

WSU Accreditation

Washington State University is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. Accreditation of an institution of higher education by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities indicates that it meets or exceeds criteria for the assessment of institutional quality evaluated through a peer review process. An accredited college or university is one which has available the necessary resources to achieve its stated purposes through appropriate educational programs, is substantially doing so, and gives reasonable evidence that it will continue to do so in the foreseeable future. Institutional integrity is also addressed through accreditation.

Accreditation by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities is not partial but applies to the institution as a whole. As such, it is not a guarantee of every course or program offered, or the competence of individual graduates. Rather, it provides reasonable assurance about the quality of opportunities available to students who attend the institution.

Inquiries regarding an institution's accredited status by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities should be directed to the administrative staff of the institution. Individuals may also contact:

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Specialized Accreditations

Many programs, departments and colleges are accredited by professional accrediting associations recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) (<http://chea.org>). This information is included in the introductory material of the programs, departments and colleges, and an abbreviated list is provided below.

ABET: Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology
Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics
American Animal Hospital Association
AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business
American Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians
American Chemical Society
American Council for Construction Education
American Council on Pharmaceutical Education
American Psychological Association Commission on Accreditation (APA)
American Veterinary Medicine Association Council on Education
Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education
Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
Commission on English Language Program Accreditation
Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET
Council for Interior Design Accreditation
Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology
Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board
National Architectural Accrediting Board
National Association of Schools of Music
National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration
National Professional Science Masters Association
PESB, University Council for Educational Administration
Washington Professional Educator Standards Board
Washington State Department of Health, Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission

Academic Calendar

	2016- 2017	2017- 2018	2018- 2019	2019- 2020	2020- 2021	2021- 2022	2022- 2023
First Semester (Fall)							
Classes begin, Monday	Aug 22	Aug 21	Aug 20	Aug 19	Aug 24	Aug 23	Aug 22
Labor Day holiday	Sept 5	Sept 4	Sept 3	Sept 2	Sept 7	Sept 6	Sept 5
Midterm grades due, 5:00 p.m.	Oct 12	Oct 11	Oct 10	Oct 9	Oct 14	Oct 13	Oct 12
Veterans Day holiday	Nov 11	Nov 10*	Nov 12*	Nov 11	Nov 11	Nov 11	Nov 11
Thanksgiving Vacation	Nov 21-25	Nov 20-24	Nov 19-23	Nov 25-29	Nov 23-27	Nov 22-26	Nov 21-25
Commencement	Dec 10	Dec 9	Dec 8	Dec 7	Dec 12	Dec 11	Dec 10
Final Examinations	Dec 12-16	Dec 11-15	Dec 10-14	Dec 9-13	Dec 14-18	Dec 13-17	Dec 12-16
Final grades due, 5:00 p.m.	Dec 20	Dec 19	Dec 18	Dec 17	Dec 22	Dec 21	Dec 20
Second Semester (Spring)							
Classes begin	Jan 9	Jan 8	Jan 7	Jan 13	Jan 11	Jan 10	Jan 9
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday	Jan 16	Jan 15	Jan 21	Jan 20	Jan 18	Jan 17	Jan 16
Presidents Day holiday	Feb 20	Feb 19	Feb 18	Feb 17	Feb 15	Feb 21	Feb 20
Midterm grades due, 5:00 p.m.	Mar 1	Feb 28	Feb 27	Mar 4	Mar 3	Mar 2	Mar 1
Spring Vacation, (10th week)	Mar 13-17	Mar 12-16	Mar 11-15	Mar 16-20	Mar 15-19	Mar 14-18	Mar 13-17
Final Examinations	May 1-5	Apr 30- May 4	Apr 29- May 3	May 4-8	May 3-7	May 2-6	May 1-5
Commencement	May 6	May 5	May 4	May 9	May 8	May 7	May 6
Final grades due, 5:00 p.m.	May 9	May 8	May 7	May 12	May 11	May 10	May 9
Summer Session							
Early Session begins	May 8	May 7	May 6	May 11	May 10	May 9	May 8
Memorial Day holiday	May 29	May 28	May 27	May 25	May 31	May 30	May 29
Eight-Week Session begins	June 5	June 4	June 3	June 8	June 7	June 6	June 5
Late Six-Week Session begins	June 19	June 18	June 17	June 22	June 21	June 20	June 19
Independence Day holiday	July 4	July 4	July 4	July 3*	July 5*	July 4	July 4
Summer Session ends, Friday	July 28	July 27	July 26	July 31	July 30	July 29	July 28
Final grades due, 4:00 p.m.	Aug 1	July 31	July 30	Aug 4	Aug 3	Aug 2	Aug 1

* Observed

Please note: Academic advising and registration for continuing students will be held prior to the end of the previous term.