This feels like Home

See why so many Cougs call WSU home. Explore your options for touring campus, either in person or online. visit.wsu.edu

Contact your admission counselor: rep.wsu.edu | future.coug@wsu.edu | 888-GO-TO-WSU (888-468-6978)

Visit the WSU Visitor Center on campus to learn more about campus life and to purchase tickets for events and activities.
Meet Hannah
Senior | Civil Engineering | Ephrata, Washington

Hannah grew up in Ephrata, a small town full of school spirit and passion for sports. She played volleyball, basketball and tennis, and even tried cheerleading on a whim during her senior year of high school. So, when it came time for college, spirit was a must.

Hannah researched methane emissions in cattle as part of the Auvil Scholars Fellowship, which funds undergraduate research opportunities. Under civil and environmental engineering professor Dr. Jennifer Adam at WSU’s Hydro Lab, Hannah analyzes data for Eastern and Central Washington water reservoirs to predict water flow. She is also an activities coordinator for the Society of Women Engineers, and she hopes to study water resources, such as improving fish ladders for juvenile salmon to navigate dams, when she becomes a graduate student.

I was hoping everything I heard about WSU was true, and it was. Everyone here cares about the school and each other. This feels like home, but almost better because there are more people and it’s louder! — Hannah Goodspeed
Small-Town Feel, Big College Experience

In Pullman, we walk and bike everywhere, whether it's downtown or across campus. The town and university come together to create a one-of-a-kind experience. We thrive on coffee, Cougar Gold cheese, free movies at the Compton Union Building (CUB), and the uniqueness of two college towns connected by an 8-mile bike path between Pullman and Moscow, ID.

We value arts, culture, science, and innovation. Between our lively music programs and the ever-changing exhibits at WSU’s Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, there’s never a shortage of artistic expression in Pullman. We have small-town friendliness and everything you’ll need for a meaningful college experience.

Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art | museum.wsu.edu
One of the most striking buildings on WSU’s campus, the Museum of Art is more than just a place to view and experience art – it is a beacon for the arts in the Inland Northwest. The museum offers innovative, creative and intellectually stimulating exhibitions, programs, and events.

Greek Life | gogreek.wsu.edu
WSU’s Greek system is made up of over 60 organizations with nearly 5,900 members. Ranging from men’s and women’s social chapters to professional and multicultural organizations, our students come together to celebrate culture and support our campus community.

Committed to Giving Back | cce.wsu.edu
Every year, Cougs donate more than 85,000 hours of service as volunteers, leaders in student organizations, peer tutors and powerful role models. You can make a difference across Pullman and the state with WSU’s Center for Civic Engagement.
For Antonio, coming to WSU was a leap into the unknown. He had never been to the Northwest, but the promise of snow and the university’s strong science programs beckoned.

The leap paid off: he immediately felt a sense of community when he stepped onto campus. And when a friend asked for help starting a club, he jumped right in. As president of the WSU Cookie Club, he helped students meld the therapeutic process and delicious results of baking with a variety of self-care and mental health resources.

Antonio also became a founding father and later president of the Zeta Theta chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon. The chapter is one of only a few in the Pacific Northwest.

My last year and a half at WSU was definitely unexpected, but I made the best of it by being active in projects and chats to keep that sense of a Coug community.

— Antonio Bak
Looking for a challenge? Through an enriched curriculum, mentoring by expert faculty, undergraduate research and study abroad programs, the Honors College provides students the opportunity to challenge themselves in an engaged academic community.

Students in any major can participate in the Honors College and graduate within four years, gaining critical leadership and professional experience along the way. honors.wsu.edu

The MESI Certificate
The Honors College teaches wellbeing as a life skill. With the Mindfulness-based Emotional and Social Intelligence Certificate, students can improve their marketability and job performance while becoming more compassionate human beings and leaders in their respective fields.

Meet Nife
Class of 2021 | Neuroscience (Pre-Medicine)
Kabi, Nigeria

Growing up in Nigeria, Nife always knew she wanted to be a doctor. After high school, Nife attended a medical school in the Caribbean, but realized it was unaccredited. So she decided to enroll in a US college, first at a school in Virginia before transferring to WSU.

