

**WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY<sup>®</sup>**  
**NARN**  
**NATIONAL ALUMNI RECRUITING NETWORK**

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To both veterans and new members –West Virginia University and the Office of Undergraduate Student Recruitment deeply appreciate your service in our National Alumni Recruiting Network!

As you know very well, WVU offers students numerous opportunities to learn, grow, and realize their potential – both in and outside of the classroom. As part of the NARN program, you have the opportunity to influence future Mountaineers and encourage them to share in these opportunities.

Your work with the NARN program is vital – as the best evidence of the value of a WVU education is the success and enthusiasm of our alumni. Your willingness to share your experiences will not only have an impact on the students we can encourage to become Mountaineers, but also has the potential to change lives for the better, as the students you encourage become successful alumni.

This manual is designed to provide the “nuts and bolts” information you will require as you interact with prospective students and their families. Combined with intentional training sessions and, most importantly, your own enthusiasm and experiences as a member of the WVU family, I am certain your efforts will have a positive impact on WVU and future generations of Mountaineers.

Please feel free to contact me or any of the staff in Undergraduate Student Recruitment at any time. Just as you support our efforts, we strive to support and encourage you in this important work.

Thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,

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## **Basic Admission Information**

### ***Admissions Criteria***

When students and parents ask questions about the admissions process, they frequently are trying to find out if someone is eligible for admission. Admission to West Virginia University is based on a combination of high school grade point average and ACT or SAT scores. Each application is reviewed individually by a member of the admissions staff. Applications can be submitted online or in paper form and must be accompanied by an official transcript and the nonrefundable application fee (\$25 for in-state students; \$45 for out-of-state students). In addition, students are required to submit an immunization record before attending classes. The records must show proof of receiving the MMR, or measles, mumps, and rubella vaccines. The University recommends that students receive the hepatitis B and meningitis vaccines, but they are not required.

GED scores of 45 or above may be used for admission consideration. To find an average GED score, divide three-digit scores by five or divide four-digit scores by 50.

Letters of recommendation and personal essays are not required, but if students are worried that events beyond their control could affect their chance for admission, they may write a note of explanation and include it with the application. WVU has a committee that considers special circumstances. For more information, refer students to Freshman Admissions at 304-293-2121.

### ***Course Requirements***

To be eligible for consideration, students must have successfully completed:

- 4 units of English
- 4 units of college prep mathematics (Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and one other math)
- 3 units of social studies
- 3 units of science (with 3 units as a laboratory science)
- 2 units of a foreign language are required (does not include American Sign Language)
- 1 unit of fine arts

Some colleges have admissions standards that exceed the minimum requirements for general entry into WVU. These include direct admission to the School of Nursing, the College of Engineering and Mineral Resources, the College of Human Resources and Education, the Forensic and Investigative Science program, and Freshman Journalism in the Perley Isaac Reed School of Journalism. More information about these requirements can be found at [http://www.arc.wvu.edu/admissions/urequire\\_main.html#Anchor-Additiona-5328](http://www.arc.wvu.edu/admissions/urequire_main.html#Anchor-Additiona-5328).

### ***Student Profile Averages***

The incoming freshman class of 2007 had an average GPA of 3.3, an average ACT score of 23.5 and an average SAT math/critical reading combined score of 1061. These averages are a good baseline to give students who inquire about admissions requirements.

### ***ACT or SAT Examinations***

WVU requires all students applying for undergraduate admission to submit scores from either the ACT or SAT. WVU does not require students to take the optional written component of the ACT examination. To be eligible for consideration, West Virginia residents must have an ACT score of 19 or a 910 SAT score. Nonresidents must have an ACT score of 21 or a 990 SAT score. The University will use the highest composite test score to determine eligibility for admission. Meeting the minimum scores does not guarantee admission.

### ***Admissions Process***

- Student submits application, including application fee, high school transcripts, and ACT or SAT scores
- An admissions decision is made
  - A letter is sent to the student with his/her admissions decision
- Student submits an academic deposit
  - \$150 for residents and \$250 for non-residents
- Student is then eligible to apply for housing
  - Can be done online or using a paper application
- Student will receive information about registration for New Student Orientation

### ***Important Dates***

- September 15
  - Applications begin to be processed
- February 1
  - Deadline for applications to be considered for academic scholarships
  - Deadline to request a roommate
- March 1
  - FAFSA deadline [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- May 1
  - Last day to request a full refund of the academic deposit and/or a partial refund of the housing deposit.
- June
  - Submit final transcripts and immunization forms
  - New Student Orientation

## **Admission Options**

### ***ACCESS***

High school students have the opportunity to take West Virginia University courses and earn college credit. These students are invited to become participants in the ACCESS Program. Credit for course work taken will be recorded on an official WVU transcript. This college credit applies to a student's academic progress at WVU or may be transferred to other institutions of higher education. Whether these credits count toward high school graduation is a decision of the Board of Education of the county in which the student resides.

### ***Home-Schooled Students***

Home-schooled applicants and applicants graduating from non-accredited high schools must meet the minimum requirements for application review and also submit a typed manuscript or description of their academic background. Minimally, this documentation must include the student's name and a list and description of courses completed. Descriptions should include duration of study, content of the course, and measurement of student assessment. Grades earned for the courses completed, and the number of credits earned for each course should also be included. The courses must be broken down by 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade years. The transcripts must bear the signature of the person who administered the curriculum.

### ***Non-Traditional Students***

Students who graduated from high school, or took the GED, more than five years ago are not required to submit an ACT or SAT test score. However, they still must submit an official high school transcript.

### ***Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/CLEP***

Students may receive advanced placement and credit in certain undergraduate programs by scoring 3, 4, or 5 on the College Entrance Examination Board's Advance Placement (AP) Tests. Students may also receive credit in many subject areas through the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), and the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program. Additional details can be found here: [http://www.arc.wvu.edu/admissions/college\\_credit.html](http://www.arc.wvu.edu/admissions/college_credit.html).

### ***Transfer Admissions***

Transfer students must have an overall GPA of 2.0, but many programs have higher requirements.

Transfer students with fewer than 29 transferrable semester hours of credit are considered freshmen and must submit their ACT/SAT test scores and their official high school transcript. They are also required to live in the residence halls. Those with more than 29 semester hours of credit are not required to submit high school transcripts or ACT/SAT scores and do not have to live in the residence halls.

All college-level courses with a grade of D or higher that have been taken at an accredited institution will transfer, but they may not count as requirements for a major. Grades will transfer only if the courses are taken at a West Virginia public institution. The transfer admissions Web page lists transfer course agreements with many colleges. More information about transfer students can be found at <http://admissions.wvu.edu/undergraduate/academics/transfer.asp>.

