



the Facts

2016-2017





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Quick Facts

Name

Western Kentucky University

Established

1906

President

Timothy C. Caboni, Ph.D.

Enrollment

20,277

Primary Accreditation

Southern Association of Colleges & Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)

Operating Budget

\$402,252,000

(\$72,040,200 from state appropriations)

Endowment

\$139.9 million *(FY 2016)*

Sponsored Research & Public Service

\$17.9 million *(FY 2016)*

Mascot

Big Red

Athletic Conference

Conference USA



2016/2017

WKU Highlights

- Timothy C. Caboni named WKU's 10th President
- Successful reaccreditation with SACSCOC
- Named a top Fulbright producing institution for the third time
- Record number of Fulbright recipients
- Applicant Pool up 9% for Fall 2016
- Students studied abroad in 44 countries
- The Gatton Academy completed a \$10 million expansion
- WKU saw a record \$23.1 million in annual gifts
- WKU partnered with Alltech to develop a brewing and distilling program and opened a microbrewery at the Center for Research and Development
- 92% of WKU employees took to the TopLife Wellness Pledge
- Construction started on Ogden College Hall and Parking Structure III
- WKU announced a 10-year Residence Hall Revitalization Plan
- WKU Football crowned Conference USA and Boca Raton Bowl champs
- U.S. News and World Report ranked WKU's online bachelor's degree programs fifth in the nation for 2017

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Nationally Ranked Programs

WKU's School of Journalism & Broadcasting ranked among the top eight nationally for 23 consecutive years in the Hearst Journalism Awards overall intercollegiate competition



www.wku.edu/journalism



WKU Athletics

- Football crowned Conference USA and Boca Raton Bowl Champions
- Volleyball team ranked number **22** nationally
- **Six** total Conference USA titles
- **155** students named to Commissioner's Honor Roll for Academic Excellence
- **109** student athletes graduated for a 75% graduation rate

www.wkusports.com

WKU Forensics

2017 Kentucky State Champions and the National Forensics Association Debate and Individual Event Team Champion



www.wku.edu/forensics



Producing Graduates

for Kentucky's Economy

WKU offers four advanced practice doctoral programs providing students with terminal degrees in their fields of study.

- Educational Leadership Doctoral Program
- Doctor of Nursing Practice
- Doctor of Physical Therapy
- Doctor of Psychology

www.wku.edu/graduate

WKU has built strong undergraduate programs to address the demands of Kentucky's growing economy in the areas of

- Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, accredited by ABET, Inc. www.wku.edu/engineering
- Architectural and Manufacturing Sciences, accredited by The Association of Technology, Management and Applied Engineering www.wku.edu/ams
- Business and Accounting accredited by Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business www.wku.edu/business
- Healthcare and Aging www.wku.edu/chhs
- Agriculture, with nearly 450 students utilizing the 780 acre WKU farm www.wku.edu/agriculture



At WKU's **Center for Research & Development** the focus on applied research provides students with opportunities to work side-by-side with scientists in world-class research centers.

With over 270,000 square feet of space located on 27 acres, the Center for Research and Development (CRD) promotes economic development by offering an ideal environment and an evolving network of assets, programs and services for residents, students, faculty and staff to work in partnership with knowledge-based companies, practicing engineers, and university scientists. Through the WKU Small Business Accelerator, emerging entrepreneurs and existing businesses gain access to a collaborative environment to launch and grow their knowledge-based companies and increase their chances of success in a highly competitive economy.

- WKU Small Business Accelerator
- WKU Student Business Accelerator
- Central Region Office of the Kentucky Innovation Network
- Small Business Development Center at WKU

www.wku.edu/crd



Applied Research Centers:

- Advanced Materials Institute
- Applied Physics Institute
- Bioinformatics & Information Science Center
- Biotechnology Center
- Center for Biodiversity Studies
- Center for Human GeoEnvironmental Studies
- Crawford Hydrology Laboratory
- Engineering, Manufacturing & Commercialization Center
- Institute for Combustion Science & Environmental Technology (ICSET)
- Kentucky Climate Center
- Nondestructive Analysis (NOVA) Center
- Social Science Research Center
- Thermal Analysis Laboratory
- Hydro Analytical Lab
- High Performance Computing Center