“I wanted to study neuroscience because I’ve always been very intrigued by the brain,” Nife said. “That’s one of the reasons WSU stood out to me. I also liked that I could work in the same lab in Spokane that I’d started doing research at before I got accepted to WSU.”

Nife was determined to get involved and make a change the second she stepped foot on campus. She was admitted to the Honors College and joined the Associated Students of WSU, where she represented the College of Veterinary Medicine and was part of the Student Health Advisory committee. She was selected for the Basic Needs Task Force to help WSU better meet students’ needs, and later became a DJ for KZUU, WSU’s student-run radio station, where she played African music.

“I’ve presented my research to the scientific community, and I’ve had a lot of opportunities to be a leader at WSU. It’s all thanks to Dr. Robin Bond (assistant dean of the Honors College),” Nife said.

After graduation and medical school, Nife hopes to return to Nigeria to provide mental health care and aid, as well as reducing the stigma of mental illness.

“The way I envisioned my future before WSU has definitely changed. I never would’ve thought I’d have all the great experiences I’ve had at WSU.”

— Oluwanifemi “Nife” Shola-Dare
Research isn’t just lab coats and gloves. It’s about making new contributions and advancing knowledge in your field.

At WSU, undergraduate research opportunities are available in all majors and disciplines, guided by mentors who are experts in their fields. Most importantly, it helps students like you gain professional experience and communication skills while testing out a career.

In Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, you could:

• Compose music with an instrument built from a vacuum cleaner
• Write dialogue for a VR video game script
• Fire pottery in a kiln modified to amplify solar power
• Investigate historical records to see how intercultural communities evolve

In Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, you could:

• Develop new methods of shaping metal parts for an aero-robot
• Design new catalysts that burn renewable biodiesel instead of conventional diesel
• Engineer a parallel computing platform to speed up the analysis of large data sets
• Sequence unknown genomes in a laboratory setting

Whatever you want to research, your mentors at WSU will help you do it. Find something you’re passionate about, grab a professor and get started!

WSU is a Tier I research university, among fewer than 3% of US universities that qualify for the Carnegie Foundation’s “very high research activity” classification.

Our award-winning faculty is here to guide you through research opportunities, fieldwork, internships and in-depth labs that inspire you to explore and innovate in your field.

Amazon, Boeing, Deloitte, Google and Microsoft are some of the top employers of WSU graduates, and Cougar alumni span all 50 states and 146 countries. Our engaged alumni network helps fellow Cougs fast-forward their careers.
Agricultural & Biotechnology
Agricultural & Food Business Economics
Agricultural Food & Fermentation Science
Agricultural Technology & Production Management
Animal Sciences* & Cattle Breeding
Field Crop Management
Food Science
General Food Science
Fermentation Science
Forest, Fruit & Vegetable Management
Landscape, Nursery & Greenhouse Management
Organic &Sustainable Agriculture
Turfgrass Management
Viticulture & Enology

MAJORS & CERTIFICATES
Agricultural Systems
Animal Sciences
Crop Science
Horticulture
Organic Agriculture
Sati Science
Viticulture & Enology

ART, ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN
Apparel, Merchandising, Design & Textiles
Apparel Design
Merchandising
Architectural Studies
Digital Technology & Culture
Exhibition Studies
Film Studies
Game Studies & Design
Graphic Design
Social Media

BIOLOGICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
Biochemistry
Biology
Biology* Applied Science
Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
Entomology
General Biology
Plant Biology
Toxicology
Earth Sciences
Earth & Space Science Teaching
Environmental & Ecosystem Sciences
Forest Ecology and Management
Genetic Science
Biological Science

Mathematical Sciences
Physical Sciences
Genetics & Cell Biology
Molecular Biology
Human Biology
Microbiology
Medicinal Chemistry
Molecular Biology
Neurosciences
Computational Neuroscience
Genetic Engineering
Wildlife Ecology & Conservation Sciences
Zoology