### ***International Admissions***

In addition to normal requirements for admission, international students must submit the following:

- A completed online undergraduate International Student Admission Application (or a downloaded paper copy of the instructions and application)
- The application fee
- Results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing Service (IELTS) must be sent to WVU directly from the Educational Testing Service
- Original or certified copies of all official academic records in original language of issue (transcripts from U.S. institutions must be sent to WVU directly from the institutions); unofficial photocopies are not acceptable.
- Original or certified copies of all academic certificates or diplomas in original language of issue
- Official English translations of academic records and certificates/diplomas

More information about international admissions can be found online at <http://admissions.wvu.edu/undergraduate/academics/international.asp>.

## **Important Publications**

### ***The Undergraduate Catalog***

The catalog is a comprehensive publication that includes program requirements, course descriptions and faculty listings for each school and college, as well as University policies and procedures. The catalog is available online at <http://coursecatalog.wvu.edu/>.

### ***The Health Sciences Center Catalog***

This is a detailed description of the various programs offered at the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center. It describes the medicine, dentistry, nursing, and pharmacy programs. The catalog is available online at <http://coursecatalog.wvu.edu/>

### ***The Viewbook***

Students on our mailing list receive this introduction to West Virginia University. It discusses the facilities, location, and the faculty and students who make WVU special. It contains information on admissions, scholarships, financial aid, and student life. We no longer include a paper application in the viewbook, but students can download an application for admission at <http://admissions.wvu.edu/undergraduate/application/default.asp>.

### ***Roadpiece***

A glossy brochure, the roadpiece is designed to provide a quick glance of WVU to students and families. The roadpiece includes information on majors, costs, and admissions requirements. It also includes a postage-paid information card students can send to WVU to be placed on the mailing list. This is the main brochure distributed at college fairs.

### ***Brag Cards***

Brag cards contain information about specific colleges here at WVU and contact information for those colleges. These cards also contain information about majors and programs. These allow potential students to look further into a possible course of study than they are able to with the roadpiece. It is good to know what majors are of common interest in your area, so that you don't bring too much information to events. Typically, a limited number of brag cards are brought to NACAC events and are given out on request. Printable information about majors can be found online at <http://www.wvu.edu/majors/>.

## **Special Programs**

### ***Honors College***

Freshmen are considered for admission to the WVU Honors College based on ACT or SAT composite standard scores, high school grade point average, and community service and extracurricular experience. Direct admission is based upon the following criteria.

- ACT composite score of 28 or an SAT combined score of 1240 and a minimum GPA of 3.8.
- ACT score of 31 or an SAT score of 1360 and a minimum GPA of 3.5.
- Designation as a National Merit Semifinalist, with a minimum GPA of 3.5.
- Designation as a WVU Presidential Scholar.

For more information on the Honors College application process visit <http://www.honors.wvu.edu/application/application.html>

### ***MedBound Program***

Launched in 2007 as a joint project between the Honors College and the WVU School of Medicine, MedBound allows highly qualified and motivated students to enhance their preparation for a medical career and simplifies the medical school admissions process.

MedBound offers a curriculum designed to produce a well-rounded, compassionate, and scientifically advanced physician scholar. The linked undergraduate and professional school experience promotes excellence not only in the sciences but also the humanities and social sciences.

The MedBound application process is competitive, and all applicants are not guaranteed acceptance. Students will complete their undergraduate work and premedical requirements at WVU with a specialized curriculum leading to a bachelor's degree. Provided that they maintain the agreed-upon academic and professional standards, MedBound students will be guaranteed acceptance into the WVU School of Medicine.

## **New Student Orientation**

New Student Orientation is where a first-time WVU student's college experience begins. During orientation, students will learn more about academic programs, student services, and campus life. They will also meet with their academic advisor to finalize their course schedule. Students will receive a prepared schedule at orientation and have the option to change that schedule to their needs.

Parents are also encouraged to attend New Student Orientation. Special programming is offered to teach parents what to expect during their student's enrollment at WVU. Participants leave their sessions prepared to help their student make a seamless transition from high school to college.

All incoming freshmen must take the math placement exam. Students will also have the opportunity to take other placement tests. Registration for these takes place when the student registers for New Student Orientation.

When students leave orientation they will have their student ID card and class schedule. They will then be able to visit the WVU Bookstore or an off-campus book store to reserve their textbooks.

## The Campus Visit

West Virginia University offers two campus visit options for students and their families.

### ***Visitors Resource Center***

The WVU Visitors Resource Center combines cutting-edge video and digital technology, campus tours with friendly, knowledgeable guides, and traditional West Virginia hospitality. We know that once you've visited our campus, you will realize that no matter what your dream is WVU can help you fulfill it.

### **To make a tour reservation you may schedule online**

(<http://admissions.wvu.edu/undergraduate/visit/default.asp> ), or inquire about other Visitors Resource Center services, please call 1-800-344-9881, Opt. 2, or 304-293-3489. Also, contact us through [visitwvu@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:visitwvu@mail.wvu.edu).

### *Guided Tour Schedule*

Monday through Friday: 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Saturday (excluding home football games): 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

### *Graduate & Transfer Student Tour Schedule*

Monday: 1:30 p.m.

Friday: 10:00 a.m.

### ***Mountaineer Visitation Days***

We've planned special days for prospective students and their families to visit us. These visitation days are designed to meet our student's specific needs. As our guests for the day, students and their families will tour the campus and meet faculty and staff to learn more about admission requirements, courses of study, the cost of attendance, financial aid, scholarships, housing, student organizations, and other important information. We also offer optional activities at the end of the day to personalize the visit. Participants may ride the Personal Rapid Transit (PRT), attend a class, or shop in the WVU Bookstore. Lunch is provided for our guests in one of our residence halls. Reservations are required and space is limited. To register call 304-293-2264 or register on-line at [www.arc.wvu.edu/Visit\\_main.html](http://www.arc.wvu.edu/Visit_main.html).

## Financial Aid, Scholarships, and Costs

### ***Applying for Financial Aid***

To receive aid, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA form is available in January online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>.

The yearly FAFSA application deadline is March 1. Although students may apply for financial aid after this date, we will be unable to guarantee a financial aid award, award amounts may be greatly reduced, and these students may only receive loans. The FAFSA does require income tax information, so families are encouraged to complete their taxes early. If the family has not completed their taxes for the year, they can file with the previous year's information and make corrections at a later date.

The FAFSA is sent to a federal processor who calculates a family's Expected Family Contribution (EFC) toward paying for the student's education. The EFC is based upon many factors, including income level and assets, number of members living in the household, how many students are in college, how close the parents are to retirement, etc. In order for their information to be sent to WVU, students must put WVU's FAFSA school code of **003827** on the form.

Financial aid will only be awarded to students who have been admitted. The Financial Aid office sends out award letters in late March and early April, depending upon the student's residency. Students have 15 working days to accept all, part, or none of their aid. Failure to return the award letter within 15 working days could result in the cancellation of the aid. Families should accept as much aid as they think they may need, and decrease it later if necessary.

