LOOKING FOR AN ANYTHING-BUT-AVERAGE EDUCATION?

YOU FOUND IT.
Whether you’re curious to know what the campus looks like, what types of students study here, or just how much a Worcester State education will cost, turn the pages to find the answers to common questions from students just like you.

Take a look and discover what makes Worcester State an anything-but-average education.
HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO COME TO WORCESTER STATE?

HERE’S A HINT: IT’S AN EDUCATION YOU CAN AFFORD
No doubt about it: taking the leap and heading to college is a major investment. But it’s an investment in yourself—one that will reward you again and again over the course of your lifetime.

That’s why each year we award more than $250,000 in scholarships to our students, and work with them to explore other financing options. At Worcester State, we’re committed to making education affordable for all of our students. It’s why we’re recognized as a “Best Value” public university by The Princeton Review and a Massachusetts Best ROI University by payscale.com.

AN EDUCATION YOU CAN AFFORD
Thinking about financing college can be scary, but we’re here to help every step of the way. More than 70% of our students receive some form of financial assistance and applying to Worcester State automatically constitutes consideration for a merit scholarship.

Big network. Big opportunities.
Worcester State students can cross-register for classes at 10 other top public and private schools: Anna Maria, Assumption, Becker, Clark, Tufts’ Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, Holy Cross, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Quinsigamond, UMass Medical School, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.
SO, WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY DEGREE?

OUR GRADUATES WILL TELL YOU "JUST ABOUT ANYTHING"

84% of recent graduates say their academic program prepared them for career success

Recent graduates report an average first-year salary of $42,936

99% of our recent graduates are employed, in graduate school, or both within six months of graduation
Our graduates have gone on to pursue advanced degrees from institutions like Boston College, Rutgers University, Simmons University, University of Massachusetts, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and, of course, Worcester State, in subject areas from nursing to management to education.

You’ll find our alumni working at companies and organizations across the region and around the world, from Amazon.com, Inc. and State Street Bank to the Mayo Clinic and Shrewsbury Public Schools.

No matter where you want to go, we’ll provide you with the skills, experience, and professional connections that get you there.

GETTING YOU READY FOR WHAT’S NEXT

We provide our students with a range of career services, including:

- Individual career counseling
- Assistance choosing majors
- Workshops, mock interviews, and coaching
- Résumé, cover letter, portfolio, and personal statement preparation assistance
- Full- and part-time internship and summer job postings through our LancerLink student portal
- Career fairs

Deepening Knowledge of Democracy

Nana Darkwa ’18 knew her education in sociology and political science would take her far—all the way to the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate. “My job as ambassador is to do local outreach to schools,” she explains. “I work with advanced placement history and United States government teachers to enhance their courses with a trip to the Kennedy Institute.”
Friends in (far away) places

The connections you’ll make here extend far beyond campus. Our International Programs Office is committed to integrating global travel, coursework, and service into your academic program. That means everything from faculty-led short trips to hundreds of different study abroad destinations worldwide.
Take a look around campus, and you’ll see that Worcester State is a thriving, diverse community of different backgrounds, cultures, and beliefs—all learning and living together.

As a member of our community, you’ll discover new things, make new friends, and gain new perspective. We are committed to diversity because we believe that experiencing ideas and cultures different than your own broadens horizons and builds mutual understanding that makes the world a better place.

A COMMITMENT TO GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

Our Center for Global Studies oversees our highly regarded global studies concentration, and offers interdisciplinary classes ranging from human rights and international business to climate change and world literature. Classes like these give you deep insights into ideas and issues that are impacting the entire planet, which means you’ll graduate as an informed, savvy global citizen.

- **5,380** full-time and part-time undergraduate students
- **Over 1,500** resident students
- **31** nations represented on campus
- **32%** underrepresented minority students
WHAT WILL CLASS BE LIKE?

IT’S AN UP-CLOSE-AND-PERSONAL EXPERIENCE THAT’S BUILT AROUND YOU

17:1 student faculty ratio

60 / 40% female to male undergraduates

59 majors and minors

31 master’s degrees, post-baccalaureate certificates & education specialist programs
Worried about big lecture halls? You won’t find them here. We’re all about small classes, because we know they lead to more meaningful learning experiences.

At Worcester State, you’ll get to know your professors, and they’ll get to know you. That means less time asking what did they just say? and more time interacting, exploring, and learning. We’re here to support you outside the classroom, too. In fact, the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education recently recognized WSU as a national leader in advising technology and personalized, face-to-face mentoring. Our integrated approach keeps you connected to academic advisors, professors, and tutors—everyone you need to help you make the most of your educational investment.

WSU’S SUCCEED IN IV
College is about investing in yourself. That investment is best realized within four years. Our Succeed in IV program will connect you with services that support your transition to college, establishing a foundation for success, and supporting you through to graduation. Students are surveyed to measure readiness for college and then support is provided to keep you on track. Degree completion is very important to you...and to Worcester State. Day-by-day, semester-by-semester, we’ll help you Succeed in IV.

Spotlight on Faculty
Assistant Professor of History and Political Science Anthony Dell’Aera, Ph.D., is our faculty fellow for a new partnership with the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate. He develops faculty and student projects in policymaking, dialogue, and debate, and organizes student trips to the EMK Institute. The idea is to prepare students for active participation in the democratic process. When he’s not teaching and mentoring students, Associate Professor of Earth, Environment, and Physics Douglas Kowalewski, Ph.D., spends some time studying the ice sheets of Antarctica. It earned him a position as a rotating program director at the National Science Foundation—a grant award that is typically the province of doctoral-level research universities. Science students use his Antarctic soil samples to hone their research skills and make their own discoveries about microbes contained in these soils.
WHAT WILL I DO WHEN I AM NOT IN CLASS?

