West Virginia University Academic 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 includes the flagship campus in Morgantown, WVU Institute of Technology in Beckley, WVU Potomac State in Keyser, and several other locations across the state serving health science programs. 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.

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 11 colleges and schools and offers over 300 majors at the baccalaureate, master's, doctoral, and professional levels, as well as numerous certificate programs, both in-person and online.

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

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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