### ***Scholarships***

West Virginia University offers a variety of merit-based scholarships for both West Virginia residents and non-residents. These scholarships are awarded based on academic performance and standardized test scores. Information for scholarships for West Virginia residents can be found on-line at [http://www.arc.wvu.edu/Scholars\\_Office/in\\_state.html](http://www.arc.wvu.edu/Scholars_Office/in_state.html) . Additionally, information for scholarships for non-residents can be found on-line at [http://www.arc.wvu.edu/Scholars\\_Office/out\\_of\\_state.html](http://www.arc.wvu.edu/Scholars_Office/out_of_state.html) .

## Annual Costs

### 2008-2009 Undergraduate Costs of Attendance (Amounts are subject to changes approved by the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission)

Category	At-Home		On Campus		Off Campus	
	In-State	Out-of-State	In-State	Out-of-State	In-State	Out-of-State
Tuition & Fees	5,100	15,768	5,100	15,768	5,100	15,768
Books & Supplies	1,160	1,160	1,160	1,160	1,160	1,160
Room & Board	2,620	2,620	7,168	7,168	7,056	7,056
Transportation	1,530	1,530	990	990	1,350	1,350
Personal	970	970	970	970	970	970
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,380</b>	<b>\$22,048</b>	<b>\$15,388</b>	<b>\$26,056</b>	<b>\$15,636</b>	<b>\$26,304</b>

These costs are a base average for students. Some majors, such as Pharmacy, Engineering, Nursing, Medicine, Business and Economics and Journalism may have additional lab fees. These can be found at [http://www.arc.wvu.edu/admissions/tuition\\_fees.html](http://www.arc.wvu.edu/admissions/tuition_fees.html).

## Student Life

### ***Residence Halls***

Residential living at WVU provides students with far more than just a place to live and eat. It offers both a vital orientation to University life and an educational experience that supports, supplements, and expands classroom learning.

WVU has a collection of programs to help freshmen learn how to thrive during their first year of college.

Some of the programs are:

- Resident Faculty Leaders (RFLs): Faculty members who live in the residence halls and act as mentors.
- Residential Colleges: Students in residential colleges will have more opportunities to informally interact with additional faculty.
- Freshman Interest Groups: Students with the same major live together and take courses together
- Tutors and peer study groups
- University 101: A course for students to learn skills needed to be successful at WVU both in and outside the classroom
- The Festival of Ideas: A series of well-known speakers
- Fall Fest: An annual concert and celebration to kick off the start of a new school year.

WVU owns and operates sixteen residence halls. Eight are located on the downtown campus while the remaining eight are on the Evansdale Campus. Currently under construction is one new residence hall between the downtown and Evansdale campus which will be the new home of the Honors College. The University also leases several residential properties each year to meet the needs of our growing student body. Additional information on all of the residence halls can be found on-line at <http://housing.wvu.edu/>

University freshmen and transfer students with fewer than 29 semester hours of credit are required to live on campus. For questions regarding this policy, students should call 304-293-4491. Students must pay a \$200 housing deposit to hold their room. The deposit is partially refundable until May 1. If a student would like to request a roommate, they must submit their housing materials no later than February 1. All roommate requests must be mutual. Assignments are made on a first-come, first-served basis.

## **Security**

WVU maintains its own University Police Department, equipped with radio-dispatched patrol cars, that provides 24-hour surveillance of the campus. Our campus police are trained as state troopers in order to secure the highest level of security for our students.

Another security feature of campus is the 37 blue emergency phones that can be accessed at any time by the push of a button. These can be used by students to alert police units in the area if there is an emergency. Police are known for their quick response time of two minutes or less.

The residence halls are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by highly trained professional and student support staff who serve as resources for residents. The Night Staff supervises security and safety in the residence halls from midnight to 8:00 a.m. The outside entrances are locked at 9:00 p.m., and the residence halls are patrolled from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. No person may enter the residence halls after 9:00 p.m. without presenting a valid resident identification card. Students may sign in same-sex overnight guests, and guests of the opposite sex are not permitted in the residence halls after midnight.

WVU recently enacted a text messaging alert system that students, faculty, staff, and parents have the option of using to be informed in the event of an emergency. This also includes emergency alerts via e-mail and on the WVU main page.

A recent study by *Reader's Digest* ranked WVU 18th among 135 participating U.S. colleges and universities for safety and earned an "A" for its strong commitment to safety.

## **Transportation**

The PRT (Personal Rapid Transit system) is free to students and has five stations on its route of 11 miles from the Health Science campus to downtown Morgantown. The PRT operates Monday – Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 10:15 p.m.; Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and is closed on Sundays.

The University bus service provides shuttles throughout the day and until 1:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday, and until 2:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

University personnel and students who want to use public transportation in Monongalia County can ride the Mountain Line Transit System for free by showing their employee identification cards or Mountaineer cards.

Many Mountaineer Parents Clubs will assist with ride-sharing to and from Morgantown. Families are encouraged to contact their local club chair for details or call 304-293-2506. Visit the Mountaineer Parents Club website at [www.parentsclub.wvu.edu](http://www.parentsclub.wvu.edu) for more information. The Mountain Line Transit

Authority offers bus service to the Pittsburgh International Airport and the Pittsburgh Greyhound Terminal. The bus schedule can be found on-line at <http://www.busrider.org> .

Students are allowed to bring cars to campus, but it is not recommended. Parking is not available near the residence halls and permits run upwards of \$200.

## **Student Services**

### ***Counseling and Psychological Services***

The Carruth Center for Counseling and Psychological services is staffed by professional counselors and psychologists who are available to help students with anything from stress to eating disorders. Services are handled in strict confidence and most are free for students. For more information, call 304-293-4431.

### ***Center for Black Culture***

The WVU Center for Black Culture was established in 1987 and its six-fold mission is to:

- Provide support to WVU students, particularly African-American students and students of color with issues concerning recruitment and retention
- Provide the University community with cultural and social events that are unique to the African world experience
- Provide a forum for the study, research, and examination of African people and societies
- Provide an educational, social, and cultural support system for African and African-American students, faculty, staff, and community members
- Support the development of the state of West Virginia through education, extension and public service activities
- Serve as an intellectual source for the study and research of African and African-American culture and life

### ***Health Services***

The University Health Services provides general ambulatory care and laboratory and radiology testing. Enrolled full-time students who have paid their fees are eligible for services at a low cost. For more information, call 304-293-2311.

### ***Academic Resource Centers***

There is a wide range of academic support available to WVU students in the three Academic Resource Centers. The ARCs are located in Arnold, Brooke and WVUp All Night. Free tutors are available on a walk-in basis for a variety of subjects including math, chemistry, physics, biology and statistics. The hours of operation vary by site so check out our website for more information <http://studentaffairs.wvu.edu/> or call 304-293-5811

### ***Disability Services***

WVU's Office of Disability Services promotes comprehensive student learning by providing necessary legal accommodations, programs and services for students with a disability. As part of the University's student-centered outlook, we are dedicated to helping students achieve success- regardless of any physical, learning, psychological, or other documented disability. A partial list of available services includes:

- Priority pre-registration

- Academic accommodations
- Physical classroom accommodations
- Accessible transportation for class-related activities
- Alternative formats (refers to different formats of printed or visual materials such as Braille or closed-captioning of films used in classes)
- Sign language interpreters and/or auxiliary aids

For more information, call 304-293-6700.

