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2015-2016

Institutional Data	for Exchange	Partners:
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About the University	Founded in 1890, Washington State University is Washington's only land grant institution and is recognized as a leading research institution in the United States. WSU boasts a student population of 19,500 on the Pullman campus with a nine percent international student composition from 100 different countries.	
About the Location	Pullman, WA is a residential university community located in a major wheat production area of the western US with a population of about 31,000. It is 80 miles south of Spokane WA, 300 miles east of Seattle WA, 1,000 miles north of San Francisco CA, and 3,000 miles west of New York and Washington DC. Average temperatures range from 26°F (-3°C) in the winter to 84°F (29°C) in the summer. Average annual precipitation is 21 inches (53cm). Pullman also receives an average annual snowfall of 26 inches (66cm).	
Campus Features & Facilities	The region, known as the Palouse, is an outdoor paradise where students can ski, hike, raft, golf, and more. The award-winning Student Recreation Center is a 160,000 sq. ft. facility featuring a pool, game courts, and two floors of cardio and strength workout equipment.	
	Political lecturers and American entertainers frequently perform on campus at Beasley Coliseum. An active student community supports over 250 student clubs and organizations as well as a nationally recognized intramural sports program. WSU is also part of the PAC-12 collegiate athletic conference.	
	English Language instruction is available at the Intensive American Language Center for an additional fee. In addition, a limited number of ESL courses are offered through the WSU English Department. For more information visit http://ip.wsu.edu/IALC/home.html .	
Academic Calendar	Fall Semester: August 24, 2015 — December 18, 2015 Spring Semester: January 11, 2016 — May 6, 2016 Exchange students may come on a semester or yearly basis depending on the Program. View the full academic calendar at http://www.registrar.wsu.edu/registrar/apps/acadcal.aspx	
Student Orientation	O International Student Orientation is mandatory for all exchange students. Dates are: Fall 2015: August 15th — August 17th Spring 2016: January 6th — January 8th View the orientation schedule at ip.wsu.edu/global-services/students/incoming/orientation.html	
Academics	 WSU has expansive coursework offerings in over 200 fields of study spanning most subjects. Undergraduate fields of study are open to students— dependent upon meeting pre-requisites. WSU cannot guarantee enrollment in preferred courses, but will help facilitate registration. The minimum workload for an undergraduate student is 12 credit hours (credits) per semester. One credit corresponds to 15 hours of in-class work. Most courses are 3 credits. Exchange students enrolling in more than 18 credit hours must pay an additional per credit charge. (Approx. \$1,198 per credit) All courses are taught in English View the catalog of courses and study options available at WSU Pullman, visit the online catalog, http://catalog.wsu.edu and http://catalog.wsu.edu/General/Courses for specific courses. Course levels: Undergraduate courses, 100-200 (lower division) and 300-400 (upper division) Graduate courses are 500+, these are normally unavailable to undergraduate students. WSU uses a 4.0 Grade Point System http://www.registrar.wsu.edu/registrar/apps/gpacalc.aspx Visit the schedule of classes to see which courses are offered for the desired term: http://schedules.wsu.edu/. It is important to take note of any course pre-requisites. 	

