

Graduate Catalog

General Information - West Virginia University

West Virginia University (WVU) was founded in 1867 as a result of the 1862 Land-Grant Act, otherwise known as the Morrill Act. As the state's flagship, land-grant university, WVU's mission reflects its dedication to serving the state and citizens of West Virginia through access to higher education, research and scholarship, and comprehensive health sciences. WVU and its divisional campuses enroll approximately 32,000 students, who represent all 55 counties of West Virginia, 50 states and the District of Columbia, and nearly 100 other countries. West Virginia University's educational programs are accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (http://www.ncahlc.org/component/com_directory/Action,ShowBasic/institid,1677). Many West Virginia University programs hold specialized accreditation.

WVU's main campus in Morgantown, WV, provides high-quality programs of instruction through 15 colleges and schools and offers over 190 degree programs at the baccalaureate, master's, doctoral, and professional levels. WVU's Morgantown facilities are built on more than 1,000 acres in Morgantown and include several buildings on the National Register of Historic Places. The Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center has a campus in Morgantown, as well as campuses in Martinsburg and Charleston, WV.

WVU also has two divisional campuses. Potomac State College of West Virginia University, situated in West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle in Keyser, offers associate and baccalaureate degree programs and serves both residential and commuting students. The West Virginia University Institute of Technology is located between Charleston and Beckley in Montgomery, WV, and serves the region and the state by offering baccalaureate degree programs.

The WVU Extension Service has an office with a faculty presence in all of West Virginia's 55 counties. WVU operates experimental farms and forests throughout the state, in addition to the state 4-H Camp and Lifelong Learning Center at Jackson's Mill near Weston, WV (<http://jacksonsmill.ext.wvu.edu>).

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MISSION

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The Mission of West Virginia University

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.

INSTRUCTION

The University has 15 colleges and schools that offer over 190 degree programs at the baccalaureate, master's, doctoral, and professional levels, as well as numerous certificate programs.

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

As West Virginia's flagship research institution, WVU undertakes scholarly activity that addresses the challenges most critical to today's world and the practice of multidisciplinary research. WVU is classified as a Research University (High Research Activity) by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

SERVICE

West Virginia University's land-grant mission underscores its obligation to serve the public and the state of West Virginia by promoting economic development, enhancing the well-being and the quality of life of the people of West Virginia, and increasing opportunities for the citizens of the state through workforce education, lifelong learning, and outreach to every county.

West Virginia University is the only institution in West Virginia – and one of only 6% of institutions nationwide – to earn the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching "Community Engagement Classification."

WVU's dedication to its service mission is manifested through its instructional programs, educational outreach, initiatives and centers, and through four structures that engage external constituencies and support public service.

Economic Development

The Office of Research and Economic Development assists WVU researchers in advancing their results and putting that knowledge to work improving lives. The research enterprise of West Virginia University is diverse, richly talented, progressive, and focused on the goal of making people's lives better in the highest tradition of an American land-grant institution of higher education.

Well-being and Quality of Life

The Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center advances the health of West Virginia's residents and address health challenges that face the state and the nation. In addition to the Health Sciences Center in Morgantown, the Charleston Division of the WVU School of Medicine is located in the state capital and the Eastern Division of the HSC in Martinsburg provides community-based education in health sciences in the nine-county eastern panhandle of West Virginia.

Outreach

The Smith-Lever Act of 1914 created a Cooperative Extension Service for each land-grant institution. The purpose of the Extension Service was to disseminate the findings of the universities' agricultural stations and provide training and programs on home economics and other practical subjects. WVU has sustained its commitment to the state by supporting an Extension Service office with a faculty presence in all of West Virginia's 55 counties, staffed by faculty county agents.

The educational programs and initiatives of the WVU Extension Service focus on service to the state and exemplify West Virginia University's commitment to the public good by connecting the knowledge and research of WVU with citizen and community needs. The Extension Service's programs are driven by four major initiatives: (1) 4-H youth development; (2) family and health (3) agriculture and natural resources; and (4) community, workforce, and economic development.

Commitment to Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion

West Virginia University is committed to ensuring that all persons, including women, people of color, persons with disabilities, veterans, and persons of different religions, sexual orientations, ages, and international, ethnic, and economic backgrounds have the opportunity to benefit from the programs and services the University offers. The University helps students, faculty, and staff study and work in a climate of academic freedom and social responsibility, and develop the skills, knowledge, and self-esteem necessary to contribute positively as world citizens.

In keeping with this commitment, members of the academic community are expected to demonstrate civility and mutual respect for all persons, understanding and appreciation for all persons, to express that perspective in every dimension of the institution's life and mission, and to work cooperatively, representing not only the interests of their own groups but also those of the wider community.

Individuals believing they may have been illegally discriminated against by West Virginia University may file a complaint with the Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (<http://diversity.wvu.edu>).

Office of Accessibility Services

The Office of Accessibility Services (<http://accessibilityservices.wvu.edu>) is dedicated to helping students achieve their academic goals regardless of any physical, learning, psychological, sensory, or other documented disability. West Virginia University's process for providing disability-related accommodations follows guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and current case law.

COMMITMENT TO ASSESSMENT

The West Virginia University Assessment Council works with the WVU Morgantown campus, the West Virginia University Institute of Technology, and Potomac State College to engage in continuous improvement to enhance student learning. Assessment Council goals include strengthening the effectiveness of assessment programs at all levels; helping to create an institutional culture of assessment; aligning assessment with the WVU mission and strategic plan; and serving as an institutional clearinghouse for assessment best practices from around the country.

GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

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- West Virginia University Board of Governors
- West Virginia University Administration
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*Current as of March, 2014, for the 2014-2015 academic year.

The WVU Board of Governors is the governing body of WVU. The Higher Education Policy Commission in West Virginia is responsible for developing, establishing, and overseeing the implementation of a public policy agenda for the state's four-year colleges and universities.

West Virginia University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Institution. The University does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, disability, veteran status, religion, sexual orientation, color, or national origin in the administration of any of its educational programs or activities or with respect to admission or employment. Further, faculty, staff, students, and applicants are protected from retaliation for filing complaints or assisting in an investigation under the University's Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Plan. Inquiries regarding the University's non-discrimination policy may be sent to the director, Affirmative Action Office/Equal Employment Opportunity Programs, West Virginia University.— Office of the President.

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