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.