

University Overview

Webster University is a private, non-profit, multicampus, international institution offering a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate programs. The University's headquarters is located in Webster Groves, a major suburban center of the St. Louis metropolitan area. Webster students enjoy the advantages traditionally associated with a small undergraduate college, as well as alternative options normally provided only by larger institutions.

In addition to the programs offered at the Webster Groves campus, the University provides undergraduate study opportunities at the following St. Louis locations:

- The historic Arcade Building in downtown St. Louis.
- In St. Louis County at Westport.
- The Winghaven Complex in St. Charles County.

Webster University also offers undergraduate education at the following extended-campus locations in the United States: Kansas City, Missouri; Los Angeles and Irvine, California; and Columbia, Charleston, and Greenville, South Carolina.

Students may also study at Webster's international campuses in Accra, Ghana; Athens, Greece; Geneva, Switzerland; Leiden, The Netherlands; Vienna, Austria; Bangkok, Thailand; or Hua Hin/Cham, Thailand.

Mission and Values

Mission

Webster University, a worldwide institution, ensures high quality learning experiences that transform students for global citizenship and individual excellence.

Vision

Our vision is to be a premier U.S.-based international university setting a distinct standard for global education.

Core Values

Students

By sustaining a personalized approach to a global, student-centered education through small classes, close relationships with faculty and staff, and attention to student life.

Learning

By developing educational programs that join theory and practice, provide an international perspective, encourage creativity and scholarship, and foster a lifelong desire to learn and actively serve communities and the world.

Diversity and Inclusion

By creating an environment accessible to individuals of diverse cultures, ages, and socioeconomic backgrounds and instilling in students a respect for diversity and an understanding of their own and others' values.

Global Citizenship

By educating a diverse population locally, nationally, and internationally, acting responsibly toward the environment to foster a sustainable future, and strengthening the communities we serve.

Statement of Ethics

Webster University strives to be a center of academic excellence. The University makes every effort to ensure the following:

- The opportunity for students to learn and inquire freely.
- The protection of intellectual freedom and the rights of professors to teach.
- The advancement of knowledge through scholarly pursuits and relevant dialogue.

The University community is by nature pluralistic and diverse. Those who elect to participate in the Webster University community--students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, and directors--accept the responsibility of sharing in the effort to achieve the University's mission as an institution of higher learning. Each member is expected to respect the objectives of the University and the views of its members.

Participants in this shared enterprise strive to be governed by what ought to be rather than by what is. To accomplish its goals, members of the University community aspire to a higher standard than mere compliance with formalized University requirements and local, state, and federal laws.

Webster University endeavors to fulfill the following expectations:

- Preserve academic honor and integrity by repudiating all forms of academic and intellectual dishonesty.
- Treat others with respect and dignity.
- Respect the rights and property of others.
- Act with concern for the safety and well-being of its associates.

Inquiry, discourse, and dissent, within the framework of an ordered academic environment, are seminal elements of a university community and of a free democratic society. Members of the Webster University community recognize this and are consequently supportive of democratic and lawful procedure and dedicated to rational approaches to solving problems. This assumes openness to change as well as commitment to historical values.

Accreditation

Webster University is accredited by **The Higher Learning Commission**, 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604, hlcommission.org • 800.621.7440.

The accreditation, which was awarded in 1925, includes undergraduate and graduate levels at all locations where the University offers programs.

The Missouri Department of Higher Education serves as a clearinghouse for postsecondary student complaints. The MDHE complaint policy contains information about the complaint process and includes instructions for how to file a formal complaint. The policy provides that a student who wishes to file a complaint with the department must first exhaust all formal and informal avenues provided by the institution to resolve disputes.

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

Webster University takes seriously the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) that will affect our students and employees who are EU residents and/or citizens. Please be aware that all personal data you provide is subject to our privacy policy which can be found at www.webster.edu/gdpr.

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State Licensures

California

The campuses at Irvine and Los Angeles Air Force Base are licensed to operate by the California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE).

