West Virginia State University

International Student Presentation

Highlights

- Prestigious, Public State University founded in 1891

- Beautiful campus with lots of green space and within driving distance of major cities

- Low student faculty ratio of 17:1 so students are able to learn in a comfortable, supportive environment

- Among the lowest tuition fees and major scholarships for qualifying international students

- Minimum ESL requirements and orientation programs for students with lower ESL scores
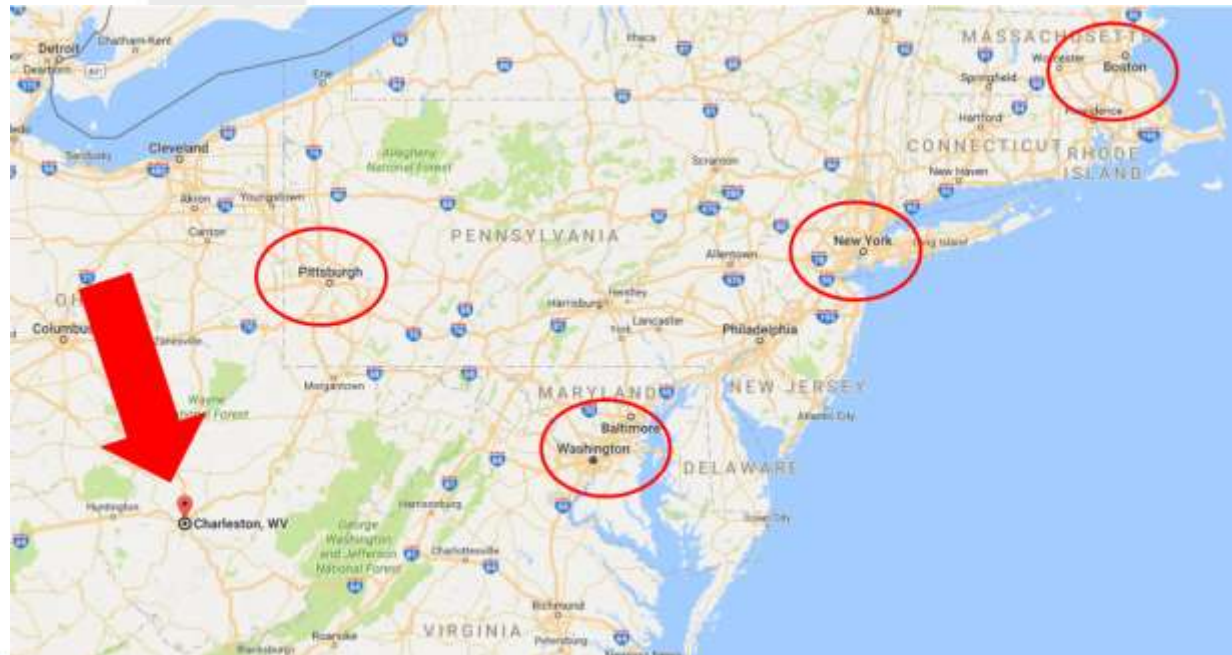
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About the University

- WVSU has over 3,500 students in 23 undergraduate and 6 master's programs.

- WVSU is regionally accredited by The Higher Learning Commission with special accreditation for Business and Education programs

- An active, exciting and engaging community, boasting cultural and historical events, music, festivals and entertainment.

- Affordable, campus accommodation and meal plans available for international students

Campus Location

WVSU is located in Institute, West Virginia, a suburb of Charleston, the largest city and the state capital. Charleston is just hours away from major metropolitan cities including Washington, DC and New York City.

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Our Campus

Undergraduate Degree Programs

WVSU offers a wide selection of options available in Arts and Sciences with start dates in January and August, including:

Degree Program	Duration	Annual Tuition
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science	4 years	$15,600
Bachelor of Science in Engineering 2 + 2 Program*	4 years	$15,600
Bachelor of Science in International Business	4 years	$15,600
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration	4 years	$15,600
Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences	4 years	$15,600
Bachelor of Science in Chemistry	4 years	$15,600
Bachelor of Science in Biology	4 years	$15,600
Bachelor of Science in Mathematics	4 years	$15,600

Note: Quoted tuition fees are before scholarship.

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Undergraduate Scholarships

Scholarship	Criteria	Scholarship Amount – Years 2-4 (over the length of the program)*	Approximate Net Tuition (Full Program)
None	GPA 2.75 & IELTS 5.5	$0	$62,400
International Fellow	GPA 3.0 & IELTS 6.5	$20,000	$42,400
International Ambassador	GPA 3.5 & IELTS 6.5	$24,000	$38,400

*Undergraduate Scholarships may only be applied to the last three years

Graduate Degree Programs

WVSU offers select graduate degree programs starting in January and August, including:

Degree Program	Duration	Total Tuition
Master of Arts in Biotechnology	2 Years	$34,000
Master of Public Administration	2 Years	$34,000
Master of Arts in Media Studies	2 Years	$34,000

Note: Quoted tuition fees are before scholarship.