A Place for Kentucky's **Best and Brightest.**

The Carol Martin Gatton Academy for Mathematics and Science in Kentucky

- Home for Kentucky's exceptional young scientists and mathematicians
- Completed a \$10 million expansion, serving approximately 200 Kentucky high school juniors and seniors by fall 2017
- Recognized by numerous outlets as one of the top public high schools in the country

www.wku.edu/academy

The Honors College at WKU

provides more than 1,300 students the individualized experience of a highly selective private college with all the resources and benefits of a larger public university.

www.wku.edu/honors

Producing Kentucky Scholars **2015-2016 National Scholarships at WKU**



- 5 SMART Scholarship Semifinalists
- 2 Harry S. Truman Scholarship Finalists
- 8 Fulbright Grants
- 5 Fulbright Grant Alternates
- 1 Rotary Global Grant Scholarship
- 1 Princeton in Latin America Scholarship
- 1 Princeton in Asia Scholarship Finalist
- 5 Critical Language Scholarships
- 4 Critical Language Scholarship Alternates
- 1 Fulbright United Kingdom Summer Institute Participant
- 5 Boren Awards for International Study
- 2 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship Honorable Mentions
- 1 Udall Undergraduate Scholarship Honorable Mention
- 1 James Madison Fellowship Honorable Mention
- 4 National Security Language Initiative for Youth Scholarships
- 17 Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships
- 2 Freeman Awards for Study in Asia
- 5 Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grants

International Reach

International education programs provide students the opportunity to study abroad, make global connections, and build cross-cultural leadership skills which are valuable to future employers.



WKU CHINESE FLAGSHIP

The WKU Chinese Flagship program, one of only 12 in the U.S., brings students with little or no knowledge of the Chinese language to superior levels of proficiency by the time they graduate from WKU.

www.wku.edu/chineseflagship

*Chinese (Mandarin)
is spoken by more
than one billion
people around the
world.*

The Confucius Institute

at WKU places Chinese Hanban teachers in K-12 institutions throughout Kentucky through a partnership with the Chinese Ministry of Education. This academic year, Chinese language and culture classes will reach more than 15,000 students in 43 schools and 20 school districts.

www.wku.edu/ci





Harlaxton College is located in Grantham, England. As many as 30 WKU students earn an average of 12 credit hours while studying at Harlaxton

Semester at Sea program

Students visit up to 15 different countries while circumnavigating the globe on a ship. Courses are tailored specifically to each voyage and each country visited.

www.wku.edu/study-abroad



WKU is ranked 20th nationally in the Open Doors study abroad report.

Open Doors is a grant-funded annual report of U.S. students studying abroad for academic credit as well as international students and scholars studying or teaching in the U.S.

Study Away

Offers students the chance to spend a semester or academic year at one of nearly 200 campuses throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

www.wku.edu/studyaway

International Study

WKU offers numerous options for students to study abroad and away during their college career.



Serving Kentucky Communities

WKU strives to be a community partner throughout its 27-county service region with programs that raise the quality of life in the communities it serves.

Institute for Rural Health

Provides dental and medical services, health screenings, and health education to area communities. Two mobile Wellness Units offer preventative services and health education to the medically under-served and uninsured in rural Kentucky.

www.wku.edu/irh



KENTUCKY MESONET AT WKU®

is a growing network of 68 automated weather and climate monitoring stations developed by the Kentucky Climate Center at WKU. Data is used to improve local forecasts and severe weather warnings, aid emergency response efforts, enhance agricultural productivity, assist local utility providers, and support business and industry.

www.wku.edu/kymesonet

WKU has Joint Admissions

Agreements with Community and Technical Colleges in Kentucky, Indiana, and Tennessee.

- Offer students a seamless pathway to a four-year degree.
- Students are admitted to the community or technical school and WKU simultaneously, providing access to advising and other services from both institutions.
- As of Fall 2016, 1,152 students were enrolled in these joint admissions programs.

www.wku.edu/jointadmissions

Joint Admissions Partners

Bluegrass Community & Technical College

Elizabethtown Community & Technical College

Henderson Community College

Hopkinsville Community College

Ivy Tech Community College - Southwest (IN)

Jefferson Community & Technical College

Madisonville Community College

Owensboro Community & Technical College

Somerset Community College

Southcentral Kentucky Community & Technical College

Volunteer State Community College (TN)



DELO is the academic outreach arm of the university, offering both credit and non-credit programs to students of all ages and interests.