### ***Mountaineer Parents Club***

At West Virginia University, we recognize that parents want to support their children's success in college and maintain involvement in their lives. Students have also told us that they want and need advice from their parents. To meet these needs, WVU fosters communication between the world of college and home with the Mountaineer Parents Club. The Mountaineer Parents Club was created in 1995 as part of a nationally-recognized initiative that transformed the University into a student-centered learning community. Since it began the club has grown to include more than 18,500 members in 66 local clubs. These parents stay informed about the services available at the University, share ideas with other parents and help to provide a supportive environment for students. More information can be found at <http://parentsclub.wvu.edu/>.

### ***Office of Undergraduate Student Recruitment***

The Office of Undergraduate Student Recruitment is comprised of Admissions Counselors and Regional Recruiters who represent West Virginia University in our primary recruitment markets. These markets include West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, New Jersey, Ohio, New York, Delaware, and New England. Please visit <http://www.arc.wvu.edu/NSS/AdmissionsCounselors> to learn more about the Admissions Counselor or Regional Recruiter who works with students and families in your region.

## WVU Fast Facts

- The student-faculty ratio is 23:1.
- Our students receive more than \$270 million in grants, scholarships, loans, and work study annually.
- WVU offers 185 undergraduate majors and over 350 student organizations.
- At 79%, WVU's freshman retention rate is above the national average. Our overall five-year graduation rate is also above the national average for similar institutions.
- Thousands of job interviews are held on campus annually, and more than half of the Fortune 500 companies come to campus to interview our graduates.
- The 375-member WVU Marching Band was named the "Best Band in America" by the Sudler Foundation in 1997.
- WVU has one of the 11 FEPAC accredited forensic science undergraduate degree programs and will present a Master's of Science in Forensic Science Program in fall 2008.
- WVU has one of the largest collections of African drums in the world. Elliott Mennette, the father of the modern steel drum, is a faculty member at the College of Creative Arts.
- Among WVU's proudest distinctions are the 25 students who have been chosen to receive Rhodes Scholarships to study at Oxford University, 19 Truman Scholars who have been recognized for their public service efforts, 30 Goldwater Scholars who have demonstrated academic excellence in the sciences, two British Marshall Scholars for their appreciation and understanding of British culture and academic values, and two Morris K. Udall Scholars for their work in environmental sciences and in Native American causes. A Truman Honor Institution, WVU was one of only 17 U.S. colleges selected for this honor in the inaugural year.
- The National Merit Scholarship Corporation's annual report recognized WVU as one of the top 100 National Merit Finalist-enrolling institutions. WVU tied for the number 68 slot with Bowdoin College, the University of Kentucky, the University of Wisconsin at Madison, and Wheaton College.

- As a national public research university, WVU attracts some of the world's best faculty. More than 88% of full-time faculty members hold a doctorate, and more than 54% of classes are taught by full-time faculty.
- A *New York Times* article featured WVU's Resident Faculty Leader program, reporting that "WVU is placing some of its senior faculty literally outside the front doors of dormitories, where the real learning experience occurs."
- ABC-TV's *Good Morning America* featured WVU's All Night, calling it "an encouraging answer" to the national problem of campus drinking and "a lot of fun for students, something they themselves requested."
- The WVU Libraries house more than a million books and an extensive collection of electronic and print resources.
- Computer labs with 1,600 computers are located in residence halls, classroom buildings, libraries, and in the student union, all wired to the Internet and linked to the campus Intranet. Students can also check out laptop computers at several locations on campus. Wireless internet is available in several locations around campus, including residence halls.
- Campus tours are offered twice a day Monday through Saturday by the Visitors Resource Center. Students can tour both campuses, meet with professors, and see a residence hall room. Learn more about Visitors Resource Center tours online at <http://visit.wvu.edu/>.
- The Student Recreation Center houses state-of-the-art gymnasiums, indoor basketball and racquetball courts, a walking track, rock-climbing wall, swimming pool, and fitness equipment.
- WVU students come from all 55 counties in West Virginia, all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and 99 countries.
- WVU's student body is 58% West Virginia residents and 42% non-residents. Most of our out-of-state students are from Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia.
- The fall 2007 enrollment was 28,113 students, including undergraduate, graduate, and professional levels.
- WVU faculty conduct more than \$138 million of funded research and other projects per year with support from federal, state, and private sources.
- WVU is classified as a Research University (High Research Activity) by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

- The scenic grounds of the Morgantown campuses, with their mix of historic and modern facilities, contain over 170 buildings on 913 acres.
- International House, located on the downtown campus, is a residence hall that brings together domestic and international students to learn about different cultures.
- Adventure West Virginia, part of the newly created Mountaineer Adventure Program, is a summer wilderness orientation program that allows new students to bond while enjoying the natural beauty of the state.
- Free tutoring is available for many classes, both in residence halls and at WVUp All Night.
- WVU offers hundreds of classes each summer so students can graduate early, get the classes they need, and learn at their own pace.
- Students from around the state, nation, and world can earn WVU credits and degrees through online classes. Some programs, like Integrated Marketing Communications are conducted entirely online.
- The Resident Faculty Leaders in each residence hall plan dinners, outings to local amusement parks, and trips to major cities like Pittsburgh and New York City. Last year several Resident Faculty Leaders took students to Europe during spring break.
- The Men's Basketball Team earned its third Sweet 16 appearance in the last four years.
- The Women's Basketball Team advanced to the second round of NCAA Tournament.
- The Mountaineer Information Express, or MIX, is a Web platform customized for WVU students and faculty. The MIX includes student e-mail accounts, chat rooms and message boards for each class, and online class registration. Students can also access grades and payment information through the STAR platform.
- Last year, the Mountaineers won the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, beating the Oklahoma Sooners 48-28.
- You can earn college credit while studying abroad. WVU offers over 400 study abroad programs in 61 countries.

- Fall Family Weekend is held annually and includes events that students and their families can enjoy together.
- Football tickets are free to WVU students and are distributed based on a lottery system.
- Mountaineer Week, held in November, features a craft and quilt show, special dinner buffet, traditional Appalachian culture, and the PRT cram. In 2000, a total of 97 students crammed themselves into a PRT car.
- The Mountaineer Maniacs is the largest student organization on campus and the premiere student group for Mountaineer athletics. Maniacs have priority seating and ticket distribution for football games, and also have priority seating at the Coliseum for men's basketball games.
- The Dick Dlesk Soccer Complex is the state-of-the-art home for the men's and women's soccer teams.
- The 2007 Men's Soccer Team reached the NCAA Sweet 16 and finished the season ranked 13th.

