WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

http://www.wcu.edu/

Brief Description

A regional comprehensive university, Western offers programs at the baccalaureate, master's, intermediate and doctoral (in education) levels. As a focused growth institution, Western is committed to increasing access to its programs for 40% more students during the current decade while enhancing its efforts to meet the state's need for teachers, engineers, nurses and entrepreneurs and to encourage economic development throughout the region. As it grows, Western will continue to provide small class sizes and personal attention for all students. Western offers career-focused degree programs in the arts, sciences, technologies, business, humanities and more. Courses are available on the main campus in Cullowhee, in Asheville and Cherokee, and on-line.

History

Founded in 1889 and chartered in 1891, Western became Cullowhee State Normal and Industrial School in 1905 and Western Carolina Teachers College in 1929. It was renamed Western Carolina College in 1953, designated a regional university in 1967, became Western Carolina University and joined the University of North Carolina system in 1972, and was one of the first in the system to have a residential Honors College which now enrolls nearly 1,100 students.

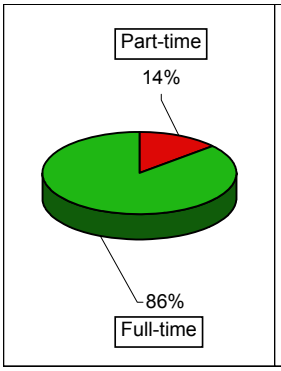
Location

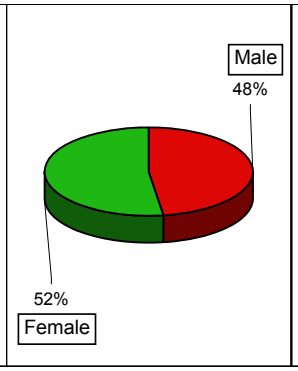
Located in a beautiful valley between the Blue Ridge and Great Smoky Mountains, Western's Cullowhee campus is 52 miles southwest of Asheville and six miles south of Sylva -- an outstanding location for outdoor research and recreation in the nearby forests, waterways, national parks and Qualla Boundary of the Cherokee.

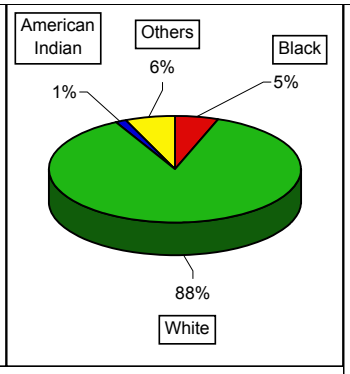
Academic Calendar 2007-2008

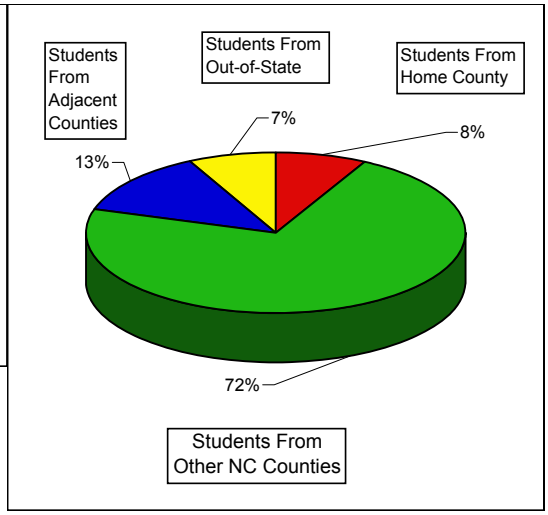
Class Periods				Vacations/Holidays		
Fall Term	Spring Term	Summer Terms	Commencement	Fall Break	Winter Break	Spring Break
8/20-12/7	1/11-5/2	6/2-7/1, 7/2-8/1	12/15, 5/10, 8/1	10/11-10/15	12/16-1/11	3/3-3/7

Total Enrollment Fall 2006: 8,861
Undergraduate Enrollment Fall 2006: 7,146 (reference for pie charts)









Student Services

Alumni Affairs	Food Service	Intramural & Recreation	Honors College
Career Services	Disabled Student Serv	Minority Student Serv	Student Activities
Counseling	Health Services	Orientation	Student Center
Cultural Programs	Housing	Research	Wellness Program
Discipline/Judiciary	Intercollegiate Athletics	Public Safety Office	Learn.Assist.Prog.
Computer Labs	International Students	Frat.: 12/Sororities: 8	Veterans

Est. Annual Student Costs 2007-2008

Tuition	In-State	$2,028
	Out-of-State	$11,611
Required Fees		$1,923
Room	(Double Occupancy)	$2,832
Board	(Full Meal Plan)	$2,270
Books*		$581
Other Expenses	In-State	$2,364
	Out-of-State	$3,838
Total Student Budget		
	In-State	$11,998
	Out-of-State	$23,055

*Includes book rental.

Student Financial Aid 2006-2007 (est.)

% of Freshmen Receiving Any Aid	**50%**
% of Freshmen Receiving Any Need-Based Aid	**43%**
% of Full-Time Undergrad. Students Receiving Pell Grants	**21%**

Scholarship Programs: Numerous scholarships and other forms of financial aid available; consult campus catalog and contact Financial Aid Office.

Priority Application Filing Date:	March 31
Earliest Date of Award Notification:	March 15
Latest Date of Award Notification:	Throughout the year

Note: Dates given above are approximate. Actual dates may vary from year to year. Consult campus catalog.

