

Graduate Catalog

General Information - West Virginia University

West Virginia University (<https://www.wvu.edu/>) (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. The WVU System, which includes the flagship campus in Morgantown, WVU Institute of Technology in Beckley, and WVU Potomac State in Keyser. West Virginia University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (<https://www.hlcommission.org/>). Many WVU programs hold specialized accreditation.

WVU Morgantown provides programs of instruction through 13 colleges and schools and offers over 190 degree programs at the baccalaureate, master's, doctoral, and professional levels, as well as numerous certificate programs. These programs are offered online and on campuses in Morgantown, Keyser, and Beckley.

WVU Morgantown facilities are built on more than 1,000 acres and include several buildings on the National Register of Historic Places.

The West Virginia University Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center (<http://home.hsc.wvu.edu/>) has five schools serving undergraduate, graduate, and professional students at four locations in Morgantown, Charleston, Bridgeport and Martinsburg.

WVU Potomac State College (<https://www.potomacstatecollege.edu/>), situated in West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle in Keyser, offers associate and baccalaureate degree programs and serves both residential and commuting students. WVU Institute of Technology (<https://www.wvutech.edu/>) is located in Beckley, and serves the region and the state by offering technology-intensive baccalaureate degree programs.

The WVU Extension Service (<https://extension.wvu.edu/>) has offices in all of West Virginia's 55 counties, staffed by county agents. WVU operates experimental farms and forests throughout the state, as well as WVU Jackson's Mill, near Weston, WV, home of West Virginia 4-H camping and the West Virginia Fire Academy.

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WVU Mission

As a land-grant institution, the faculty, staff and students at West Virginia University commit to creating a diverse and inclusive culture that advances education, healthcare and prosperity for all by providing access and opportunity; by advancing high-impact research; and by leading transformation in West Virginia and the world through local, state and global engagement.

WVU Vision

As One West Virginia University, we are purposeful in our studies and our work so that we can partner with our communities-both near and far-to bring needed and valued solutions to real-life problems within the pillars of education, healthcare and prosperity.

WVU Values

Service: We seek opportunities to serve others and are committed to providing the highest quality of service.

Curiosity: We ask questions, seek new opportunities, and change through innovation.

Respect: We are respectful, transparent and inclusive with each other.

Accountability: We perform at our very best every day to create a University that is responsive, efficient and effective.

Appreciation: We support and value each other's contributions as we build a community that is One WVU.

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

As West Virginia's flagship research institution, WVU undertakes scholarly activity to improve the lives of West Virginians and others across the globe. WVU is classified as a Doctoral University-Highest Research Activity (R1) in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

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, and initiatives and centers that engage external constituencies and support public service.

WVU Extension Service

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 presence in all of West Virginia's 55 counties, staffed by county agents.

The educational programs and initiatives of the WVU Extension Service (<https://extension.wvu.edu/>) 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 resource education; and (4) community, workforce, and economic development.

Commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

West Virginia University is committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive culture by promoting diversity, inclusion, equality, and intercultural and intercommunity outreach. Accordingly, the University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, physical or mental disability, marital or family status, pregnancy, veteran status, service in the uniformed services (as defined in state and federal law), religion, creed, sex, sexual orientation, genetic information, gender identity, or gender expression in the administration of any of its educational programs, activities, or with respect to admission or employment.

In keeping with this commitment, members of the academic community are expected to demonstrate civility and mutual respect for all persons as well as 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 any member of the university community at West Virginia University may file a complaint with the Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (<https://diversity.wvu.edu/>).

Center for Excellence in Disabilities

The mission of the WVU CED (<http://www.cedwvu.org/>) is to improve the lives of West Virginians with disabilities by supporting more diverse, inclusive communities. The WVU CED is a federally-funded center that provides direct clinical and community disability services; training opportunities; a variety of information on best practices, services throughout the state, and policy; and innovative research.

WVU CED is recognized, and trusted, as a leader and innovative agent in a statewide network of individual and community supports that promote respect, inclusiveness, interdependence, and access for everyone.

Office of Accessibility Services

The Office of Accessibility Services (<http://accessibilityservices.wvu.edu/>) is dedicated to enhancing educational opportunities for students with temporary or permanent disabilities at West Virginia University and all of its campuses. Our accessibility specialists works individually with students to achieve success by ensuring access to University programs and by authorizing reasonable and effective accommodations.

Commitment to Assessment

West Virginia University conducts comprehensive and systematic assessment of student learning across all locations and delivery methods. Continuous improvement of student learning is faculty-driven (authentic and embedded), conducted at the course, program, and institutional levels, and grounded in the work of the colleges and individual academic programs, the Provost's Office, the Undergraduate Council, and the Graduate Council.

The Office of Curriculum and Assessment members collaborate with the Faculty Senate's Curriculum Committee to ensure quality and rigor of academic programs and courses, the Teaching and Assessment Committee to ensure quality and rigor across sections of courses regardless of modality of

delivery or location, and the General Education Foundations Committee to conduct assessment of the general education program. The Office works to strengthen the effectiveness of assessment across all programs by:

- Serving as an institutional-level resource for assessment best practices.
- Providing sustained attention on centralized, consistent, and systematic processes and policies across the University to reduce variability in assessment quality and engagement.
- Overseeing, reviewing, and commenting upon program review policies, processes, and reports.
- Facilitating faculty professional development in assessment.
- Providing consulting to departments to enhance their assessment planning and reporting.
- Compiling supporting documentation and evidence of the assessment work at WVU.

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Governor of West Virginia

- Jim Justice, *Governor*

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*Committee list is effective through July 1, 2024

The West Virginia University Board of Governors (the "Board") was created by the West Virginia Legislature as the governing body of the West Virginia University System, including West Virginia University, West Virginia University Potomac State College, and West Virginia University Institute of Technology (collectively the "University"). The Board has the mission of general supervision and control over the academic and business affairs of the University.

Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Institution

West Virginia University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Institution. The University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, physical or mental disability, marital or family status, pregnancy, veteran status, services in the uniformed services (as defined in state and federal law), religion, creed, sex, sexual orientation, genetic information, gender identity, or gender expression by the University's non-discrimination policy (BOG Governance Rule 1.6 (<https://policies.wvu.edu/finalized-bog-rules/bog-governance-rule-1-6-rule/>)) 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 Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (<https://diversity.wvu.edu/>).

West Virginia University Administration

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Distinguished Professors

- Kashy Aminian, Charles T. Holland Professor in Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering
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- Laura Gibson, Alexander B. Osborn Distinguished Professor in Hematological Malignancies Research
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- Peter Ngan, Branson-Maddrell Endowed Professorship in Orthodontics
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- Daniel Panaccione, Davis Michael Professor of Plant and Soil Sciences
- Syd S. Peng, Charles E. Lawall Chair in Mining Engineering, Emeritus
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