"Notice of Student Rights" in California—You may cancel your contract for school, without any penalty or obligations, by the fifth business day following your first class as described in the Notice of Cancellation form that will be given to you. Read the Notice of Cancellation form for any explanation of your cancellation rights and responsibilities. If you have lost your Notice of Cancellation form, ask the school for a sample copy. After the end of the cancellation period, you also have the right to stop school at any time, and you have the right to receive a refund for the part of the course not taken. Your refund rights are described in the contract. If you have lost your contract, ask the school for a description of the refund policy. If the school closes before you graduate, you may be entitled to a refund.

Any questions a student may have regarding this catalog that have not been satisfactorily answered by the institution may be directed to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education at 2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95833, www.bppe.ca.gov, by telephone at 888-370-7589 or by fax at 916-263-1897.

A student or any member of the public may file a complaint about this institution with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education by calling 888-370-7589 or by completing a complaint form, which can be obtained on the bureau's internet Web site www.bppe.ca.gov.

The Student Tuition Recovery Fund was established by the California State Legislature to protect any California resident who attends a private postsecondary institution from suffering a loss of prepaid tuition as a result of the school closing. To be eligible for STRF benefits, a student must be a "California resident" and reside in California at the time an enrollment agreement is signed, or upon receipt of coursework materials at a California mailing address from an approved institution offering distance learning instruction.

You must pay the state-imposed assessment for the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) if all of the following applies to you:

- You are a student in an educational program, who is a California resident, or are enrolled in a residency program, and prepay all or part of your tuition either by cash, guaranteed student loans, or personal loans, and
- Your total charges are not paid by any third-party payer such as an employer, government program or other payer unless you have a separate agreement to repay the third party.

You are not eligible for protection from the STRF and you are not required to pay the STRF assessment, if either of the following applies:

- You are not a California resident, or are not enrolled in a residency program, or
- Your total charges are paid by a third party, such as an employer, government program or other payer, and you have no separate agreement to repay the third party.

The State of California created the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) to relieve or mitigate economic losses suffered by students in educational programs who are California residents, or are enrolled in a residency programs attending certain schools

regulated by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education.

You may be eligible for STRF if you are a California resident or are enrolled in a residency program, prepaid tuition, paid the STRF assessment, and suffered an economic loss as a result of any of the following:

- The school closed before the course of instruction was completed.
- The school's failure to pay refunds or charges on behalf of a student to a third party for license fees or any other purpose, or to provide equipment or materials for which a charge was collected within 180 days before the closure of the school.
- The school's failure to pay or reimburse loan proceeds under a federally guaranteed student loan program as required by law or to pay or reimburse proceeds received by the school prior to closure in excess of tuition and other costs.
- There was a material failure to comply with the Act or this Division within 30 days before the school closed or, if the material failure began earlier than 30 days prior to closure, the period determined by the Bureau.
- An inability after diligent efforts to prosecute, prove, and collect on a judgment against the institution for a violation of the Act.

NOTICE CONCERNING TRANSFERABILITY OF CREDITS AND CREDENTIALS EARNED AT OUR INSTITUTION

The transferability of credits you earn at Webster University is at the complete discretion of an institution to which you may seek to transfer. Acceptance of the degree you earn in the BA in management is also at the complete discretion of the institution to which you may seek to transfer. If the credits or degree that you earn at this institution are not accepted at the institution to which you seek to transfer, you may be required to repeat some of all of your coursework at that institution. For this reason you should make certain that your attendance at this institution will meet your educational goals. This may include contacting an institution to which you may seek to transfer after attending Webster University to determine if your credits or degree will transfer.

For more information on the transferability of credits into Webster University, please refer to the Transfer Credit policies, found within the Academic Policies section of this catalog.

Kansas

The campus at Kansas City, MO is approved by the Kansas Board of Regents.

