

# transfer admission guarantee

at western oregon university

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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:** Best U.S. university in eliminating graduation gap for Latino students (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)
- **Communication Studies:** National Communications Association: Rex Mix Award for Excellence (2008)
- **American Sign Language:** Sorenson Communications: Sorenson VRS Interpreter Education Program Award of Excellence (2008)

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## general scholarships & awards

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.

[wou.edu/scholarship](http://wou.edu/scholarship)

### 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.

[wou.edu/choice](http://wou.edu/choice)



## 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.

[wou.edu/wue](http://wou.edu/wue)

## 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  
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

## certificates

Crime Analysis  
Homeland Security and Community Preparedness  
Teaching English as a Foreign Language

## 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.