## Information for Prospective and Current African American/Black Students

### Student Population:

- 3% African American (900)
- 2% Latino (500)
- 2% Asian American (600)
- .4% Native American (1000)
- 5% International Students (350)

### Programs/Services:

- Kwanzaa Program
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Program
- CBC&R Lecture Series
- Africana Studies Program
- Cultural Attaches Program  
<http://studentlife.wvu.edu/mpprograms.html>
- Brown Bag Lunch Film and Discussion Series  
<http://studentlife.wvu.edu/mpprograms.html>
- Academic Advising (CBCR)
- Teaching Luncheons  
[http://www.wvu.edu/~nas/otherprograms/teaching\\_luncheons.html](http://www.wvu.edu/~nas/otherprograms/teaching_luncheons.html)
- Home Away from Home (*Carruth Center for Counseling and Psychological Services*)
- Student Support Services/TRiO <http://sss.wvu.edu/>
- President's Office for Social Justice
- McNair Scholars: <http://www.wvu.edu/~mcnair>
- Colloquium for Aspiring Minority Doctoral Candidates  
<http://www.wvu.edu/~socjust/colloquium.htm>
- Study Abroad
- Seamless Transition Program <http://stp.wvu.edu/>
- WVNano/LSAMP (for STEM majors)  
<http://wvnano.wvu.edu/lsamp/index.html>
- Guaranteed 4.0 Tutoring Program (for Calculus students)
- oneWVU <http://onewvu.wvu.edu/>
- Health Sciences & Technology Academy (HSTA) <http://www.wv-hsta.org/>

## Special Events:

- Welcome Back BBQ
- Belmear Reception
- Black History Month Activities
- Diversity Week Activities
- Fall Fest
- African Drum and Dance Ensemble Annual Concert
- University Arts Series
- Festival of Ideas <http://events.wvu.edu/foi/index.shtml>
- Annual Step Show (*National Pan Hellenic Council*)

## Scholarships:

- The Scott D. Widmeyer First-Generation/African American Scholarships (School of Journalism)  
<http://journalism.wvu.edu/studentscholarships.htm>
- Multicultural Housing Scholarship  
<http://housing.wvu.edu/apply/scholarship.htm>
- Manifest Your Destiny Foundation Entrepreneur Scholarship (HS Sr only)  
<http://www.uncf.org/forstudents/scholarDetailSGA.asp?id=318>
- Sallie Mae Fund American Dream Scholarship 2009  
<http://www.uncf.org/forstudents/scholarDetailSGA.asp?id=299>
- Ron Brown Scholar Program  
<http://www.ronbrown.org/Apply/EligibilityRequirements.aspx>
- Jackie Robinson Foundation's Scholarship Program  
<http://www.jackierobinson.org/apply/>
- RMHS/African American Future Achievers  
[http://www.mcdonaldsnymetro.com/html/rmhc\\_african\\_american\\_future\\_a.php](http://www.mcdonaldsnymetro.com/html/rmhc_african_american_future_a.php)
- Roy Wilkins Scholarship  
<http://www.uncf.org/forstudents/scholarDetailSGA.asp?id=268>
- Hubertus W. V. Wellem's Scholarship for Male Students  
<http://www.uncf.org/forstudents/scholarDetailSGA.asp?id=266>
- AIChE Minority Scholarship Awards for Incoming College Freshman  
<http://www.aiche.org/Students/Awards/MinorityScholarshipAwardsIncomingFreshmen.aspx>
- NANBPWC National Scholarship  
<http://www.charityadvantage.com/nanbpwc/ScholarshipApplications.asp>
- National Association of Black Journalists Scholarships  
<http://www.nabj.org/programs/scholarships/index.php>

## **African and African American/Black Student Groups/Organizations:**

- African Student Association
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- Black Law Students Association  
[http://law.wvu.edu/student\\_life/student\\_organizations/black\\_law\\_student\\_association](http://law.wvu.edu/student_life/student_organizations/black_law_student_association)
- Black Student Union
- Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.
- National Pan Hellenic Council
- Omega Psi Phi
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
- Kappa Alpha Psi
- Society of Black Engineers

## **Course Offerings:**

### *Africana Studies Program*

- Africana Studies 220: Introduction to Africana Studies
- Africana Studies 420: Seminar in Africana Studies

### *Communication Studies*

- COMM 316: Intercultural Communication

### *English Language and Literature*

- ENGL 154 and 254: African American Literature
- ENGL 139: Contemporary African Literature
- ENGL 354: Topics in African American Literature
- ENGL 255: Multiethnic Literature

### *Geography*

- GEOG 243: Geography of Africa

### *History*

- HIST 427: East Africa to 1895
- HIST 428: East Africa since 1895
- HIST 433: West Africa to 1885
- HIST 434: West Africa from 1885
- HIST 451: African-American History to 1900
- HIST 452: African-American History since 1900
- HIST 429: History of Africa: Pre-Colonial
- HIST 430: History of Africa: European Dominance to Independence
- HIST 453: Civil War and Reconstruction

- HIST 468: The Old South
- HIST 469: The New South

*Music/Dance*

- MUSC 477: Music of Africa
- MUSC 175: Introduction to History of Jazz
- MUSC 475: History of Jazz
- MUSC 179: Music in World Cultures

*Sociology & Anthropology*

- SOCA 235: Race Relations
- SOCA 405: Introduction to Social Inequality
- SOCA 221: Families and Society
- SOCA 252: Physical Anthropology
- SOCA 331: Sociology of Law
- SOCA 444: Neighborhoods and Crime
- SOCA 238: Ethnic Groups
- SOCA 256: Traditional and Changing Africa

*Social Work*

- SOWK147: Human Diversity

*Sport and Exercise Psychology*

- SEP 373: African Americans in Sports

*University 101: The Black Experience*

*Women's Studies*

- WMST 215: African Women Writers

**Faculty/Staff/Parents/Alumni:**

- Black Faculty Association <http://bfa.sitespace.wvu.edu/home>
- Social Justice Council  
[http://socialjustice.wvu.edu/social\\_justice\\_council](http://socialjustice.wvu.edu/social_justice_council)
- WVU Black Alumni <http://www.it3online.com/wvublackalumni/>
- Mountaineer Parents Club <http://parentsclub.wvu.edu/>

## Community Information and Regional Resources:

[http://www.tourmorgantown.com/play\\_home.php](http://www.tourmorgantown.com/play_home.php)