Kansas Board of Regents
1000 SW Jackson Street, Suite 520
Topeka, KS 66612-1368
Telephone: 785-430-4240

It is the mutual goal of the Kansas Board of Regents and the certified institutions to provide quality educational training and programs. When problems arise, students should make every attempt to find a fair and reasonable solution by taking the steps outlined in the complaint process. http://www.kansasregents.org/academic_affairs/private_out_of_state/complaint_process

Missouri

Campuses at Webster Groves, Gateway (Downtown St. Louis), Westport, WingHaven, and Kansas City are authorized by the Missouri Department of Higher Education.

South Carolina

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Campuses at Charleston, Columbia, and Greenville are licensed by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education.

SC Commission on Higher Education
1122 Lady Street, Suite 300
Columbia, SC 29201
Telephone: 803-737-2260

Licensure is not an endorsement or guarantee of quality. If students at the Charleston, Columbia, or Greenville campuses have complaints about a classroom situation, they should first attempt to resolve the situation with the instructor. If resolution cannot be made with the instructor, or if the complaint is about a general school policy over which the instructor has no jurisdiction, then they may contact the school director for mediation. If the complaint cannot be resolved at the school level through its complaint procedure, students may file a complaint with the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. The complaint form is available [here](#).

Specialized Accreditations

- Business and Management programs are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP)
- Music programs and degrees are fully accredited and approved by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM).
- Nursing programs and degrees are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
3343 Peachtree Road, Suite 850
Atlanta, GA 30326
404-975-5000
www.acenursing.org
- Education programs are accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).
- Webster University is registered for state teachers' certificates by the Department of Education of the State of Missouri.
- Webster University is registered as an Approved Continuing Education Partner (ACEP) with the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC).
- **Only** the St. Louis Campus' legal studies BA, MA and Paralegal Certificates are approved by the American Bar Association.

International Accreditations and Recognitions

- **China:** The Webster University MBA program, offered in partnership with the Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (SUFEC) and the University of Electronic Science and Technology of China (UESTC), is officially approved by and recognized by the Ministry of Education in China.
- **Ghana:** Webster University Ghana is full accredited by the National Accreditation Board of Ghana.
- **Greece:** Webster University, through its Athens Campus, Webster Athens, has been accredited/licensed by the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs of the Hellenic Republic to operate in Hellas [Greece] under permit 127051/K1/01.08.2016 [Government Gazette 2585/B/22.08.2016].
- **Thailand:** Webster University in Thailand is accredited as a private university by the Thailand Ministry of Education under Thai law.
- **Austria:** Webster University in Vienna is accredited by the Austrian Ministry for Science and Research as a private university under Austrian law.

- **The Netherlands:** Selected Webster University programs in the Netherlands are accredited by the Netherlands-Flemish Accreditation Agency (NVAO). Webster is an approved institute of higher education under Dutch law.

Memberships

Webster University holds membership in the following organizations or associations:

- American Association for Paralegal Education
- American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN)
- American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (AACTE)
- American Council on Education
- ASIS International
- Association of American College and University Programs in Switzerland
- Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U)
- Association of Theatre in Higher Education
- College Art Consortium
- College Board
- College Consortium for International Studies
- Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL)
- Council of Independent Colleges (CIC)
- Council on International Educational Exchange
- Educational Theatre Association
- Higher Education Council of Metropolitan St. Louis
- Independent Colleges and Universities of Missouri
- Institute of International Education
- International Council of Fine Arts Deans
- Missouri Music Educators Association
- National Education Association
- Society for Human Resource Management

Webster University has a signed Department of Defense (DoD) Voluntary Partnership Education Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), showing the commitment and value that Webster University places on the school's relationship with the military and providing military members with high quality educational services. Webster University recognizes the unique nature of the military lifestyle and has committed itself to easing the transfer of relevant course credits, providing flexible academic residency requirements, and crediting learning from appropriate military training and experiences.

Graduates of Webster University are eligible for membership in the American Association of University Women and the American College of Hospital Administrators.

The University also holds appropriate licensure, accreditations, or approvals within the recognized state approval agencies for all locations where Webster University offers programs.

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Please see the Undergraduate Catalog Addendum to view changes that were made.*