MINORS & CERTIFICATES
Biochemistry
Biology
Earth Sciences
Environmental Science
Forestry
Genetics & Cell Biology
Genetic Analysis
Microbiology
Molecular Biology
Microbiological Sciences
Natural Resources
Neurosciences
Quantitative Biology
Water Resources Science & Management
Wildlife Ecology
Zoology

BUSINESS
All students at Carroll College of Business
Accounting
Entrepreneurship
Finance
Hospitality Business Management
International Business Management
Human Resource Management
Innovation & Change
Management Information Systems
Marketing
Soccer Living Management
Wine & Beverage Business Management

MINORS & CERTIFICATES
Business Administration
Business of Art
Behavioral Business Research
Entrepreneurship
Event Management
Hospitality Business Management
Human Resource Management
Professional Sales
Soccer Living Management
Wine & Beverage Business Management

ADD-ON ENDORSEMENTS
Add an endorser to your major.
English Language Learners (ELL)
Middle Level Math
Middle Level Science
Special Education

CERTIFICATES
Education Technology
ENGINEERING & COMPUTER SCIENCE
Bioengineering
Chemical Engineering
Civil Engineering
Computer Engineering
Computer Science
Construction Engineering

Construction Management
Materials Science & Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Software Engineering

MINORS & CERTIFICATES
Computer Engineering
Computer Science
Construction Management
East Asian Studies for Engineering & Architecture Majors
Electrical Engineering
Engineering
Materials Science & Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Software Engineering

FOREIGN LANGUAGES & CULTURES
Chinese Language & Culture
French
Japanese
Spanish
Teaching

ADDITIONAL MAJORS
Teaching certificates require a major in the subject.

Agricultural Education
Animal Sciences
English Language & Literature
Family & Consumer Sciences
French
History
Mathematics
Global & Ethnic Narrative Traditions
Global Studies
Japanese
Latin American & Spanish Area Studies
Modern Asia
Spanish
Spanish Language & Culture

HEALTH SCIENCES
Several majors include professional preparation in their course of study.

Basic Medical Sciences
Biochemistry
Biology
Genetics & Cell Biology
Kinesiology
Microbiology
Medical Technology
Neurosciences
Sports Medicine & Athletic Training
Zoology

MINORS & CERTIFICATES
Adolescence
Aging
Gerontology
Pre-Genetic Counseling

MUSIC
Music
Music Composition
Music Education
Choral, General & Instrumental Teaching
Music Performance
Brass, Percussion, Strings, Winds
Jazz Studies
Keyboard
Keyboard Pedagogy
Voice

MINORS
Jazz Studies
Music
Music Technology

PHYSICAL & MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES
Chemistry
Molecular Chemistry
Professional Chemistry
Standard Chemistry
Teaching
Data Analytics
General Science
Mathematical Sciences
Physical Sciences
Mathematics
Astronomy
Physics
Astronomy
Astrophysics
Statistics

MINORS & CERTIFICATES
Astronomy
Chemistry
Geological Analysis
Mathematics
Quantitative Biology

SOCIAL SCIENCES
Anthropology
Comparative Ethnic Studies
Criminal Justice & Criminology
Human Biology
Human Development
Child & Youth Development
Early Childhood Education
Family & Consumer Sciences
Geography
Global Politics
Health & Society
Behavioral Business Research
Business of Art
Business Administration
Hospitality Business Management
Finance
Human Resource Management
Hospitality Business Management

MINORS & CERTIFICATES
Aging
Gerontology
Pre-Genetic Counseling

Sustainable Organizational Leadership
Women's Studies

WORKSHOPS
Pre-Dentistry
Pre-Law
Pre-Medicine
Pre-Nursing
Pre-Physical Therapy
Pre-Pharmacy
Pre-Physical Therapist
Pre-Physician Assistant
Pre-Speech & Hearing Sciences
Pre-Veterinary Medicine

"Majors that include one of these pre-professional tracks are marked with an asterisk."
Studying abroad is an option for all WSU students. Choose from 560+ study abroad programs across all 7 continents, learn about course preapproval and credit prerequisites, and research scholarship and financial aid opportunities to help you with the cost of travel. [ip.wsu.edu/study-abroad]

Meet Gunnar
Class of 2021 | Chemical Engineering
Spokane, Washington

Growing up in Spokane, Gunnar said he knew a lot of family and friends who went to WSU, but he ultimately chose it over other research universities because of the culture in Pullman.