YOU’LL FIND TONS OF WAYS TO TAKE YOUR INTERESTS TO NEW HEIGHTS
Sure, we’ve got challenging academics, distinguished faculty, and study abroad options around the world. But we also offer a huge selection of campus events, student activities, and local civic engagement opportunities.

RESIDENCE LIFE DONE RIGHT
Over 1,500 on-campus residents live in four residence halls that make up the heart of our upper campus. It’s the place you want to be to experience all things #woolife. Looking for a late-night snack? You’ll find everything from quesadillas to brownie sundaes in the Lancer Loft. Need a spot to unwind after classes? Our study lounges are the perfect place to take in spectacular views of campus.

SMALL FOOTPRINT, BIG IMPACT
- Four LEED Gold-certified buildings on campus
- Our 26 on-campus hydration stations have refilled over 500,000 water bottles, which means less plastic in landfills
- Our Freight Farm produces most of the leafy greens consumed in WSU eateries through environmentally-friendly hydroponic farming
- Wellness Center fitness equipment generates electricity used to power the building
- Bike share program on campus
- Solar panels on numerous campus buildings
- Electric car charging stations
- Three tons of food waste composted each month
- 13 tons of waste recycled each month

NCAA Division III sports
20 varsity teams
(11 women’s, 9 men’s)
plus
9 intramural sports

Our new state-of-the-art Wellness Center features group fitness classes, batting cages, and golf simulator
WHERE IN THE WORLD IS WORCESTER STATE?

WE’RE PART OF AN EXCITING CITY THAT’S ON THE RISE
Massachusetts’ second largest city, Worcester ranks 9th on the Forbes list of “America’s Most Livable Cities”—no wonder our students say it’s a great place to be.

A HIGHER EDUCATION HUB
Our 58-acre campus is nestled in the residential northwest side of Worcester—a city home to 33,000 college students studying at more than a dozen different colleges and universities.

STRONG AND GROWING
In 1932 the Helen J. Shaughnessy Administration Building housed all the classrooms, labs, faculty and administration offices, gymnasium, library, and assembly hall. Today, the campus features 10 buildings, and continues to grow: our fourth residence hall opened in 2014 and our state-of-the-art Wellness Center opened in 2016.

Welcome to Worcester! Located 40 miles west of Boston and 38 miles east of Springfield, it’s no surprise Worcester is known as the “Heart of the Commonwealth.”

Worcester’s main streets are filling up with new restaurants and shops

Enjoy renovated parks, an active performing arts theater, and an ice rink larger than the one at Rockefeller Center

Over 25 daily trains to Boston
WHAT CAN I STUDY HERE?

BLAZE A TRAIL, PURSUE YOUR PASSION
It’s all about options! Whether you’re thinking about a career in private business or public service, it’s more important than ever to have a strong working knowledge of crucial global issues.

Our academics are grounded in the idea that every student has the power to change the world. With programs from biology to big data, philosophy to physical therapy, you’ll find a world of opportunities to focus on your passions while at the same time broadening your perspective.

INTERDISCIPLINARY BY DESIGN
We offer a flexible curriculum with more than 59 majors, minors, concentrations, and degree options featuring both STEM and liberal arts coursework. Explore a purely academic interest or passion and prepare for a successful career or graduate study.

59 majors and minors
Big-time experiential learning, including internships, clinical placements and practicums
Volunteer opportunities let you put learning into action
Majors, Minors, and Concentrations

Boldface - Majors offered
* Minors offered
+ 4-Plus Programs

Advertising and Public Relations
Accounting
Art*
Big Data Analytics
Biochemistry
Bioinformatics
Biology*
Biotechnology+
Business Administration**
Chemistry*
Communication*
Communication Education*
Communication Sciences and Disorders*
Composition and Music Technology*
Computer Science*
Criminal Justice*
Developmental Processes Psychology
Digital Media Production
Early Childhood Education
Early Education and Care
Earth Science Education (Middle/Secondary)
Earth Systems Science
Economics*
Educational Studies*
Elementary Education
English*
Entrepreneurial Studies and Small Business Management
Environmental and Sustainability Studies
Environmental Science
Environmental Studies
Ethnic Studies
Finance
Financial Mathematics*
Foreign Service
French*
General Science Education (Middle)
Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
Geography*
Gerontology
Global Studies
Green Chemistry and Environmental Chemistry
Health Education*
Health Fitness*
History*
Information Technology*
Intergenerational Studies and Community Service*
International Business
Journalism
Liberal Studies
Management
Marketing
Material Science and Inorganic Chemistry
Mathematics*
Mathematics for Elementary Education
Media Production
Mental Health Services
Middle East Studies*
Middle School Education*
Middle School Mathematics*
Music*
Nursing+
Occupational Studies
Philosophy*
Philosophy and Law*
Physics*
Political Science*
Pre-Dental
Pre-Law*
Pre-MBA
Pre-Medicine
Pre-Optometry
Pre-Pharmacy
Pre-Physical Therapy
Pre-Physician’s Assistant
Pre-Veterinary
Psychobiology*
Psychology*
Public Administration and Planning
Public Health*
Public Health/Pre-Nursing
Public Health and Social Justice*
Public History
Secondary Education Mathematics
Secondary School Education+
Sociology**
Social Work and Social Policy
Software Development
Spanish*
Spanish Education
Spanish for Health Professionals*
Spanish for Professions
Statistics and Modeling
Theatre*
Traditional Mathematics*
Urban Studies**
Visual and Performing Arts
Women’s Studies
Writing*

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