

# WSU Accreditation

Washington State University is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). NWCCU is recognized by the US Department of Education. 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. WSU has been continuously accredited since 1918.

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 WSU's accreditation liaison officer. 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>). Accreditation information is included in the introductory material of the programs, departments and colleges, and an abbreviated list is provided below.

Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET)

- Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET
- Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET

Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics  
Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)  
American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA)  
American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD)  
American Chemical Society (ASC)  
American Council for Construction Education (ACCE)  
American Psychological Association Commission on Accreditation (APA)  
American Veterinary Medicine Association (AVMA) - Council on Education (COE)  
Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International)  
Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC)  
Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)  
Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE)  
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)  
Commission on English Language Program Accreditation  
Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA)  
Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology  
Institute of Food Technologists  
Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB)  
Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) - conditional accreditation  
National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB)  
National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)  
National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA)  
National Professional Science Masters Association (NPSMA)  
PESB, University Council for Educational Administration  
Society of American Foresters - provisional accreditation  
Washington State Department of Health, Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission

# Academic Calendar

	2021- 2022	2022- 2023	2023- 2024	2024- 2025	2025- 2026	2026- 2027	2027- 2028
<b>First Semester (Fall)</b>							
Classes begin, Monday	Aug 23	Aug 22	Aug 21	Aug 19	Aug 18	Aug 24	Aug 23
Labor Day holiday	Sept 6	Sept 5	Sept 4	Sept 2	Sept 1	Sept 7	Sept 6
Midterm grades due, 5:00 p.m.	Oct 13	Oct 12	Oct 11	Oct 9	Oct 7	Oct 14	Oct 13
Veterans Day holiday	Nov 11	Nov 11	Nov 10*	Nov 11	Nov 11	Nov 11	Nov 11
Thanksgiving Vacation	Nov 22-26	Nov 21-25	Nov 20-24	Nov 25-29	Nov 24-28	Nov 23-27	Nov 22-26
Commencement	Dec 11	Dec 10	Dec 9	Dec 7	Dec 6	Dec 12	Dec 11
Final Examinations	Dec 13-17	Dec 12-16	Dec 11-15	Dec 9-13	Dec 8-12	Dec 14-18	Dec 13-17
Final grades due, 5:00 p.m.	Dec 21	Dec 20	Dec 19	Dec 17	Dec 16	Dec 22	Dec 21
<b>Second Semester (Spring)</b>							
Classes begin	Jan 10	Jan 9	Jan 8	Jan 6	Jan 12	Jan 11	Jan 10
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday	Jan 17	Jan 16	Jan 15	Jan 20	Jan 19	Jan 18	Jan 17
Presidents Day holiday	Feb 21	Feb 20	Feb 19	Feb 17	Feb 16	Feb 15	Feb 21
Midterm grades due, 5:00 p.m.	Mar 2	Mar 1	Feb 28	Feb 26	Mar 4	Mar 3	Mar 1
Spring Vacation, (10th week)	Mar 14-18	Mar 13-17	Mar 11-15	Mar 10-14	Mar 16-20	Mar 15-19	Mar 13-17
Final Examinations	May 2-6	May 1-5	April 29- May 3	April 28 - May 2	May 4-8	May 3-7	May 1-5
Commencement	May 7	May 6	May 4	May 3	May 9	May 8	May 6
Final grades due, 5:00 p.m.	May 10	May 9	May 7	May 6	May 12	May 11	May 9
<b>Summer Session</b>							
Early Session begins	May 9	May 8	May 6	May 5	May 11	May 10	May 8
Memorial Day holiday	May 30	May 29	May 27	May 26	May 25	May 31	May 29
Eight-Week Session begins	June 6	June 5	June 3	June 2	June 8	June 7	June 5
Late Six-Week Session begins	June 20	June 19	June 17	June 16	June 22	June 21	June 19
Independence Day holiday	July 4	July 4	July 4	July 4	July 3*	July 5*	July 4
Summer Session ends, Friday	July 29	July 28	July 26	July 25	July 31	July 30	July 28
Final grades due, 4:00 p.m.	Aug 2	Aug 1	July 30	July 29	Aug 4	Aug 3	Aug 1

\* Observed

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