“At WSU, we don’t have a competitive nature. It’s much more collaborative, and as engineers, we’re supposed to collaborate and not compete,” he said.

Additionally, Gunnar realized that he didn’t need to go to a private college for a chance to participate in undergraduate research, work with expert faculty, and study abroad. Gunnar was one of four students to receive a scholarship from the Honors College to study at Southeast University in Nanjing, China, in 2019.

Gunnar studied the use of silica as an alternative to lithium-ion batteries in the Song Research Group, led by WSU assistant professor of materials science Dr. Min-Kyu Song.

Because of the Honors College, academics and research opportunities, I was convinced WSU was the place for me.
— Gunnar Sly
Imagine being surrounded by other Cougs, all filled with the same excitement to meet new people, cheering on our athletic teams and building a new home away from home. This is life living in a residence hall – an unparalleled experience that forms friendships that last a lifetime.

Studies show that students who live on campus have higher GPAs than students who don’t. We care about your success, and that’s why we require* freshman to live on campus. Each hall has its own unique features, culture, and campus location.

Find virtual tours, photos, room dimensions and more detailed amenities at housing.wsu.edu/residence-halls.

Use the Residence Hall Rate Estimator to estimate your housing bill at housing.wsu.edu/estimator.

*Some exceptions apply
Evelyn Rowe
Senior | Biochemistry (Pre-Med)
Cheney, Washington

A member of WSU’s Cheer Team and one of the first students to participate in the Honors College’s Medical Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (MedSURE), Evelyn loves a challenge.

Through a $50,000 grant awarded to the Honors College, Evelyn is researching West Nile virus and insulin-dependent infection under her mentor, Dr. Alan Goodman, an associate professor in the School of Molecular Biosciences.

Evelyn said she became interested in pursuing a career in medicine because she’s always wanted to help others. As part of the Honors College Pathway Program, she’ll be prepared to attend the WSU Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine after graduation.

I knew I wanted to cheer in an amazing game day atmosphere with fan engagement, and I knew everybody at WSU would be helpful and uplifting in my path to becoming a doctor one day. — Evelyn Rowe
Meet Mindy
Class of 2021 | Multimedia Journalism and Advertising | Kent, Washington

Mindy first visited WSU in the winter of 2016, a season characterized by heavy snowfall. Mindy referred to it as “snowmageddon.”

“There was snow everywhere, and then finally I saw this line of crimson flags welcoming us to Pullman,” Mindy said. “The next day I went on a campus tour, and I fell in love with the people and the feeling of campus.”

Mindy ultimately decided to attend WSU over other schools, both in Washington and at the Ivy League level, because Pullman felt like home.

“Here in Pullman, it’s warm, it’s welcoming. It matches who I am,” Mindy said. “I can talk to anyone and they’re willing to write me these gushing letters of recommendation about my skills and experiences because they know me so well.”

As a student ambassador for the Edward R. Murrow College of Communication, Mindy gives tours to students interested in the program, assists with the annual Murrow Symposium and helps produce a weekly series called “Murrow Minutes.” After graduation, Mindy hopes to pursue a career in content creation and is considering law school.

In the Murrow College, there are a million people offering to answer my questions. They provide you with so many opportunities and so much advice to prepare you for when you leave WSU.