- Approximately 100,000 People (Greater Morgantown, including student population)
- 4% African American
- 4 Area African American-Owned Beauty Salons/Barber Shops  
[http://cbc.wvu.edu/welcome\\_to\\_our\\_community](http://cbc.wvu.edu/welcome_to_our_community)
  - The Shop (*Westover*)
  - Cynthia's Divine Designs (*Fairmont*)
  - Arthur's Barber Shop (*Fairmont*)
  - Barbara Johns' Boulevard Beauty Salon (*Uniontown*)
- Local Churches
  - *From CBC website:* [http://cbc.wvu.edu/welcome\\_to\\_our\\_community](http://cbc.wvu.edu/welcome_to_our_community)
  - *General List:*  
[http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s\\_q&view=text&hl=en&q=churches+in+morgantown+wv](http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&view=text&hl=en&q=churches+in+morgantown+wv)
- Wine and Jazz Festival <http://www.wvwineandjazz.com/>
- West Virginia Black Heritage Festival (Clarksburg)  
<http://www.wvblackheritagefestival.com/gpage.html>
- Shopping [http://www.tourmorgantown.com/about\\_morgantown.php](http://www.tourmorgantown.com/about_morgantown.php)
- WVU Coliseum Concerts  
<http://www.events.wvu.edu/concerts/index.shtml>
- Restaurants [http://www.tourmorgantown.com/about\\_morgantown.php](http://www.tourmorgantown.com/about_morgantown.php)
- WV Division of Culture and History <http://www.wvculture.org/>
- West Virginia Center for African American Art & Culture, Inc.  
<http://www.cacwv.org/>
- Multifest (Charleston) <http://www.multifestwv.com/index.htm>
- Mid-Ohio Valley Multi-Cultural Festival (Parkersburg)  
<http://www.movmcf.org/>
- John Henry Days (Talcott) <http://www.hintonwva.com/JohnHenry.html>

## Information for Prospective and Current Jewish Students

### Undergraduate Student Population:

- 28,000 students
- Approximately 4% Jewish (1000) \*As estimated by WVU Hillel

### Jewish Student Groups/Organizations:

- WVU Hillel [http://www.wvu.edu/~wvuhillel/WVU\\_Hillel/Welcome.html](http://www.wvu.edu/~wvuhillel/WVU_Hillel/Welcome.html)
- Sigma Alpha Mu <http://wvusammy.com/>
- The Jewish Law Student Association

### Campus Activities:

- Yom HaShoah: Day of Remembrance

### Scholarships:

- Sigma Alpha Mu Foundation's Young Scholars Program  
[http://wvusammy.com/page.php?page\\_id=15734](http://wvusammy.com/page.php?page_id=15734)

### Course Offerings:

#### *Foreign Language in Translation*

- FLIT 371: The Holocaust in East European Film and Literature

#### *History*

- History 220: The Holocaust
- History 421: Hitler and the Third Reich
- History 422: Twentieth-Century Germany from Weimar to Bonn

#### *Religious Studies*

- Religious Studies 222: Origins of Judaism
- Religious Studies 304: Studies in Hebrew Scriptures

### Study Abroad Programs:

- Germany and Poland: Holocaust Study
- Israel: a new archeological dig led by WVU professor Aaron Gale  
[http://religiousstudies.wvu.edu/faculty\\_staff/aaron\\_gale\\_s\\_home\\_page](http://religiousstudies.wvu.edu/faculty_staff/aaron_gale_s_home_page)

### Faculty/Staff:

- Jewish-identified faculty members available for guidance and mentoring

### Days of Special Concern:

- Rosh Hashanah
- Yom Kippur
- Pesach (Passover)

**Community Information:**

- Approximately 70,000 People (Greater Morgantown, including student population)
- Local Synagogues - Tree of Life Synagogue <http://etzhaim.org/>
- Historical listing of Morgantown Jewish-Owned Stores and Businesses [http://westvirginiajewishhistory.com/jewish\\_businesses\\_in\\_morgantown.htm](http://westvirginiajewishhistory.com/jewish_businesses_in_morgantown.htm)

## Information for Prospective and Current Latino(a) Students

### Undergraduate Student Population:

- 3% African American (700)
- 2% Latino (400)
- 2% Asian American (400)
- 2% International Students (350)
- .5% Native American (100)

### Programs/Services:

- Cultural Attaches Program  
<http://studentlife.wvu.edu/mppprograms.html>
- Brown Bag Lunch Film and Discussion Series  
<http://studentlife.wvu.edu/mppprograms.html>
- Home Away from Home (*Carruth Center for Counseling and Psychological Services*)
- Student Support Services/TRiO <http://sss.wvu.edu/>
- President's Office for Social Justice <http://www.wvu.edu/~socjust/>
- Study Abroad [http://studentaffairs.wvu.edu/study\\_abroad](http://studentaffairs.wvu.edu/study_abroad)
- McNair Scholars: <http://www.wvu.edu/~mcnair>
- Seamless Transition Program (for STEM majors) <http://stp.wvu.edu/>
- Summer Undergraduate Research Experience Program (SURE for STEM majors)
- EXPOSURE Program (Early Experiences in SURE for STEM majors)
- Guaranteed 4.0 Tutoring Program (for STEM majors)

### Special Events:

- Diversity Week Activities  
[http://www.wvu.edu/~socjust/Diversity/diversity\\_week\\_2008.html](http://www.wvu.edu/~socjust/Diversity/diversity_week_2008.html)
- University Arts Series <http://events.wvu.edu/uas/index.shtml>
- Festival of Ideas <http://events.wvu.edu/foi/index.shtml>
- Annual Cultural Awareness Dinner  
[http://www.wvu.edu/%7Eesos/FreshStartSurvey/org\\_details.cfm?org\\_id=555](http://www.wvu.edu/%7Eesos/FreshStartSurvey/org_details.cfm?org_id=555)
- Hispanic Heritage Month Activities  
<http://www.forlang.wvu.edu/news/activities>
- Spanish Language Conversation Hour (Spanish Table)  
[http://spanish.forlang.wvu.edu/conversation\\_hour](http://spanish.forlang.wvu.edu/conversation_hour)

## Scholarships/Financial Aid:

- Multicultural Housing Scholarship  
<http://housing.wvu.edu/apply/scholarship.htm>
- U.S. Department of Education FASFA and Financial Aid Information en Espanol  
<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/spanish/index.jsp>
- Hispanic Scholarship Fund  
<http://www.hsf.net/default.aspx>
- Hispanic College Fund <http://www.hispanicfund.org>
- Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute <http://www.chci.org>
- Hispanic Heritage Foundation  
<http://www.hispanicheritage.org/youth.php>
- Scholarships for Hispanics <http://www.scholarshipsforhispanics.org>
- Latino College Dollars <http://www.latinocollegedollars.org>

## Student Groups/Organizations:

- Brazilian Student Organization  
[http://www.wvu.edu/%7Esos/FreshStartSurvey/org\\_details.cfm?org\\_id=359](http://www.wvu.edu/%7Esos/FreshStartSurvey/org_details.cfm?org_id=359)
- Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority  
[http://www.wvu.edu/%7Esos/FreshStartSurvey/org\\_details.cfm?org\\_id=555](http://www.wvu.edu/%7Esos/FreshStartSurvey/org_details.cfm?org_id=555)
- Latin American Student Organization  
[http://www.wvu.edu/%7Esos/FreshStartSurvey/org\\_details.cfm?org\\_id=557](http://www.wvu.edu/%7Esos/FreshStartSurvey/org_details.cfm?org_id=557)
- Sigma Delta Pi Spanish Honorary <http://www.wvu.edu/~sigmadeltapi>

