

# WESTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY

## Institutional Information Sheet (IIS) for WOU Exchanges (Note: OUS exchanges have a separate IIS)

Western Oregon University (WOU) is a fully accredited degree-granting institution of approximately 5,000 students. It offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in 41 major areas and interdisciplinary fields, as well as pre-professional curricula.

Since 1856, the university's philosophy has been to preserve a friendly campus atmosphere and close student-faculty relationships through quality classroom teaching and faculty advisement for each student. The average classroom size is 28 students.

Western's 134-acre campus is in Monmouth, a city of approximately 8500 residents. The city is located in the heartland of Oregon's fertile Willamette Valley. It is just 20 minutes from Salem, the state capital, and about an hour's drive from Portland, the Pacific Ocean, and the Cascade Mountains. The small, friendly, and safe community of Monmouth provides an ideal setting for the university.

### *Western Oregon University Application Procedure*

Students should use the WOU Exchange application form. Exchange students will be admitted as non-degree students which permits students to enroll in graduate or undergraduate courses of their choice (but without a level, i.e., freshman, sophomore, junior, senior). Minimum requirements for admission as an exchange student are:

1. Completed WOU Exchange Student application form, preferably typed, with requested supplemental materials attached.
2. TOEFL score of at least 173 CBT (61 iBT\*) for undergraduates and 213 (79 iBT\*) for graduates – Conditional admission with limited ESL requirements is available for TOEFL scores between 150 and 173.
3. Official transcripts for all colleges and universities attended, along with English translations
4. Adequate financial documentation (refer to application form)

**Please note** -- For graduate standing, students must have at least the equivalent of a U.S. Bachelor's degree. Special consideration is given to students from Germany who have completed the *Vordiplom* or *Zwischenprüfung*; and for students from France who have completed the *license*.

Students wishing to pursue a degree at Western Oregon University should contact the International Students and Scholars Affairs as soon after arrival on campus as possible and begin the separate degree application process.

Degree-seeking students will be required to pay an application fee and complete all regular admission applications, tests, etc.

Exchange students do not have priority during course pre-registration periods.

### *2010-2011 Estimated Costs*

Under the terms of the exchange agreement, students receive waivers for tuition and fees. **However, some courses have special course fees associated with them for which students are responsible.** The estimated expenses for which students are responsible are:

	9 months (Sept.-June)
Health Insurance (see below)	\$ 600
Matriculation Fee	\$ 171
Books and Supplies	\$1,125
Room and Board**	\$8,208
Personal Expenses (including local transportation)	\$2,835
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,939</b>

Estimated costs for 1 term =	\$4,313
2 terms =	\$8,626
3 terms =	\$12,376

Your Declaration of Finances should demonstrate that this amount of money is available for your expenses during the entire duration of your exchange program. Be sure that your bank statements or other documents indicate an amount equal to or greater than this total.

All costs are approximate and subject to change. The exchange program does not cover summer term tuition. No international travel costs are included.

### **HEALTH INSURANCE**

*Western Oregon University international students are required to purchase the health and accident insurance provided by WOU. If dependents accompany them, they must also purchase this insurance for them. The insurance is mandatory unless a student has a government sponsored health insurance policy. Students who do have such a policy will need to provide proof of coverage in English.*

\* TOEFL Internet-based test (iBT) score requirements are tentative and subject to change upon review by the WOU Faculty Senate. Official iBT score requirements will be set by June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

\*\* Room and Board rates are based on Residence Hall rates. Cost can vary significantly if a student chooses to live off-campus.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

### Undergraduate Degrees and Programs

#### College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

American Sign Language/English Interpreting  
American Sign Language Studies  
Anthropology  
Art  
The Arts (Art, Music, Theatre, Dance)  
Biology  
Biology Teacher Education  
Business  
Chemistry  
Chemistry/Forensic Chemistry  
Chemistry/Physics: Natural Science  
Communications Studies  
Community Health Education  
Computer Science  
Computer Science/Mathematics\*  
Contemporary Music\*  
Contemporary Music/Theatre  
Criminal Justice  
Dance  
Earth Science  
Economics  
English/Literature  
English/Linguistics  
English/Writing  
Fire Services Administration  
Geography  
German Studies  
German Teacher Education  
Health  
History  
Humanities  
Information Systems  
Interdisciplinary Studies\*  
International Studies  
Mathematics  
Music  
Philosophy  
Political Science  
Psychology  
Public Policy and Administration  
Social Science  
Sociology  
Spanish  
Theatre Arts

#### College of Education

Education: Early Childhood Teaching Authorization\*  
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Education: Early Childhood/Elementary Teaching Authorization\*  
Education: Elementary/Middle Level Teaching Authorization\*  
Education: Middle Level/High School Teaching Authorization\*  
Education: Physical Education\*  
Education: Integrated Science Teacher  
Education : Language Arts Teacher  
Education : Mathematics Teacher  
Education : School Health  
Education: Social Science Teacher  
Education: Spanish Teacher  
Exercise Science  
Physical Education Teacher Education

*\*A minor is not required for these majors.*

### Graduate Degrees and Programs

#### MA/MS Criminal Justice

#### Master of Music in Contemporary Music

Applied Concentration in:  
Collaboration Piano  
Composition  
Conducting  
Instrumental Performance  
Jazz Studies  
Keyboard Performance  
Vocal Performance

#### Master of Art in History

#### Master of Arts in Teaching

Health  
Language Arts  
Mathematics  
Science  
Social Science

#### Master of Arts in Teaching: Initial Licensure

#### Master of Science in Education: Continuing, Standard Licensure or No License

Early Childhood Education  
Early Childhood/Elementary Interdisciplinary Studies  
Elementary Interdisciplinary Studies (*Standard Licensure Only*)  
Elementary/Middle Interdisciplinary Studies  
English  
ESOL/Bilingual Education  
Health  
Integrated Studies  
Mathematics  
Physical Education  
Reading  
Social Science  
Special Education

#### Specializations

MS: Information Technology  
MS in Education: Special Education: Teacher Preparation: Deaf Education  
MS in Rehabilitation Counseling  
Early Intervention/Special Education I and II

#### Endorsements

Bilingual/ESOL Education  
Bilingual/ESOL Education Advanced studies  
Reading

*Western also offers pre-professional curricula for students preparing to enter professional schools in health sciences and medicine, law, and other technical fields. For more information, please consult our website: <http://www.wou.edu>*