— Mindy Malone

TRANSFER YOUR CREDITS
wsu.edu/advancedcredit

More than 80% of WSU students enter with college credits. We’re here to help you use the credits you’ve earned to get the degree you want.
FINANCIAL AID OPPORTUNITIES

financialaid.wsu.edu

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)
Submit your FAFSA by the January 31 priority date to be considered for the maximum amount of financial aid available to you. (Strongly encouraged) studentaid.gov

WASHINGTON APPLICATION FOR STATE FINANCIAL AID (WASFA)
Qualifying undocumented students and other select applicants from Washington state should submit the WASFA by January 31 to determine their state financial aid eligibility, including grants, work study and general scholarships. financialaid.wsu.edu/undocumented-student-aid

SCHOLARSHIPS
We can help. WSU offers a variety of awards based on both merit and need, including grants, work study and general scholarships. University Achievement Award – Awarded to Washington residents with a minimum 3.6 unweighted high school GPA - $11,000 per year for up to three years.

University Achievement Award – Awarded to Washington residents with a minimum 3.6 unweighted high school GPA - $2,000 per year for two years.

Cougars Commitment – WSU has committed to covering tuition and mandatory fees for most Washington residents who could not otherwise afford to attend. To see if you may be eligible for this award, visit financialaid.wsu.edu/cougars-commitment.

Regents Scholars program – High schools in Washington are invited to nominate two of their top students for this scholarship program. Talk to your high school counselor or see the Regents Scholars webpage for more information about eligibility and nominations. admiss.wsu.edu/regents-scholarship

Crimson Transfer Award – Awarded to WSU Pullman transfer students meeting the transferable credit requirements with a minimum transfer GPA of 3.2 - $2,000 per year for up to three years.

NON-RESIDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Western Undergraduate Exchange/Distinguished Cougar Award – Awarded to out-of-state freshmen with a minimum 3.4 unweighted high school GPA - $11,000 per year; renewable for up to an additional three years.

Cougars Award – Awarded to out-of-state freshmen with a minimum 3.0 unweighted high school GPA - $7,000 per year; renewable for an additional three years.

Transfer Western Undergraduate Exchange (Cougars Award for Transfers) – Awarded to an out-of-state transfer student meeting the transferable credit requirements with a minimum transfer GPA of 3.0 and qualifying transfer credits - $11,000 per year for up to three years.

JOBS AND WORK-STUDY

There are hundreds of student-friendly jobs in the Pullman area, both on campus and off. With Washington’s $14.49 per hour minimum wage and work-study offerings, working part-time during college is worth it. Find a position that fits you with our WSU student job board, Handshake. Learn more at assc.wsu.edu.

75% OF WSU STUDENTS RECEIVED SOME FORM OF FINANCIAL AID IN 2018-19

$178 million IN AWARDS OFFERED IN 2019-20

APPLYING FOR ADMISSION

STEPS TO APPLY

- Complete the application at apply.wsu.edu
- Upload your high school transcripts
- Submit official college transcripts (if applicable)
- Pay the $70 application fee or apply for a fee waiver
- Create your myWSU account mywsu.edu

Option! Apply to the Honors College, honors.wsu.edu

Note: Qualified students who apply before the priority date will be admitted on a rolling admissions cycle. Admission after this date is on a space-available basis.

Timeline 2021-2022

August
Admission and WSU General Scholarship applications open
October
FAFSA and WASFA become available
Late December
Financial aid estimates begin posting
January 31
FAFSA/WASFA filing priority date
WSU General Scholarship Application deadline
February
Financial aid awards begin posting
March 31
Admission application priority date
May 1
Confirmation deadline. Admitted students need to confirm their space before this date by paying the $200 non-refundable tuition deposit.

College Academic Distribution Requirements (CADRS)

To be eligible for admission, you will need to complete high school courses in these areas. One credit equals one year. Confirm course eligibility at assc.wsu.edu.

English
4 years
Mathematics
3 years (must include Algebra II or Integrated Math II)
Senior year math-based quantitative course
1 year
Examples: statistics, advanced level of applied math, math-based career and technical courses, chemistry, physics, etc. Students who have completed math beyond Algebra II or Integrated Math III, prior to the senior year, are exempt from this requirement.
Social Sciences
3 years
Science
3 years (must include two years of lab courses including one algebra-based course)
World Languages
2 years
Arts
1 year (or an additional year of any other course above)

Assured Admission

WSU assures admission to U.S. high school students who are ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school class or who have an unweighted cumulative high school GPA of 3.6 (on a 4.0 scale). assured.wsu.edu

College-Level Coursework

If you have completed college-level coursework while in high school, you should apply as a freshman to WSU. You will receive applicable college credit after we receive an official college transcript. transfercredit.wsu.edu

AP, IB, CLEP & Cambridge Credit

WSU awards credit for acceptable scores on Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), CLEP, and Cambridge A-level exams. wsu.edu/advancedcredit.
Where is Pullman?