## Course Offerings

### *English*

[http://english.wvu.edu/current\\_undergraduate\\_students/english\\_courses\\_and\\_descriptions](http://english.wvu.edu/current_undergraduate_students/english_courses_and_descriptions)

- Multiethnic Literature

### *History* <http://www.as.wvu.edu/history/undergraduate/courses.htm>

- Latin America: Past and Present
- Latin America: Culture, Conquest, Colonization
- Latin America: Reform and Revolution

### *Music*

- Ethnic Percussion
- World Music
- Music Alive Exchange Program

### *Sociology & Anthropology*

<http://www.as.wvu.edu/soca/academic/undergraduate/CI-degreerequirements.htm>

- Race Relations
- Introduction to Social Inequality
- Ethnic Groups
- Hate Crime
- Inequality and the Media
- Race, Racism and the Law
- Latin American Cultures

### *Spanish* <http://spanish.forlang.wvu.edu>

- Courses in culture, history, grammar, composition, and language

### *Library Collections*

- Area: Latino American Studies [Anna.Schein@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:Anna.Schein@mail.wvu.edu)

### **Parents:**

- Mountaineer Parents Club <http://parentsclub.wvu.edu/>

### **Community Information:** <http://www.morgantown.com/overview.htm>

- Approximately 70,000 People (Greater Morgantown, including student population)
- 1.5% Latino
- Local Churches
  - *Catholic Churches:*  
<http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&ie=UTF8&q=catholic+churches+in+morgantown+wv&fb=1&view=text&cd=1&sa=N&start=0>  
\*\*\*St. John University Parish offers monthly Mass in Spanish
  - *General List:*  
[http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s\\_q&view=text&hl=en&q=churches+in+morgantown+wv](http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&view=text&hl=en&q=churches+in+morgantown+wv)
- Shopping [http://www.tourmorgantown.com/about\\_morgantown.php](http://www.tourmorgantown.com/about_morgantown.php)
- WVU Coliseum Concerts  
<http://www.events.wvu.edu/concerts/index.shtml>

- Restaurants [http://www.tourmorgantown.com/about\\_morgantown.php](http://www.tourmorgantown.com/about_morgantown.php)
  - Los Mariachi's (*Mexican Cuisine*)
  - Solera Café (*New World Cuisine featuring the flavors of Brazil, Cuba, Argentina, Chile, Peru, the Caribbean, Latin America and the American Southwest*) <http://soleracafe.com/index.php?showimage=4>
  - Rio Grande (*Mexican Cuisine*)
  - El Jalisco (*Mexican Cuisine*) [www.jalisco.com](http://www.jalisco.com)
- Salsa Delight & Lessons by DJ Alejandro Saenz  
<http://www.myspace.com/saenzproductions>

## Information for Prospective and Current Native American Students

### Undergraduate Student Population:

- .5% Native American (100)
- 3% African American (700)
- 2% Latino (400)
- 2% Asian American (400)
- 2% International Students (350)

### Programs/Services:

- Native American Studies Program <http://www.wvu.edu/~nas/>
- Elder-In-Residence Program  
<http://www.wvu.edu/~nas/elderinresidence.html>
- Sycamore Circle Lecture Series  
<http://www.wvu.edu/~nas/sycamore.html>
- West Virginia Native American Heritage Series  
<http://www.wvu.edu/~nas/wvnaheritageseries.html>
- Native American Studies Research Colloquium  
<http://www.wvu.edu/~nas/researchcolloquium.html>
- Native American International Cultural Exchange  
<http://www.wvu.edu/~nas/otherprograms/international.html>
- Global Service Learning Project  
<http://www.wvu.edu/~nas/otherprograms/global.html>
- Teaching Luncheons  
[http://www.wvu.edu/~nas/otherprograms/teaching\\_luncheons.html](http://www.wvu.edu/~nas/otherprograms/teaching_luncheons.html)
- Multicultural Film and Discussion Series  
[http://www.wvu.edu/~nas/otherprograms/multicultural\\_film.html](http://www.wvu.edu/~nas/otherprograms/multicultural_film.html)
- Native American Studies Internship Opportunities  
<http://www.wvu.edu/~nas/internship.html>
- Cultural Attaches Program  
<http://studentlife.wvu.edu/mppprograms.html>
- Home Away from Home (*Carruth Center for Counseling and Psychological Services*)
- Student Support Services/TRiO <http://sss.wvu.edu/>
- President's Office for Social Justice <http://www.wvu.edu/~socjust/>
- McNair Scholars: <http://www.wvu.edu/~mcnair>
- Colloquium for Aspiring Minority Doctoral Candidates  
<http://www.wvu.edu/~socjust/colloquium.htm>
- Seamless Transition Program (for STEM majors) <http://stp.wvu.edu/>
- Summer Undergraduate Research Experience Program (SURE for STEM majors)

- EXPOSURE Program (Early Experiences in SURE for STEM majors)
- Guaranteed 4.0 Tutoring Program (for STEM majors)

### **Special Events:**

- Peace Studies Lecture <http://www.wvu.edu/~nas/peacetree/index.html>
- Peace Tree Ceremony <http://www.wvu.edu/~nas/peacetree/index.html>
- Diversity Week Activities
- Native American Heritage Month Activities
- Festival of Ideas <http://events.wvu.edu/foi/index.shtml>

### **Native American Student Groups/Organizations:**

- Organization for Native American Interests (ONAI pronounced “OWN-eye”)

### **Course Offerings:**

#### *Art*

- ART 293: Special Topics (Native American Art History)



#### *English Language and Literature*

- ENGL 156: Literature of Native America
- ENGL 356: Topics in Native American Literature (such as the Hollywood Indian)
- ENGL 387: Topics in Women’s Literature (such as Native American Women Writers)
- ENGL 255: Multiethnic Literature: Captivity & Border Crossing

#### *History*

- HIST 264: American Indian history
- HIST 441: 17th Century Colonial America
- HIST 442: 18th Century America
- HIST 255: History of American Colonial Society
- HIST 293: Special Topics (Sacred Places)

### *Native American Studies*

- NAS 200: Introduction to Native American Studies
- NAS 493: Special Topics (including such offerings as Contemporary Native American Issues, Native American Child & Family Studies, Eastern Woodland Indians, Science from a Native Perspective, History of the Moundbuilders, [Amizade Global Service Learning](#), etc.)