Division of Extended Learning and Outreach (DELO)

- Offers flexible learning opportunities through online learning, learning on demand, winter and summer terms, and dual credit courses for high school students
- Provides employee training, customized courses, certificates, degree programs, and lifelong learning opportunities for area communities and businesses
- Conferencing and event services are available through the Knicely Conference Center and the Augenstein Alumni Center.

www.wku.edu/delo

WKU is ranked 5th overall in the nation for the best online bachelor's programs.

U.S. News & World Report



The **Suzanne Vitale Clinical Education Complex**

enhances socialization and communication skills while enriching the quality of life for individuals and families impacted by Autism Spectrum Disorder and Developmental Delays and Disabilities.

www.wku.edu/wkucec

Programs of the Suzanne Vitale Clinical Education Complex

Communication Disorders Clinic
Family Resource Program
Kelly Autism Program
Renshaw Early Childhood Center

Serving Our **Nation's Military**

WKU enrolled 2,539 military affiliated students in Fall 2016, the largest population of military students among Kentucky's four-year postsecondary institutions.



Veterans Upward Bound

- A federal TRIO program funded by the U.S. Department of Education to help U.S. military veterans enter into and succeed in postsecondary education
- Home to the only program of its kind in Kentucky

www.wku.edu/veterans



WKU has been designated a **Military Friendly** school every year since 2009 by *G.I. Jobs Magazine*.



WKU is highly ranked nationally among four-year schools in the Military Times "BEST for Vets" College rankings.



University Leadership

Academic Colleges & Deans

Potter College of Arts & Letters

Dr. Larry Snyder, Jr.

Gordon Ford College of Business

Dr. Jeffrey Katz

College of Education & Behavioral Sciences

Dr. Sam Evans

College of Health & Human Services

Dr. Neale Chumbler

Ogden College of Science & Engineering

Dr. Cheryl Stevens

Graduate School

Dr. Scott Lyons

University College

Dr. Dennis George

University Libraries

Ms. Susann deVries

Elizabethtown-Fort Knox

Dr. Evelyn Ellis, Chancellor

Glasgow

Dr. Sally Ray, Chancellor

Owensboro

Dr. Gene Tice, Chancellor

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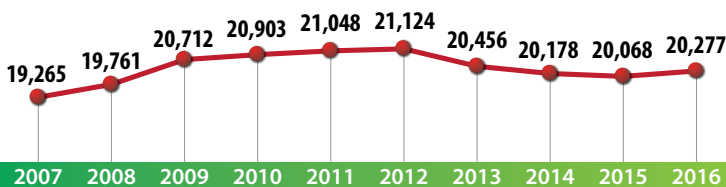
Mr. John W. Ridley

Bowling Green

Dr. Tamela W. Smith

Staff Regent – Bowling Green

Ten Year Trend (Total Enrollment)



Student Snapshot

Student Satisfaction

In a recent Baccalaureate Alumni survey, 98.6% of alumni indicated they were satisfied with the overall quality of education at WKU.

Enrollment

Fall 2016	20,277	100%
Full Time	14,161	69.8%
Part Time	6,116	30.2%
Graduate	2,676	13.2%
Undergraduate	17,601	86.8%

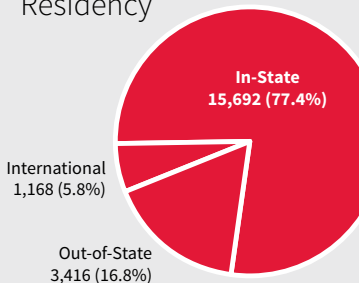
Classification

Freshman	4,113	20.3%
<i>First Time First Year</i>	3,192	15.7%
Sophomore	2,951	14.6%
Junior	3,317	16.4%
Senior	4,341	21.4%
High School Dual Credit	2,362	11.6%
Academy Students	160	0.8%
Other Undergraduates	357	1.8%
Masters	2,028	10.0%
Specialist	30	0.1%
Doctoral	291	1.4%
Graduate Non-degree	327	1.6%

Demographics

White	15,604	77.0%
African American	1,767	8.7%
Other	2,906	14.4%
Female	11,948	58.9%
Male	8,329	41.1%

Residency



KY Counties Represented	117
States Represented	47
Nations Represented	89

Top 10 Counties Represented

Warren	3384	Logan	538
Jefferson	1614	Fayette	410
Barren	873	Nelson	368
Daviess	873	Allen	295
Hardin	809	Oldham	282

Did You Know...

23% of WKU's student population are minority or underrepresented.

WKU saw a 6.6% increase in 2016 in transfer students from the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

Over half of the 2016 incoming freshman class entered WKU with an average of 12 hours of earned college credit.