Glad you asked! Located in Eastern Washington, about 75 miles south of Spokane and 8 miles west of Moscow, Idaho, we’re nestled among 10,000 square miles of beautiful rolling hills in the Palouse region. It’s perfect for camping, hiking, skiing, kayaking, rafting and more. We even have 39 miles of paved bike paths. Grab a fellow Coug and go explore!

How to get to and from Pullman:
There are three airports near WSU, including the Pullman-Moscow Airport just 10 minutes from campus. The airport in Lewiston, Idaho, is 45 minutes south, and the Spokane International Airport is 90 minutes north. Buses run regularly between the Spokane International Airport and WSU.

- 5-hour drive from Seattle
- 1-hour flight from Seattle to the Pullman-Moscow Airport
- 1-hour flight from Portland to Spokane

Enjoy all four seasons
172 sunny days a year.
Average high temps:
August 84° | October 60° | January 37° | April 57°

Students get outdoors
6 ski resorts within 3.5 hours
Favorite Hiking Spot: Kamiak Butte
Favorite Day Trip: Palouse Falls
Favorite Sunset Spot: WSU’s Thompson Flats (a winter tradition for students – cafeteria tray not included)

25th safest
college town in America
(SafeWise 2021)

Top 10
One of America’s best college towns (Sunset Magazine, MON)

Top 25
for quality of life
(livability.com)

34,833
Population of Pullman
57% are students

A view of Pullman and the surrounding Palouse hills from Kamiak Butte, a local hiking spot 20 minutes away.
Apply

1. Visit apply.wsu.edu.
2. After you’ve been admitted, complete the following tasks and learn more at admitted.wsu.edu.
3. Schedule a tour to get an in-person glimpse at campus life. visit.wsu.edu
4. Apply for the Honors College (optional) honors.wsu.edu
5. Estimated financial aid offers begin posting in late December, and official financial aid awards begin posting as early as February. financialaid.wsu.edu

Confirm your enrollment

1. Use your Network ID to log in to myWSU. my.wsu.edu
2. Accept your offer of admission.
3. Pay your non-refundable $200 tuition deposit, due May 1. If payment of the advanced tuition deposit, housing application and/or orientation registration creates financial hardship, please contact your admission counselor for details about deferring payments.

Sign up for university housing

1. Freshmen are required to live on campus for one year. Complete your housing application online.* housing.wsu.edu
2. After you receive your housing assignment, schedule your move-in day. movein.wsu.edu

Sign up for New Coug Orientation

1. All new students must register for a New Coug Orientation session where you will learn about life on campus, meet with an advisor and register for classes. orientation.wsu.edu

Take placement exams before graduating high school (exams will need to be completed before attending New Coug Orientation).

1. Math: math.wsu.edu/placement
2. Writing: go.wsu.edu/writingplacement
3. Foreign Language: slcr.wsu.edu/placement-testing

Send documents, final transcripts and exams

1. File your FAFSA or WASFA between October 1 and January 31 (strongly encouraged). studentaid.gov | wsac.wa.gov/wasfa
2. Complete the WSU General Scholarship Application by January 31 (strongly encouraged). scholarships.wsu.edu
3. Submit verification documents before March 15 (if required).
4. Incoming freshmen should request an official final high school transcript with final grades and graduation date be sent to WSU.
5. Receive transfer credit by having your official final college transcripts and AP/IB/AICE scores sent to WSU. wsu.edu/advancedcredit
6. Provide proof of immunizations or obtain approved exemptions. The required immunizations, forms and other information are available at Cougar Health Services. cougarhealth.wsu.edu

Next Steps