WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

http://www.wcu.edu/

Brief Description

A comprehensive university offering programs at the baccalaureate, master's, intermediate, and doctoral (education) levels. Its instructional programs are organized in four undergraduate colleges (applied sciences, arts and sciences, business, and education and allied professions) and a graduate school. Offers resident-credit undergraduate, and graduate-level courses and programs on the main campus in Cullowhee and in Cherokee and Asheville. In Asheville, some of the undergraduate programs are offered in cooperation with the University of North Carolina at Asheville. Western Carolina University is committed to equality of opportunity.

History

Founded in 1889 and chartered in 1891; became Cullowhee State Normal and Industrial School in 1905. Designated Western Carolina Teachers College in 1929. Renamed Western Carolina College in 1953 and designated a regional university in 1967. Became a part of the University of North Carolina system in 1972. Became a College Sponsor of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation in 2000.

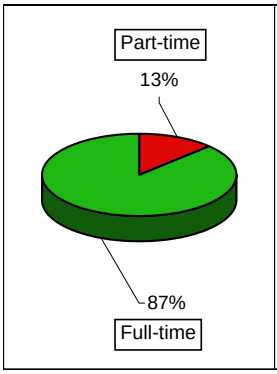
Location

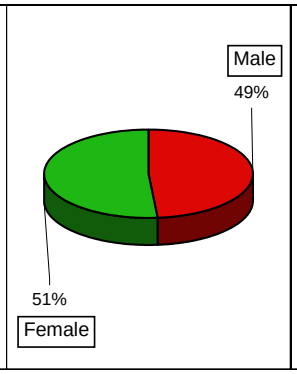
Located in a beautiful valley near the Blue Ridge and Great Smoky Mountains, Cullowhee (population: 6,700) is 52 miles southwest of Asheville and 6 miles south of Sylva. Situated at the southern end of Cullowhee Valley along the Tuckasegee River, the campus is unusually attractive and easily accessible.

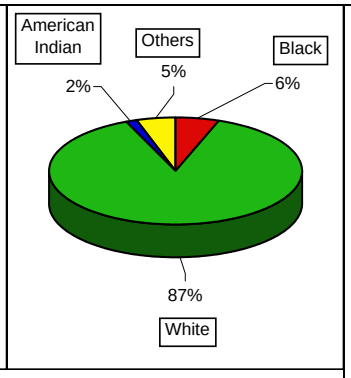
Academic Calendar (2002-2003)

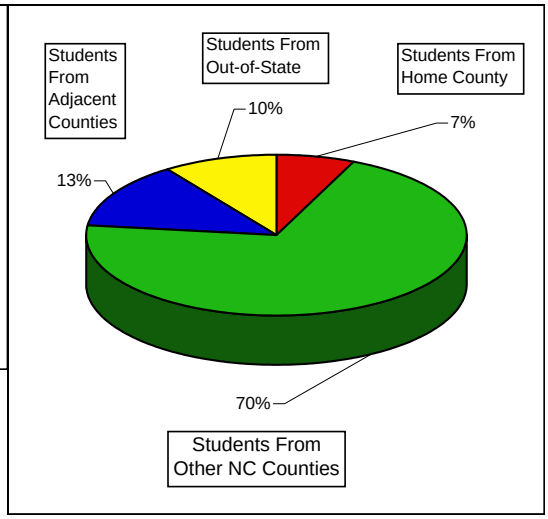
Class Periods				Vacations/Holidays		
Fall Term	Spring Term	Summer Terms	Commencement	Fall Break	Winter Break	Spring Break
8/20-12/17	1/8-5/9	6/2-7/2, 7/7-8/6	12/14, 5/10	10/5-10/8	12/18-1/7	3/8-3/16

Undergraduate Enrollment (Fall 2002):









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.: 15/Sororities: 9	Veterans

Est. Annual Student Costs (2002-2003)

Tuition	in-state	$1,358
	out-of-state	$10,273
Required Fees		$1,252
Room	(double occupancy)	$1,876
Board	(full meal plan)	$2,340
Books		$588
Other Expenses	in-state	$1,810
	out-of-state	$2,286
Total Student Budget		
	in-state	$9,224
	out-of-state	$18,615

*Includes book rental, additional books, and supplies.

