



WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

2024 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Washington State University was established in 1890 as a land grant research institution to provide a practical education to the sons and daughters of toil. It remains committed to its tripartite mission of teaching, research and public service that is reflected in its presence across the state and reflects the state’s people and economy.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

ACADEMIC STUDENT EMPLOYEE BARGAINING

WSU is currently engaging in collective bargaining with academic student employees at WSU. These employees include undergraduate and graduate students teaching and research assistants, tutors, graders, and other academic student employees. WSU requests funding in the supplemental operating budget necessary to implement terms of the bargaining agreement, once one is reached.

CLIMATE COMMITMENT ACT

WSU’s Pullman campus is a covered entity under the Climate Commitment Act and has struggled in state-run carbon allowance auctions utilizing funds appropriated by the state. The university is requesting \$19 million in CCA funds generated by the act to help better compete in auctions. Long term compliance will be dependent on CCA funds appropriated in the capital budget to retrofit heating systems on the Pullman campus.

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

WSU is requesting \$2 million in the state's supplemental operating budget to establish a new major in Supply Chain Management to meet the growing demand for talent in the manufacturing, transportation, tech, and retail sectors. This new major within the existing Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration degree would be offered at WSU campuses in Vancouver and Everett, with faculty at each location serving both campuses. Graduates would be prepared to reinforce fragile supply chain systems, with skills in data-based forecasting, procurement planning, and demand fulfillment.

WSU BY THE NUMBERS

Enrollment: **26,490** headcount

83.9 percent of undergraduates are Washington residents

34.1 percent are students of color including **39.5 percent** of freshmen

27.8 percent of undergraduates are Pell Grant eligible

37.1 percent of freshmen are first generation students

Tuition and fees: **\$12,997** for resident undergraduates

34 percent of resident undergraduates pay no tuition

35 percent of resident undergraduates pay full tuition

51 percent of resident undergrad students graduate with no student loan debt

Average R-UG debt for graduates w/ debt: **\$23,286**

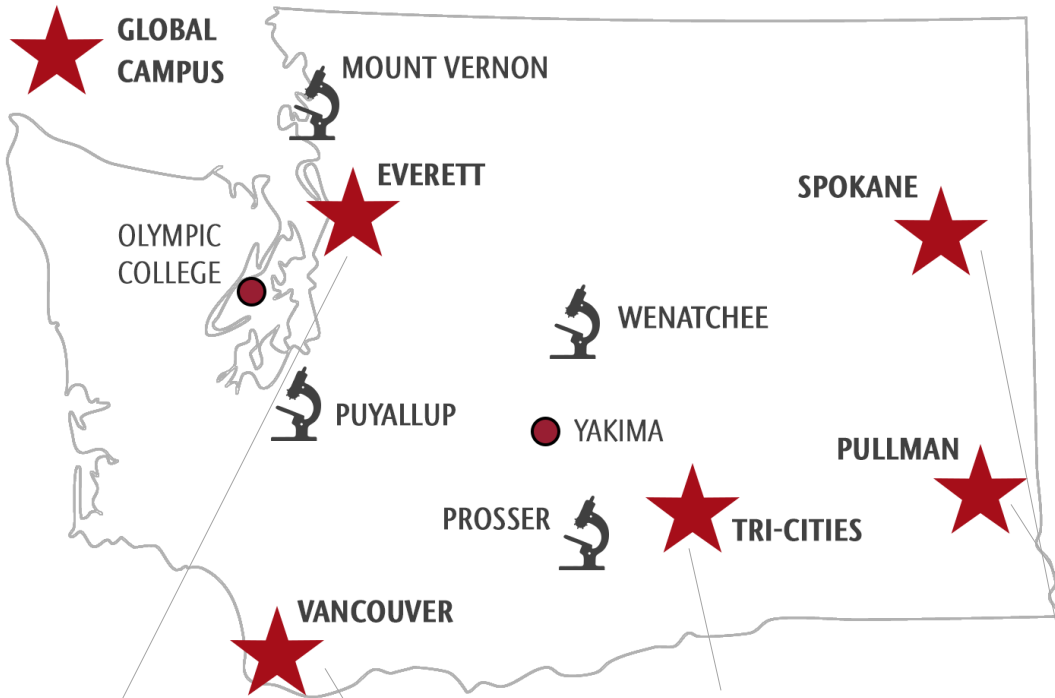
73.4 percent of transfer applicants are offered admission

Average time to degree: **4.1 years** for first-time full-time freshmen



WSU: SERVICE TO THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

WSU’s assets enable the university to provide quality education, deliver research, and extend knowledge and expertise to support the state’s communities and major industries. WSU’s legislative agenda supports the educational, research and service needs of WSU campuses in Pullman, Spokane, Vancouver, Tri-Cities, and Everett and the students enrolled through the Global Campus. WSU is also committed to partnering with tribal communities, whose presence on Washington’s land is since time immemorial, led by the Office of Tribal Relations.



WSU EXTENSION broadens the reach of the university into every county in Washington including four research and extension centers located in Mount Vernon, Puyallup, Prosser, and Wenatchee. Integral to WSU’s mission as a land grant university, Extension advances the knowledge, economic development, and quality of life of Washington residents by developing and delivering programs through learner-centered, research-based education.

WSU PULLMAN is the university’s oldest and largest campus with an enrollment of more than 17,000 students.

WSU SPOKANE is home to the WSU Health Sciences campus and the colleges of Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. The campus offers degrees in nursing, medicine, pharmacy, speech & hearing, health policy & administration, nutrition/exercise, criminal justice, and education. The Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine and the Spokane Teaching Health Center support Spokane’s regional role in providing health care services and research for much of Eastern Washington.

WSU EVERETT serves Northwest Washington, expanding access to four-year degrees in high-demand fields. Key focus areas are STEM, aerospace, advanced manufacturing, innovation, global inter-connectivity, and sustainable growth. The campus offers a diverse range of industry-aligned programs, including engineering, data analytics, cybersecurity, business, communication, and agriculture.

WSU VANCOUVER serves Southwestern Washington, a rapidly growing and important region to the state’s overall economy. WSU Vancouver’s educational and research focus serves the high-tech sector and growing biotech and life sciences industries, helping to keep the region competitive through workforce development and translational research. The campus offers degrees in arts and sciences, education, business, engineering, neurosciences, and nursing.

WSU TRI-CITIES serves South Central Washington and offers degrees in arts and sciences, business, education, engineering & applied sciences, nursing, and wine science. The campus supports workforce training and collaborative research that feeds the economic strengths of the region including R&D, technology, advanced manufacturing, agriculture, and healthcare. In addition, the region is further served by the College of Nursing degrees also offered in Yakima. The WSU Irrigated Agriculture Research & Extension Center, located in Prosser, serves one of the most productive agricultural regions in the nation for wine grapes, tree fruit, and other commercial crops.