

Winona State University

General overview

Winona State University Website: www.winona.edu Founded in 1858, Winona State University is a comprehensive public university with close to 8,400 students. The oldest member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System, Winona State offers more than 80 undergraduate, preprofessional, licensure, graduate, and doctorate programs. Winona State is ranked as the second-best public institution in Minnesota by U.S. News & World Report's "Best Colleges," has been named among the "Best in the Midwest" by The Princeton Review for 13 years in a row and has been featured as one of America's 100 Best College Buys for quality and value for 21 consecutive years. Many international students appreciate the small class sizes and personal connections made with professors and staff.

WSU has an active and diverse student body with over 140 Student Clubs and Organization, University Programming Activities Committee, and a variety of typical midwestern activities and events in Winona.

Campus Tour Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UeoFuvYQ0Tc

You are Welcome Here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fourvzJ8Ulo

Programmes available

Undergraduate Programs: https://www.winona.edu/academic-programs/undergraduate.asp Colleges within WSU: https://www.winona.edu/academic-programs/colleges.asp

Module catalogue

https://catalog.winona.edu/

Scholarships

WSU's Study Abroad Office provides assistance and scholarships to WSU students interested in Study Abroad: https://www.winona.edu/study-abroad/scholarships.asp

Deadlines and timelines

Spring Semester Application deadline: November 1st

Fall Semester Application deadline: July 1st Nominations are accepting anytime starting 1 year prior to requested start date.

Academic entry requirements

Admissions requirements for visiting/exchange students include: Nomination from home university Complete Online Application Proof of English Language Proficiency Exam Score, if English is not the first language Submit official transcripts from current university; unofficial only accepted if directly from Salford Copy of Passport Official bank statement with minimum of \$24,00 for one year of stay – for I-20 More on application and requirements for exchange students can be found here: https://www.winona.edu/international-services/apply.asp

Visa entry requirements

All international students pursing a full-time course of study in the U.S. at WSU need to apply for an F-1 visa. Winona State University provides I-20 for qualified applicants: https://www.winona.edu/international-services/next-steps.asp. The International Student & Scholar Services Office provides assistance throughout every step of the visa application process.

Language requirements

Winona State University does require proof of English proficiency for those whose first language in not English: https://www.winona.edu/international-services/requirements.asp?i=0. Several options for English proficiency are accepted as well as the standard SAT and ACT scores. If English is the student's first language, then no proof of English proficiency is required.

Language classes

WSU English Language Programs offers intensive non-credit English classes during the summer, fall, and spring semesters: https://www.winona.edu/elp/. WSU has several foreign language options through the Global Studies and World Languages Department: https://www.winona.edu/gswl/worldlanguages.asp.

Academic calendar

https://www.winona.edu/calendars/

Student support

WSU is proud to provide a wide variety of student services: International Student & Scholar Services (https://www.winona.edu/international-services/) provides immigration, academic, and cultural support for all international students at WSU. Inclusion and Diversity (https://www.winona.edu/inclusion-diversity/) committed to cultural diversity and support by building an inclusive community through co-curricular education, community outreach, acceptance, and respect of issues related to race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, age, beliefs, ability levels, economic status, sexual identity, gender identity and religion.

Warrior Success Center: https://www.winona.edu/wsc/ provides tutoring services, access and accommodation accommodations tailored to the needs of students with diagnosed physical or mental health disabilities, and career guidance.

Writing Center: https://www.winona.edu/english/writingcenter.asp Health and Wellness (https://www.winona.edu/healthservices/) provides student with basic health care services, access to mental health and wellbeing counseling, and a variety of healthy lifestyle education and events.

TRIO support Services (https://www.winona.edu/trio) provides support to First generation college students and low-income students, however these services are currently limited to U.S. citizens only based the funding.

Accommodation

Accommodation is provided for short-term students on campus with several options for residence halls and apartment-style options: https://www.winona.edu/housing/. There are also options off campus for short term housing coordinated directly between the landlord and student.

Orientation week

Fall 2020- Arrival days - August 13-14th

New International Student Orientation - August 15-19th

WSU Welcome Week 20-23rd

Spring 2021 Arrival days - January 5-6th

New International Student Orientation - January 7-10th

Assessment

https://catalog.winona.edu/content.php?catoid=21&navoid=2123#Grading and Credit Policies

Safety on campus

The International Student & Scholar Services is the primary contact for all International Students on campus. ISSS has an emergency phone number provided to students during orientation. ISSO office Director – Kit Klepinger 507-457-2394; kklepinger@winona.edu WSU also has a comprehensive Security Services department: https://www.winona.edu/security/.

The Dean of Students Office which oversees student affairs and serves as a strong student advocate: https://www.winona.edu/sld/dean-of-students.asp

Cost of living

https://www.winona.edu/international-services/tuition.asp

Cultural information

We are happy to discuss cultural differences with students should they have questions. While we have many similarities with UK culture, there are also many things to learn from each other.

Travel information

Transportation from Minneapolis/St. Paul or Chicago Airports: https://groometransportation.com/
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Local Transportation: https://www.winona.edu/transportation/aroundwinona.asp

Campus map

https://www.winona.edu/maps.asp

Campus activities and events

University Programming Activities Committee: https://www.winona.edu/UPAC/ WSU has over 130 Student Clubs and Organizations: https://www.winona.edu/sal/clubs.asp The student run International Club is very active with several events, activates, and trips throughout the year. International Student & Scholar Services offers several activities throughout each semester for International Students.

Local tourism

https://visitwinona.com/

Fun fact about your city/country

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WOY7y3xxWmQ

International Office details

https://www.winona.edu/international-services/ Is@winona.edu WSU has a dedicated International Student Advisor for exchange/visiting students: Heather Willis; heather.willis@winona.edu, 507-457-2767

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/WSUInternationalServicesOFFICE

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/winonastateuinternational/

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeQdNPPMUv4L JZq37nI54A