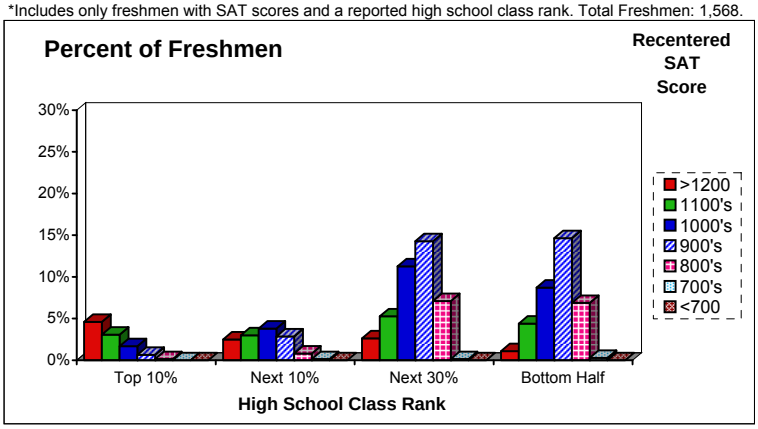
Director of Student Financial Aid: Ms. Nancy Dillard
Telephone Number: 828-227-7291

Freshman Class Profile Fall 2006*

Number of Freshmen:

High School Class Rank	Combined Recentered SAT Score: 1200 or more	1100-1199	1000-1099	900-999	800-899	700-799	<700	Total
Top 10%	63	42	23	9	2	0	0	139
Next 10%	34	41	52	39	11	2	0	179
Next 30%	36	72	154	195	97	2	0	556
Bottom Half	15	60	119	200	94	4	0	492
Total	148	215	348	443	204	8	0	1,366

*Includes only freshmen with SAT scores and a reported high school class rank. Total Freshmen: 1,568.



Bachelor's Degree Programs Offered 2005-2006

Bachelor's Degrees Conferred: 1,305

Discipline Area	Specific Majors (Number of Bachelor's Degrees Conferred)
Agriculture, Ag Operations	
Biological Sciences	Biology/Biological Sciences(22)
Business, Mgmt., Mktg.	Business Adm & Mgmt(55), Accounting(26), Finance(17), Hospitality Admin/Mgmt(36), International Business/Trade/Commerce(10), Management Information Systems(25), Marketing/Marketing Management(51), Marketing, Other(32)
Communication, Journ.	Communication Studies/Speech Communication(72)
Computer & Info Science	Computer Science(17)
Education	Special Ed(9), Elementary(59), Jr High(153), Kindergarten(33), Art(5), English(5), Math(2), Music(13), Physical Ed Teaching & Coaching(14), Science(7), Social Studies(6), French(0), German(0), Spanish(1)
Engineering	Electrical, Electronics, & Communications(0)
Engineering Technologies	Engineering Technology(19), Electrical, Electronic & Communications(19), Industrial Technology(1), Manufacturing Tech(4), Construction Engineering Tech(21)
English Language & Lit	English Language & Literature, General(25)
Family & Consumer Sci.	
Foreign Languages, Lit.	German Language & Lit(1), French Language & Lit(0), Spanish Language & Lit(7)
Health Professions	Communication Disorders(9), Health Care Admin(0), Health Info/Med Records(13), Emergency Med Tech(16), Athletic Training(0), Clinical Lab Science(8), Nursing(74), Environmental Health(11), Therapeutic Recreation(12), Dietetics/Dietitian(18)
History	History,General(19)
Liberal Arts & Sciences	Liberal Arts & Sciences/Liberal Studies(2)
Mathematics & Statistics	Mathematics, General(10)
Natural Resources	Environmental Science(0), Natural Resources Management & Policy(16)
Parks, Rec., Leisure & Fit	Parks, Recreation & Leisure Facilities Mgmt(19), Sport & Fitness Admin/Mgmt(31)
Philosophy & Religious St	Philosophy(3)
Physical Sciences	Chemistry, General(19), Geology/Earth Science(4)
Psychology	Psychology, General(46)
Public Admin & Social Ser	Public Administration(4), Social Work(22)
Security & Protective Serv	Criminal Justice/Safety Studies(82)
Social Sciences	Social Sciences, General(4), Anthropology(12), Geography(0), Political Science & Government(16), Sociology(14)
Visual & Performing Arts	Interior Design(9), Drama & Dramatics/Theatre Arts(4), Art/Art Studies(1), Fine/Studio Arts(26), Music, General(10), Music Performance, General(4)

Admission Information

Director of Admissions: **Mr. Alan Kines**
Telephone Number: **828-227-7317, 877-WCU-4YOU**

Courses required beyond minimum requirement: **None**

Application Fee: **$40**

Earliest date for application to be considered for fall term: **September 1**

Latest date for application to be considered for fall term: **July 15**

Earliest date letters of decision for fall admission are expected to be sent out: **September 15**

Latest date letters of decision for fall admission are expected to be sent out: **August 5**

Note: Dates given above are approximate. Actual dates may vary from year to year. Consult www.poweryourmind.com.

Accreditation

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges

Facilities

Campus Space	approximately 589 acres
Residence Halls	12 total; 1 new in 2005; Greek Village
Special Features	Residential Honors College; Fine and Performing Arts Center w/ museums; 1000 seat auditorium, classrooms and labs; Center for Applied Technology; new track and field complex; renovated sports facilities.

Rates of Retention, Graduation, and Persistence for Fall First-Time Full-Time Freshmen

Retention Rate for Fall 2005 Freshmen:

Freshman to Sophomore	71.3%

Graduation Rates for Fall 2000 Freshmen:

After 4 Years	24.6%
After 5 Years	44.4%
After 6 Years*	46.7%

Persistence Rates for Fall 2000 Freshmen (Graduated or Still Enrolled):

After 4 Years	50.5%
After 5 Years	49.5%
After 6 Years	49.3%

*As required by the Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act of 1990.

Full-Time Faculty Fall 2006

With Doctorate or First Professional Degree	315
Total	433

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