

Graduate/Professional Catalog ~ 2013-2014

General Information

Established in 1867, West Virginia University is one of only eleven research-oriented land-grant state universities with a comprehensive health sciences center. The term "land-grant" derives from the congressional Morrill Acts of 1862 and 1890, which gave federally owned land to each state to be sold for funds to establish colleges offering programs in agriculture and engineering. Since its historic founding, WVU has developed into West Virginia's only Carnegie Foundation Research University.

About WVU (<http://about.wvu.edu>) contains frequently updated information about WVU's mission and vision; research accreditation; governance; location and facilities; profiles of students, faculty, and academic programs; athletics; financial support; civic engagement; rankings; and achievements. As the state's only Carnegie Foundation Research University, most of the advanced research and scholarship (<http://research.wvu.edu>) carried out in West Virginia is conducted at WVU.

Approximately 32,000 students, of which more than 7,000 are graduate and professional students, make up a diverse student body representing all fifty-five counties of West Virginia, every U.S. state, district, and territory, and more than 100 other countries.

Degrees are awarded at the baccalaureate, master's, doctoral, and professional levels across approximately sixty-seven undergraduate programs, 120 graduate degree programs, and twenty-eight certificate programs (see lists at majors.wvu.edu) through the following nine colleges, five schools, and two divisional campuses:

College of Business and Economics be.wvu.edu

College of Creative Arts ccarts.wvu.edu

College of Education and Human Services cehs.wvu.edu

College of Law law.wvu.edu

College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences cpass.wvu.edu

Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Design www.davis.wvu.edu

Eberly College of Arts and Sciences eberly.wvu.edu

Perley Isaac Reed School of Journalism journalism.wvu.edu

Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources statler.wvu.edu

School of Dentistry dentistry.hsc.wvu.edu

School of Medicine hsc.wvu.edu

School of Nursing nursing.hsc.wvu.edu

School of Public Health publichealth.hsc.wvu.edu

School of Pharmacy pharmacy.hsc.wvu.edu

Potomac State College of West Virginia University potomacstatecollege.edu (<http://potomacstatecollege.edu>)

West Virginia University Institute of Technology wvutech.edu (<http://wvutech.edu>)

The West Virginia University community is committed to creating and fostering a positive learning and working environment based on open communication, mutual respect, and inclusion (diversity.wvu.edu).

Mission

As a land-grant institution in the 21st century, West Virginia University will deliver high-quality education, excel in discovery and innovation, model a culture of diversity and inclusion, promote health and vitality, and build pathways for the exchange of knowledge and opportunity between the state, the nation, and the world.