AS-T)
- CSU General Education

WOU admission process

1. Complete WOU online application at wou.edu/apply
2. Payment of $60 application processing fee
3. Submission of official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended

About WOU

- Academic calendar: quarter system, fall term begins end of September, winter term begins early January, and spring term begins late March or early April
- Fall 2013 enrollment estimate 6,500
- Location: 75 miles south of Portland and 15 miles west of Salem (state capitol)
- Majors: 55+
- Offering the Western Tuition Choice (wou.edu/choice)
- Participant in the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program; the 2013-14 WUE tuition rate is $10,500
- Public university founded in 1856
- Rolling admissions with applications accepted for each academic term

Western Oregon University has been recognized nationally for its excellence and innovation.

- U.S. News and World Report: Top Regional Universities in West (2010-12)
- Parade Magazine: Top 20 Small State Colleges in America (2010)
- Education Trust: One of the top universities in eliminating the graduation gap for minority students (2010)
- NACADA: Recognized for excellence in academic advising for six consecutive years (2008–2013)
- The American Indian Science and Engineering Society placed WOU on their list of the top 200 colleges for Native American students (2013)

Specific academic programs at Western Oregon University have been selected by their peers as best in the nation.

- Teacher Education: American Association of State Colleges and Universities: Christa McAuliffe Award for Excellence (2010)

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There are more than 100 different WOU scholarship programs, including scholarships from institutional funds, and private donors through the WOU Foundation. WOU recognizes students for their active and meaningful contributions to their community and university. Student leaders are an important part of an engaged and successful university learning community. Selection criteria vary by scholarship, but generally include academic merit, personal essays, extracurricular activities and quality of application.

**provost transfer scholarship**
Awarded to new transfer students, with a minimum 3.50 transferable GPA. Amount is $1,500 per year and is renewable for a total of two years.

**diversity commitment scholarship**
The WOU Diversity Commitment Scholarship is awarded to students from diverse backgrounds who have demonstrated sustained and significant effort and commitment to activities that have either increased the diversity of the applicant’s school or community or have fostered a stronger and more supportive school or community climate for persons of diverse backgrounds.

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**tuition choice**
New WOU undergrads can choose from two tuition options: the guaranteed Western Tuition Promise, which freezes the tuition rate for four years* or the traditional plan which has a lower starting tuition rate that will increase annually. WOU is the only university to offer a tuition choice. *Transfer students will receive a prorated period of the Tuition Promise based upon the number of credits transferred to WOU.

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**majors/minors**

American Sign Language/English Interpreting
American Sign Language studies
Anthropology
Art
The Arts
Biology
Business
Chemistry
Chemistry: Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacology
Chemistry: Environmental Chemistry
Chemistry/Forensic Chemistry
Chemistry/Physics: Natural Science
Contemporary Music
Contemporary Music/Jazz
Contemporary Music/Popular Music
Contemporary Music/Theatre
Communication Studies
Community Health Education
Computer Science
Computer Science/Mathematics
Criminal Justice
Dance
Early Childhood Studies
Earth Science
Economics
Education:
  Early Childhood Teaching
  Early Childhood/Elementary Teaching
  Elementary/Middle Teaching
  Middle/High School Teaching
English/Literature
English/Linguistics

English/Writing
Exercise Science
Fire Services Administration
Geography
German Studies
Gerontology
History
Humanities
Information Systems
Interdisciplinary Studies
International Studies
Mathematics
Music
Philosophy
Political Science
Psychology
Public Policy and Administration
School Health Education
Social Science
Sociology
Spanish
Sport Management
Teacher Education: Biology
  German
  Integrated Science
  Language Arts
  Mathematics
  Physical Education
  Social Science
  Spanish
THE ARTS
  Theatre Arts
  Theatre Arts: Musical Theatre
  Visual Communication Design

**minors only**

Aerospace Studies (Air Force ROTC)
Art History
Building Codes
Chicano/a Studies
Earth History/Biosphere
Earth Resources
Earth System Science
Entrepreneurship
Environmental Studies
Film Studies
Forensic Anthropology
Forensic Science
French
Gender Studies
Geology
Geropsychology
Health
Homeland Security and Community Preparedness

Human Biology
Latin American Studies
Legal Studies
Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacology: Health and Community
Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacology: Natural Science
Military Science (Army ROTC)
Physical Education
Physical Science
Physics
Planning
Special Education/Rehabilitation Counseling
Sports Leadership
Studio Art
Studio/Art History

**applied baccalaureates**
Gerontology
Psychology

**endorsements**
Bilingual/English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
Educational Media
ESOL Reading

**special programs**
Fire Services Administration
Honors Program
Nursing (OHSU)

* Transfer students: AB degrees help students who do not have an associate transfer degree (e.g., AAOT) to efficiently complete a bachelor’s degree.

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**western undergraduate exchange (WUE)**
Residents of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming, and from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands can qualify to receive a reduction in non-resident tuition upon admission.

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