Washington State University Distance Degree Programs
Fact Sheet

Washington State University is a major research university with its primary campus in Pullman, a relatively rural location on the far eastern edge of the state. As the state’s land grant institution, WSU’s mission embraces service to the entire state of Washington. Its distance degree programs are a major part of this mission, providing access since 1992 to an increasing range of degree and certificate programs in online and hybrid formats.

The majority of WSU’s current distance offerings are undergraduate degree completion programs. The state’s community colleges are important academic partners, with 34 campuses offering campus-based and online transfer programs readily available to citizens wherever they live. WSU also has Learning Centers in ten locations across the state that provide face-to-face support to the institution’s online students. These centers offer testing services, technology access, initial counseling, space for student interaction, and a friendly and supportive environment.

Features that target adult learners

- Online support services analogous to those on campus
- Specialized academic advisors
- Specialized career counseling and financial aid counseling
- “First Semester Experience” courses that provide diagnosis and intervention strategies related to successful online learning
- e-tutoring services
- Virtual mentors
- Completely asynchronous learning format
- Online student government
- Hometown locator that allows participating students to find others in their area

Quick Facts

- Distance Degree Programs established 1992
- Undergraduate degrees offered: 8
  - Business Administration – Entrepreneurship
  - Business Administration – Management and Operations
  - Business Administration – Management Information Systems
  - Criminal Justice
  - Humanities
  - Human Development
  - Social Sciences
  - Women’s Studies

Number of Students

Fall 2008: 3,093 students/6,997 enrollments

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Current Student Demographics

- Male: 33%
- Female: 67%
- African American: 3%
- Asian: 4%
- Hispanic: 6%
- Native American: 2%
- Unknown: 12%

Caucasian: 73%

Full-time students: 40%

Persisting students: 60%

Washington State Map