

Institutional Data for Exchange Partners: 2016-17

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 19,756 on the Pullman campus with a nine percent international student and scholar composition from 100 countries.
About the Location	Pullman, Wash. is a residential university community located in a major wheat production area of the western United States with a population of about 31,000. It is 75 miles (121 km) south of Spokane Wash, 287 miles east of Seattle, 875 miles north of San Francisco, and roughly 2,125 miles west of New York and Washington D.C. 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	<p>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 ft² (14,864 m²) facility featuring a pool, game courts, and two floors of cardio and strength workout equipment.</p> <p>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 prestigious Pac-12 Conference of intercollegiate athletic teams nicknamed the "Conference of Champions."</p> <p>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.</p>
Academic Calendar	<p>Fall Semester: August 22, 2016 — December 16, 2016 Spring Semester: January 9, 2017 — May 5, 2017</p> <p>Exchange students may come on a semester or yearly basis depending on the Program. View the full academic calendar at http://registrar.wsu.edu/academic-calendar/</p>
Student Orientation	<p>○ International Student Orientation is mandatory for all exchange students. Approximate dates are:</p> <p>Fall Semester: August 16, 2016 — August 19, 2016 Spring Semester: January 3, 2017 — January 6, 2017</p>
Academics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 prerequisites. 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 three (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/Pullman/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://registrar.wsu.edu/grades-and-gpa/. ○ Visit the schedule of classes to see which courses are offered for the desired term on the Pullman campus: http://schedules.wsu.edu/. <i>It is important to take note of any course pre-requisites.</i>

<p>Nomination Procedure & Deadlines</p>	<p>Remember, a nomination from a student’s home institution does NOT guarantee acceptance; very late applications are particularly likely to be rejected as space may no longer be available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Student is nominated by the exchange coordinator at their home institution. ○ 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 <i>must</i> include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Full Legal Name (as it appears on passport) ● Gender ● Date of Birth ● Email address ● Academic Major ● Term applying for (Fall, Spring, or Academic Year) ○ Please also submit Signature Verification Form along with student nomination. <p><i>Nomination deadlines: March 1 for Fall, October 1 for Spring</i></p>
<p>Application Procedure & Deadlines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Application instructions are sent to nominees on how to logon and complete the online application. As part of the application process students will need to complete the International Undergraduate Admission Application. <i>Students should follow the special instruction provided in the Exchange Application to prevent paying application fees and experiencing delays in their application processing.</i> ○ 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. <i>It is important that students complete their applications on-time to ensure they may register for classes on-time.</i> Students are encouraged to complete and submit their <i>Coursework Selection Form</i> early to facilitate registration. ○ Accepted students are expected to check their email for updates and pre-arrival information. <p><i>Application deadlines: April 1 for Fall, November 1 for Spring</i></p>
<p>Application Documents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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. ○ Course Selection Form — used in conjunction with transcripts to facilitate course enrollment. Course pre-requisites <i>must</i> be identified on Course Selection Form. ○ Letters of Recommendation — one (1) letter needed, may be from university instructor or advisor. ○ Certificate of Finances & Proof of Funding — verification of funding to cover expenses incurred while attending WSU (see Finances section for additional information).
<p>Language Requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TOEFL Score of 550 paper test, 213 CBT, 79 IBT. TOEFL scores must not be over two years old. <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Or</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Qualify for an English Language Proficiency Waiver listed on International Admissions’ website. Waiver Option E and F are frequently used for exchange students. <p>For information on English language requirements visit: https://ip.wsu.edu/future-students/requirements/</p>
<p>Additional Requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 U.S. 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 https://ip.wsu.edu/on-campus/medical-insurance/. As insurance requirements are strict students should be aware they will most likely be double covered during their exchange. Insurance questions should be directed to WSU Health & Wellness Services billing www.hws.wsu.edu/medical-clinic/billing.

<p>Finances</p>	<p>The 2015-16 cost of attendance for an academic year exchange student at WSU is estimated at \$18,456 (\$9,228 per semester). <i>Students are required to submit a Certificate of Finances form to demonstrate available funds as part of the application process. All amounts are listed in US Dollars.</i></p> <p>Cost estimate breakdown per semester:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Insurance \$617 (Fall), \$670 (Spring) • Mandatory Fees \$603 • Books & Supplies \$495 • Room \$3,532 • Board \$2,317 • Transportation/misc. \$1,823 <p>To help in planning your budget, visit https://ip.wsu.edu/future-students/tuition-fees/.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Arrival & Accommodations</p>	<p>Pullman/Moscow Airport (PUW) is two (2) miles from WSU and the city of Pullman. In order to fly into Pullman Regional Airport, students must travel through Seattle. Students can arrange for pick up at Pullman Regional Airport. Students arriving in Spokane, Wash. must take a shuttle bus (wheatlandexpress.com) to WSU. Students <i>should not</i> 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.</p>
<p>University Housing & Dining</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>To learn more about housing options, visit http://housing.wsu.edu/.</p> <p>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/.</p>
<p>Additional Useful Information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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). ○ Student to faculty ratio of approximately 15:1 ○ 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. ○ WSU Pullman size: Core = 620 acres (2.5km²) Total = 1,742 acres (7km²) http://map.wsu.edu/
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