Washington State University Institutional Data cont. Nomination Procedure & Remember, a nomination from a student's home institution does NOT guarantee acceptance; very late **Deadlines** applications are particularly likely to be rejected as space may no longer be available. Student is nominated by the exchange coordinator at their home institution. O WSU Exchange Coordinator notifies student's home institution exchange coordinator as to whether the nomination is accepted. Online Bilateral Exchange Application is created by WSU Exchange Coordinator for the accepted nominees (login information is automatically sent to student's identified email address once created). Nominations *must* include the following: Full Legal Name (as it appears on passport) Gender Date of Birth **Email address** Academic Major Term applying for (Fall, Spring, or Academic Year) O Please also submit Signature Verification Form along with student nomination. Nomination deadlines: March 1st for Fall, October 1st for Spring **Application Procedure &** Application instructions are sent to nominees on how to logon and complete the online application. **Deadlines** As part of the application process students will need to complete the International Undergraduate Admission Application. Students should follow the special instruction provided in the Exchange Application to prevent paying application fees and experiencing delays in their application processing. O Once the Exchange Application has been completed, WSU will process the student's admission. The Acceptance Letter and DS 2019 form will be sent via FedEx to the Exchange Coordinator at the home institution. The student's WSU Student ID# as well as information regarding visa application, housing, pre-arrival and orientation will be included in the acceptance letter. Students will NOT be able to register for classes until their application has been processed. It is important that students complete their applications on-time to ensure they may register for classes on-time. Students are encouraged to complete and submit their Coursework Selection Form early to facilitate registration. O Accepted students are expected to check their email for updates and pre-arrival information. Application deadlines: April 1st for Fall, November 1st for Spring **Application Documents Signature Verification Form** — includes copy of passport (identification page), this is used to allow access to digital signatures in addition to processing for visa documents. **Official University Transcripts** — allows confirmation of pre-requisite coursework; if being used as proof of English Proficiency an official physical copy is required. O Course Selection Form — used in conjunction with transcripts to facilitate course enrollment. Course pre-requisites *must* be identified on Course Selection Form. O Letters of Recommendation — two (2) letters needed, may be from university instructors or advisors. **Certificate of Finances & Proof of Funding** — verification of funding to cover expenses incurred while attending WSU (see Finances section for additional information). **Language Requirements** O TOEFL Score of 550 paper test, 213 CBT, 79 IBT. TOEFL scores must not be over two years old. Qualify for an English Language Proficiency Waiver listed on International Admissions' website. Waiver Option E and F are frequently used for exchange students. For more information on English language requirements visit: www.ip.wsu.edu/apply/admission-requirements.html **Additional Requirements** O Student Visa — upon submission of the Incoming Exchange Student Application and a TOEFL score, accepted students receive form DS-2019. Students must work with the US embassy or consulate in their home country to acquire a J-1 visa. Insurance — Students must purchase WSU Health Insurance or submit detailed proof of insurance with same level of benefits as the WSU Health Insurance. To see if your insurance meets WSU requirements, visit www.ip.wsu.edu/global-services/students/medical-insurance.html. Insurance questions should be directed to WSU Health & Wellness Services billing www.hws.wsu.edu/medical-clinic/billing.

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Finances	The 2015-16 cost of attendance for an academic year exchange student at WSU is estimated at \$17,926 (\$8,963 per semester). Students are required to submit a Certificate of Finances form to demonstrate available funds as part of the application process.	
	Cost estimate breakdown per semester: Medical Insurance \$568 Mandatory Fees \$477 Books & Supplies \$495 Room \$3,570 Board \$2,028	
	To help in planning your budget, visit http://ip.wsu.edu/apply/costs.html	
	Visiting students may work up to 20 hours per week on campus without a special visa. Students will need a social security number to work. Exchange students are not eligible to apply for University scholarships.	
Arrival & Accommodations	Pullman/Moscow Airport (PUW) is 2 miles from WSU and the city of Pullman. In order to fly into Pullman Regional Airport, students must travel through Seattle, WA. Students will be met for pick up at Pullman Regional Airport. Students arriving in Spokane must take a shuttle bus (wheatlandexpress.com) to WSU. Students should not arrive earlier than two days before the start of orientation. Students arriving early will need to reserve a hotel room or coordinate with Housing and Resident Life for accommodations.	
University Housing & Dining	All exchange students are required to live in university housing. University housing includes residence halls as well as university apartments. Exchange students are strongly encouraged to live in residence halls to facilitate the cultural experience and enhance their time at WSU. Students will arrange their housing through WSU Housing and Residence Life. All on-campus housing is available during university vacation periods. Specific amenities will vary by housing option and individual residence hall.	
	To learn more about housing options, visit http://housing.wsu.edu/	
	Variable dining plans are available to students living in residence halls which offer discounts at most university dining options in addition to some local businesses. Dining plans are not available to students living in university apartments. For more information on WSU Dining Services visit http://dining.wsu.edu/ .	
Additional Useful Information	O Terminology used in U.S. universities may be different. For example; the University is comprised of colleges, these colleges in turn have academic departments (e.g. the Department of Foreign Language & Cultures is part of the College of Arts and Sciences). Students enroll in courses (classes) which are taught by faculty (instructors), students must take specific courses to complete their degree (e.g. Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering). O Student to faculty ratio of approximately 15:1 O All important course information is presented in the course syllabi to include assignment due dates. Assignments may not be referenced in class, yet they are still expected to be submitted by this date.	
Contact information	O WSU Pullman size: Core = 620 acres (2.5km²) Total = 1,742 acres (7km²) http://map.wsu.edu/ Primary contact: Paul Wilmoth, Exchange Coordinator paul.wilmoth@wsu.edu Secondary contact: Christine Oakley, Director of IP-Global Learning coakley@wsu.edu	
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