Student Financial Aid, 2001-2002

% of Freshmen Receiving Any Aid	**64.2%**
% of Freshmen Receiving Any Need-Based Aid	**43.6%**
% of Full-Time Undergrad. Students Receiving Pell Grants	**29.1%**

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: 828-227-7290

Freshman Class Profile (Fall 2002)*

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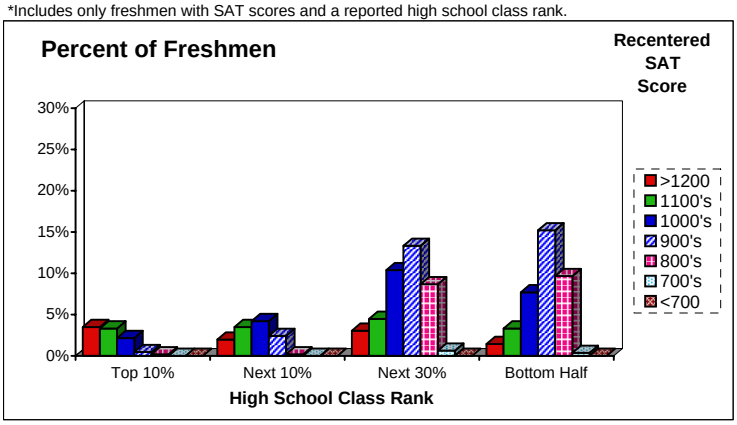
Number of Freshmen:

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%	39	37	24	5	2	0	0	107
Next 10%	22	39	47	27	2	0	0	137
Next 30%	34	50	116	149	97	7	0	453
Bottom Half	16	37	86	170	108	4	0	421
Total	111	163	273	351	209	11	0	1,118

*Includes only freshmen with SAT scores and a reported high school class rank.



Bachelor's Degree Programs Offered (2001-2002)

Bachelor's Degrees Conferred: 1,139

Discipline Area	Specific Majors (Number of Bachelor's Degrees Conferred)
Agricultural Bus./Sci.	
Conservation & Ren.	Environmental Science/Studies(0), Natural Resources Mgmt & Policy(19)
Architecture	
Area, Ethnic Studies	
Biological Sciences	Biology, General(18)
Business Mgmt.	Business Adm & Mgmt(46), Accounting(23), Admin Asst(1), Business/Mgrl Econ(5), Finance(19), Hospitality Mgmt(20), International Bus(11), Mgmt Info Systems(61), Business Marketing & Mkt Mgmt(64), Entrepreneurship(4)
Communications	Communications, General(56)
Computer & Info Sci	Computer Science(8)
Education	Special Ed(16),Elementary(50),Jr High(118),Pre-Elementary(8),Art(1), English(7), Math(1), Music(6), Phys Ed Teaching & Coaching(14), Science(5), Social Studies(10), French(0), German(0), Spanish(1)
Engineering	
Engineering-Related	Electrical, Electronic & Comm Engin(12), Industrial/Manufacturing Technology(44) Construction/Building Technology(0)
Visual & Perf Arts	Interior Design(14), Drama/Theater Arts, Gen(7), Art, Gen(1), Fine/Studio Arts(14), Music, General(8), Music, Gen Performance(0)
Foreign Lang & Lit	German Lang & Literature(0), French Lang & Lit(0), Spanish Lang & Lit(6)
Health Professions	Communication Disorders(8),Health Systems/Health Srvs(1),Med Records Adm(11), Emergency Med(10),Med Tech(5),Nursing(64),Environ Health(17),Recr Therapy(12)
Home Economics	Dietetics/Human Nutritional Services(7), Individual & Family Development Studies(25)
Multi/Interdis. Studies	
English Lang./Philosophy	English Language & Literature, Gen(13), Philosophy(4)
Liberal Arts & Sci	Liberal Arts & Sciences/Liberal Studies(2)
Mathematics	Mathematics(8)
Physical Sciences	Chemistry, General(15), Geology(9)
Psychology	Psychology, General(16)
Parks, Rec. & Leisure	Parks, Recreation,& Leisure Facilities Mgmt(28), Sport & Fitness Admin(41)
Protective Serv/Pub.Admin	Criminal Justice Studies(58), Social Work(17)
Social Sciences/History	Social Sciences,Gen(2), Anthropology(11), Geography(6), History,Gen(10), Political Science, Gen(12), Sociology(29)

Admission Information

Director of Admissions: **Mr. Philip Cauley**
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.

Advanced Placement Accepted

Information on Advanced Placement credit granted appears in Appendix A.

Facilities

Campus Space approximately 265 acres

Residence Halls 11 total (2 honors, 1 married)

Special Features Liston B. Ramsey Regional Activ. Ctr., Fully networked campus includes network ports in every classroom and two internet ports in every res. hall room, Modern Student Fitness Center

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

Retention Rate for Fall 2001 Freshmen:

Freshman to Sophomore	70.9%

Graduation Rates for Fall 1996 Freshmen:

After 4 Years	22.0%
After 5 Years	41.0%
After 6 Years*	45.8%

Persistence Rates for Fall 1996 Freshmen (Graduated or Still Enrolled):

After 4 Years	49.0%
After 5 Years	48.5%
After 6 Years	48.3%

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

Full-Time Faculty (Fall 2002)

With Doctorate or First Professional Degree	242
Total	315