74% of WKU's 2016 incoming freshman class are Kentucky residents.

High School Academic Performance

- The average ACT of incoming FTYF students is **23**.
- The average High School GPA is **3.27**.
- There are **224** Kentucky high schools represented.
- **549** students entered with Advanced Placement (AP) credit.



More than 2,300 high school students are enrolled in WKU Dual Credit courses.

Tuition & Fees 2016-2017

	Full-time per academic semester	Part-time per academic hour
Kentucky Residents		
Undergraduate	\$4,956	\$413
Graduate		\$570
Non-Kentucky Residents		
Undergraduate	\$12,396	\$1,033
Tuition Incentive Program	\$6,696	\$558
Graduate (Domestic)		\$816
Graduate (International)		\$998

Faculty Fall 2016

Full-Time Faculty	765
Part-Time Faculty	396

Staff Fall 2016

Executive/Administrative	115
Professional Non-Faculty	639
Clerical/Secretarial	341
Technical/Para-Professional	103
Skilled	92
Service/Maintenance	71
Total Faculty & Staff	2,522

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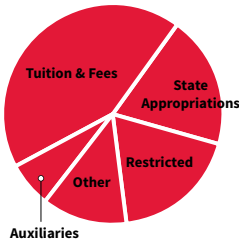
Fall 2016
Student/Faculty Ratio

Faculty Profile

- WKU faculty have earned advanced degrees from 333 colleges and universities worldwide, including 34 international institutions.
- More than 70% of all full-time faculty have earned a terminal degree in their field.

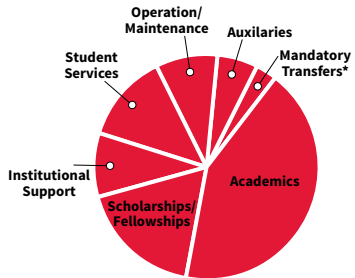
Budget 2016-2017

Revenue (\$ in millions)



State Appropriations	72
Tuition & Fees	204
Restricted	56
Auxiliaries	23
Other	47
Total Revenue	\$402

Expenditures (\$ in millions)



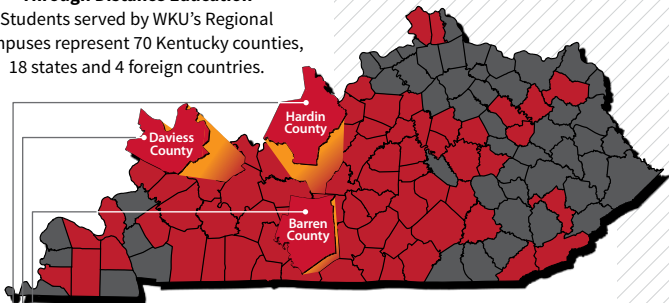
Academics	167
Scholarships/Fellowships	74
Student Services	38
Institutional Support	53
Operation/Maintenance	35
Mandatory Transfers	12
Auxiliaries	23
Total Expenditures	\$402

*Principal & Interest Agency Bonds

Distance Education & Regional Campuses

Serving Students Through Distance Education

Students served by WKU's Regional Campuses represent 70 Kentucky counties, 18 states and 4 foreign countries.



■ Counties with Students Enrolled in WKU Courses

**Total course enrollments reflect the count of each course in which a student is enrolled and includes web enrollments of students residing in that campus' service area.*

Regional Campuses Enrollment

3,459

- **BARREN COUNTY**
Glasgow Regional Campus

1,631

- **DAVIESS COUNTY**
Owensboro Regional Campus

2,146

- **HARDIN COUNTY**
Elizabethtown-Fort Knox Regional Campus

Learn and Earn at WKU partners with area companies and businesses to employ college students to meet company goals; students work for wages and receive college scholarships from their employers.





FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

Admissions	(270)745-2551
Athletics	(270)745-3542
Campus & Community Events.....	(270)745-2497
Campus Operator	(270)745-0111
Development & Alumni Relations.....	(270)745-4395
Knically Conference Center	(270)745-1908
Health Services.....	(270)745-2273
Housing & Residence Life	(270)745-4359
Human Resources.....	(270)745-5360
Kentucky Museum.....	(270)745-2592
Libraries	(270)745-3951
President's Office	(270)745-4346
Public Affairs	(270)745-4586
Registrar's Office	(270)745-3351
Ticket Office	(270)745-5222
WKU Store	(270)745-2466
WKU Welcome Center.....	(270)745-5470

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