Graduate Scholarships

Scholarship Amount (over the length of the program)	Scholarship Criteria	Net Tuition Cost
None	GPA 2.7-3.0 pending program requirements & IELTS 6.0 IELTS 6.0 requires a mandatory 4-week ESL Bridge Program	$34,000
$3,000 per academic year	GPA 3.0 – 3.29 & IELTS 6.5 (7.0 for Biotech)	$28,000
$4,000 per academic year	GPA 3.3 – 3.79 & IELTS 6.5 (7.0 for Biotech)	$26,000
$5,000 per academic year	GPA 3.80 – 4.0 & IELTS 6.5 (7.0 for Biotech)	$24,000

ESL EXCELS Program at WVSU

Excellence in Culture and English Language Study (EXCELS) Program:

Undergraduate students with less than 6.0 IELTS or equivalent and graduate students with less than 6.5 IELTS score, are required to attend a mandatory 4 week extended orientation as part of their degree program, comprising of intensive English preparation and academic readiness, starting in July prior to Fall start.   The 4 week program is $4,000 including tuition, transportation from airport, housing and meals.

Summer Application Deadline: May 15

CPT/OPT WORK PROGRAMS

- **Curriculum Practical Training:**

    - Eligible after year one (undergraduate and graduate)

- **Optional Practical Training:**

    - Job must be within your field of study and appropriate to your degree level.

    - Can start before or after you finish your studies

    - Maximum of 12 months

- **STEM Extension after OPT**

    - Eligibility to be determined by the US Citizenship and Immigration Services

    - Maximum of 24 additional months extension after OPT (for total eligibility of up to 36 months)

    WVSU has a dedicated career services team to assist students.

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Admissions Requirements

- Completed Application Form

- Copy of Passport

- Copy of high school diploma/ transcripts and degree (with English translation). (If a national examination is required upon the completion of schooling in the country of origin, official results of the examination must be submitted to WVSU. (Students from countries with a General Certificate of Education (GCE) examination system must receive a grade of six or higher in at least five academic subjects, one of which must be English.)

- IELTS 5.5 (undergraduate) and IELTS 6.0 for graduate (or equivalent test)

- Bank Letter (showing funds for one years expenses)/ Affidavit (if being sponsored)

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Admission Dates and Deadlines

Semester	Admission Deadline	Start Date
Summer 2017 (Session I+II) Summer 2017 (Session III)	March 17, 2017 April 14, 2017	May 22, 2017 June 19, 2017
Fall 2017	June 16, 2017	August 14, 2017
Spring 2018	November 17, 2017	January 16, 2018
ESL – 4-week intensive	May 15	July

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Visa and Payment Process

- $22 application fee due with application; $39 for graduates (paid by credit card form or by wire transfer.)

- Student must pay a $350 **refundable** academic registration deposit to obtain I20

- Student must pay one semester's tuition within two weeks of the Visa approval prior to travel to the United States.

- Undergraduate students are required to live on campus pay one year's residence hall cost prior to arrival in the US. A non-refundable housing deposit of $200 is due with academic registration deposit.

- Online Application: https://www.gowvstate.org/international/

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Campus Accommodation

- **Dawson Hall ($3,189- single and $2,183- double/semester)**
  - Dawson Hall houses approximately 80 men and women.
  - All rooms are double occupancy ($2,183/semester) and two rooms share an adjoining bathroom. Single rooms ($3,189/semester), may be available and should be requested through the Office of Residence Life.
  - Rooms allowing access for students with physical challenges are available.
  - Dawson Hall features a community lounge, computer lab, and an on-site laundry facility

- **The Judge Damon J. Keith Scholars Hall (2, 3, or 4 BR - $3,417 - $3,545/semester)**
  - 291 total beds:
    - 78 suite-style units – two, three and four bedroom plans
    - Fully furnished and rental rates are inclusive of electricity, water/sewer, trash service, cable and Internet service
    - Community amenities:
      - Café & Gaming Room
      - Gaming Room
      - Centralized laundry facilities on each floor

Accommodation Features

- Dedicated staff to assist you as you engage with others in a dynamic community.
- Bedroom/suite furnishings in each individual unit, and semi-private bathrooms.
- Internet, Cable, and utility services included in cost.
- Traditional or suite-style living options.
- A host of amenities to enhance your on campus experience.

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Meal Plans

Option	Plan	Approximate Cost/Semester
1	Premier Late Night	$2,277
2	Any Fifteen	$2,014
3	Standard 19	$2,080

Meal plans are mandatory for all undergraduate residential students.

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