

About This Catalog

Catalog Highlights

This catalog is a useful tool for students, advisors and university employees needing quick access to the resources, people, policies and procedures that make Wichita State a great place to learn, work, live and play.

General Information

Use this catalog to get to know WSU, including its leaders, vision and mission. It contains a brief history of WSU and an overview of the university.

Getting Admitted

This catalog has all of the information needed to get the ball rolling on becoming an official Shocker and connecting with the right major.

Admission applications are available on the WSU website (<https://wichita.edu/apply/>)¹. Students can also visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions in the Marcus Welcome Center or Office of International Education in the Shocker Success Center.

Once admitted, if already decided on a major, a student will be assigned an advisor within that major's academic college to help develop an overall plan of study and assist in putting together a class schedule. Students enrolling directly after completing high school will be assigned a first year advisor who will create a class schedule for the first semester and enroll the student.

Not sure what to study or do after college? The Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) Advising Center will help students explore academic and career options. Also, check out the list of WSU's degrees and programs found in this catalog.

Getting Started as a Shocker

After meeting with an advisor, students are ready to sign up for classes through online registration. This catalog includes registration policies and an academic calendar with important dates.

WSU's orientation programs introduce new students to academic and campus life — and equip them with resources for success during college and beyond.

Want to get better grades, make new friends and have more fun? Campus living puts all of WSU right at a student's doorstep. Check out the Housing and Residence life section for more information on how to reserve a spot.

Interested in funding a WSU education through financial aid and scholarships? Find all of that information here, plus a comprehensive fee schedule to help take the guesswork out of figuring costs.

Academics at WSU

Because of its commitment to provide the very best education possible, WSU offers countless opportunities for students to bolster their knowledge and build bright futures — both in and out of the classroom.

As Shockers, students will be able to tap into education in ways they won't find anywhere else — from experience-based learning for every major and study abroad opportunities across the globe to being able to work and research with faculty and industry experts on WSU's Innovation Campus.

WSU's academic support system includes math, language and writing labs. Need a tutor? Students have access to supplemental instruction and tutoring at little to no cost. There are 24-hour study rooms, computer labs and the media and research resources of University

Libraries where students can check out books, DVDs, laptops, digital cameras and more.

WSU also has learning options to fit just about any schedule. Students can attend classes day or night at WSU's main campus, satellite locations and online.

Applied Learning at WSU

WSU uniquely combines a traditional college atmosphere with the unparalleled resources, experiences and real-world learning opportunities only found in Kansas' largest city.

Encompassing a variety of activities including service learning, undergraduate research, theses, dissertations, and other creative (e.g., live performances) and professional services (e.g., practicums, internships, clinical rotations and cooperative education), WSU's applied learning opportunities allow students to not only gain valuable experience but also build career networks, minimize student debt, and launch successful careers -- even before they graduate.

WSU makes learning convenient and accessible to the entire community through its multiple locations. In addition to its main campus at 21st and Hillside, WSU offers a wide range of general education classes at WSU West, located near 37th Street and Maize Road (3801 N. Walker Ave.) and WSU South, located on East Harry Street near St. Joseph hospital.

WSU is also home to the state's most diverse college campus, which is reflected in the programs and services it offers — from counseling and testing to top-notch child care and offices for veterans' support, disability services and international education, just to name a few.

Campus Life

WSU packs each semester with hundreds of activities, events and ways to get involved and have fun outside of class. From time-honored traditions and action-packed athletics to clubs, student organizations and Greek life, campus offers something for everyone.

Campus Recreation has all of the indoor and outdoor fitness facilities and programs needed to stay healthy — from a climbing wall and 200-meter indoor track to personal training, intramural sports and annual events like the Pumpkin Run.

The Rhatigan Student Center (RSC) is at the heart of campus and is a great place to meet friends, eat, grab a coffee, buy textbooks, study or relax. Students can also head to the basement for bowling and billiards at Shocker Sports Grill and Lanes.

Rules and Regulations

This catalog describes WSU's eight colleges, their policies, programs, course offerings and graduation requirements. Find university-wide policies and procedures including residency requirements and our student code of conduct here, too.

Life After WSU

For students nearing graduation, this catalog can connect them to resources that will help turn a diploma into a dream job. Through WSU's Shocker Career Accelerator, students can access practice interviews, career advising, help with building the perfect resume and more.

WSU's Foundation and Alumni Engagement offers opportunities to stay involved and contribute to the university while adding even more fellow Shockers to personal and professional networks.

¹ Link opens new window.