### *Sociology and Anthropology*

- SOCA 235: Race Relations
- SOCA 238: Ethnic Groups
- SOCA 255: Cultures of Latin America
- SOCA 405: Intro to Social Inequality

### **Faculty/Staff/Parents/Alumni:**

- Approximately .5% of WVU's full-time employees are Native American (about 15 faculty/staff members)
- Currently gathering information on alumni of the Native American Studies Program: <http://www.wvu.edu/~nas/alumni.html>
- Mountaineer Parents Club <http://parentsclub.wvu.edu/>

### **Resources**

- Native American Library Research Guide

### **Community Information and Regional Resources:**

- Approximately 70,000 People (Greater Morgantown, including student population) <http://www.morgantown.com/overview.htm>
- .2% of Morgantown's population is Native American
- Appalachian American Indians of West Virginia (AAIWV) <http://aaiwv-ani.org/>
- West Virginia Native American Coalition, Inc. (WVNAMCO)
- Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex (Moundsville, WV) <http://www.wvculture.org/sites/gravecreek.html>
- Criel Mound (South Charleston) <http://www.wvculture.org/history/mounds.html#moundsc>
- WV Division of Culture and History <http://www.wvculture.org/>
- Alcoa Foundation Hall of American Indians (Carnegie Museum of Natural History: Pittsburgh) <http://www.carnegiemnh.org/exhibits/alcoa.htm>

## Information about Potomac State College of West Virginia University

<http://www.potomacstatecollege.edu/>

### ***Admissions Criteria***

Potomac State College of WVU is an open admissions institution. The principle qualifications for admissions are graduation from an accredited high school or high school equivalent diploma through the General Education Development (GED) tests. Applicants are required to submit ACT or SAT scores, which are used for placement purposes. If space is limited, the best-prepared students are admitted.

For applicants outside the state of West Virginia admissions criteria is to obtain a 2.0 GPA or higher. Applicants are required to submit ACT or SAT scores, which are used for placement purposes.

### ***How to Obtain an Application for Admission***

Applications can be obtained on the Web site at [www.potomacstatecolleg.edu](http://www.potomacstatecolleg.edu) . The application is also available at many high schools and in the PSC Office of Enrollment.

### ***Early Admission: High School Early Start Program***

Academically talented high school students who have completed their junior year with a 3.0 GPA may be admitted to take college courses before high school graduation. Students seeking early admission into Potomac State's High School Early Start Program must meet the following criteria:

1. Have completed the junior year of high school and obtain a letter of permission from the high school counselor or principal.
2. Have an overall grade-point average of B (3.00) or better for all high school work, unless supporting data, recommendations, and conferences indicate that a student's potential for success warrants reconsideration.
3. Submit a completed application for admission and an official high school transcript.

Extenuating circumstances may exist wherein the principal and/or student may ask for reconsideration. In such cases, the decision to admit will be made by the Dean of Curriculum and Instruction and the Director of Enrollment Services.

## **Honors**

### ***Honor Society***

Sigma Phi Omega Honor Society was established in 1923. Membership in the society is considered to be a high distinction. It is restricted to students who earn a GPA of 3.0 or better with no failing grades during the grading periods.

### ***PSC Honors Program***

The Potomac State College Honors Program is designed to provide a cohesive, integrated program of honors courses that will apply toward the satisfaction of general education and/or core requirements. Enrollment in the Honors Program is by invitation only.

## **What PSC Offers**

Potomac State College of WVU is located in Keyser, WV approximately 80 miles from Morgantown. The college is situated 20 miles south of Cumberland, MD off of Interstate 68.

- Potomac State College is a fully integrated, two-year division of West Virginia University.
- Potomac State College professors have time to teach and to get to know their students. And students have the time and support they need to learn the material.
- Enrollment: 1608 from 20 states and two countries
- Average class size: 23
- Student-faculty ratio: 16:1
- Potomac State College's 50 associate degrees transfer to West Virginia University main campus or most other four-year colleges.
- Potomac State College has eight two-year, fast-track career and technical programs that prepare students for competitive jobs in areas including Hospitality & Tourism, Criminal Justice and Equine Production & Management.
- Potomac State College now offers two four-year degrees in Business Management and Criminal Justice.
- Potomac State College has four residential halls including a new, \$19 million, 352-bed residential complex, University Place.
- Potomac State College's intercollegiate athletics program that competes in the NJCAA includes the following sports: men's baseball; co-ed golf; women's softball & volleyball; men's and women's basketball and soccer.
- Potomac State College is affordable.
- Potomac State College offers a significant tuition discount to residents from:

**PSC Tuition and Fees per Semester 2008-2009**

	(a) IN-STATE	(b) METRO**	(c) OUT-OF-STATE
Tuition and Fees (2007-2008)	\$1,363.00	\$2,465.00	\$4,337.00
University Place* (Double Suite)	\$1,820.00	\$1,820.00	\$1,820.00
Board (19 Meal Plan per week)	\$1,587.00	\$1,587.00	\$1,587.00
(d) Total Fees	\$4,770.00	\$5,872.00	\$7,744.00

\*\*Metro Fees apply to residents of: Allegany County, MD; Garrett County, MD; Bedford County, PA; Fayette County, PA; Somerset County, PA; Frederick County, VA.

*Above fees do not reflect books and supplies, incidental fees and personal expenses.*

*The price for existing Residence Halls (Friend, Memorial and Reynolds) is 1,378 per semester.*

## Important WVU Websites

Main WVU Page <http://www.wvu.edu>

Admissions Requirements

<http://admissions.wvu.edu/undergraduate/application/requirements.asp>

Adventure WV <http://adventurewv.wvu.edu/>

Application Status Check

[http://admissions.wvu.edu/undergraduate/application/adm\\_status.asp](http://admissions.wvu.edu/undergraduate/application/adm_status.asp)

Apply On-line <http://admissions.wvu.edu/undergraduate/application/>

Athletics <http://www.msnsportsnet.com/>

Financial Aid <http://admissions.wvu.edu/undergraduate/finaid/default.asp>

Honors College <http://www.honors.wvu.edu/>

Majors List <http://www.wvu.edu/Majors/index2.html>

Morgantown <http://www.tourmorgantown.com/index2.php>

New Student Orientation

[http://www.arc.wvu.edu/new\\_student\\_orientation/orientation.htm](http://www.arc.wvu.edu/new_student_orientation/orientation.htm)

News and Information <http://wvutoday.wvu.edu/>

Mountaineer Parents Club <http://parentsclub.wvu.edu/>

Research at WVU <http://www.wvu.edu/Research/>

Scholarships [http://www.arc.wvu.edu/Scholars\\_Office/](http://www.arc.wvu.edu/Scholars_Office/)

Service and Volunteering <http://cce.wvu.edu/>

Student Organizations <http://www.wvu.edu/~sos/>

Student Diaries <http://studentdiaries.wvu.edu/>

Student Recreation Center <http://studentreccenter.wvu.edu/>

Study Abroad <http://admissions.wvu.edu/undergraduate/academics/abroad.asp>

Transfer Students <http://admissions.wvu.edu/undergraduate/academics/transfer.asp>

Visitors Resource Center <http://visit.wvu.edu>

Mountaineer Visitation Days [http://www.arc.wvu.edu/new\\_student\\_orientation/mvd.htm](http://www.arc.wvu.edu/new_student_orientation/mvd.htm)