# WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

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Wenatchee Valley College (WVC) is a comprehensive community college serving North Central Washington students and international students seeking a two-year liberal arts and sciences degree for transfer; those seeking a degree or specific job skills in a variety of technical and professional areas; those seeking to improve basic skills in reading, mathematics, writing and Englishas-a-second-language; and those seeking to improve professional or personal skills through continuing education. As a district, over 6,000 students are served each guarter (including part-time students).

The WVC college district covers more than 10,000 square miles and includes two campuses. The main Wenatchee campus covers 60-acres and includes classrooms and laboratories, a student center, bookstore, library, café, theater, gallery, and administrative offices. Central Washington University and Washington State University have centers located on the Wenatchee campus and offer a number of programs that fully articulate with WVC.

WVC is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges.





#### Housing

Residence Hall is just across the street The 72-bed residence hall opened in summer 2009. It is located just across the campus. The three-story residence hall will house 24 students per floor, two to a room.

Each floor has a refrigerator, microwave, a television lounge, study area, six bathrooms, coin-op laundry and a student resident advisor. The rooms come with two beds, two desks, two chairs, two wardrobes and two small dressers. A residence life coordinator lives in a house next door.

For more details, contact the residence life coordinator, Coby Weidenbach at Wenatchee Valley College, 1300 Fifth Street, Wenatchee, WA 98801, 509.682.6706; cweidenbach@wvc.edu.



#### **Scholarships**

WVC Foundation scholarships are open to everyone including international students. More information can be learned about the scholarships at www.wvc.edu

# **Supporting Family**

WVC finds a supporting family for each international student. Supporting families welcome international students to their home, take them out for dinner, or spend the weekends together for some activities. When the college has breaks, such as Thanksgiving break and Christmas break, the supporting families invite them to their home to celebrate those special occasions.

## Transportation

# **Transportation to the Pangborn Airport**

The airport for Wenatchee is Pangborn Airport which is served by Alaska Airlines and operated by Horizon Airlines. There are regular daily scheduled flights to and from Seattle. The flight time between Seattle and Wenatchee is approximately 40 minutes.

# **Bus Transportation to Wenatchee from Seattle**

From Seattle bus transportation is available with Northwestern Trailways, and it is about 3-hour trip (www.northwesterntrail-ways.com).

# **Transportation in Wenatchee**

The Link Transit provides very economical local transportation around the city. WVC students get a free pass.



#### **Student Services**

International students at WVC receive individualized support from the time students first inquire about studying with us until they complete their studies. WVC offers personalized advising for admission, immigration, academics, university-transfer, scholarships, housing, personal and campus-community involvement. We have an international student advisor, educational planners, and an international student coordinator who speaks Japanese. We also have the Career Center and counseling services to assist students.

# **Study Options**

# **English Language Study**

The combination of EAP (English for Academic Purpose) courses and Developmental courses enables students to be ready for college courses.

# **Academic Study**

 Transfer-Degree Options: Associate of Arts and Science Degree Associate in Applied Science-Transfer Degree

Associate of Science-Transfer Degree Associate of Business-Direct Transfer Degree

- Associate of General Studies Degree
  (Non-transfer)
- Associate of Technical Sciences Degree
- Certificate of Completion

With a transfer degree, you earn junior standing at 18 baccalaureate institutions in Washington state. Here are some courses at WVC:

### Agriculture

WVC has the most intensive undergraduate Tree-Fruit program in the United States. WVC also offers Transfer/Non-Transfer programs in Agriculture, Horticulture, Sustainable and Organic Agriculture, Agriculture Business Management, and Natural Resources.

# **Business Transfer**

You can transfer as a business major to all Washington state schools by finishing the requirements for a associate of art and science degree and taking specified business, economics, and math courses.

# Nursing

WVC offers a career ladder program in nursing: Nursing Assistant, Practical Nursing, and Associate Degree Nursing. WVC has the state-of-the-art facilities and provides hands-on clinical work in a variety of health care setting in the community.

For more information regarding WVC and the programs, please visit www.wvc.edu.

# Internships

WVC's Career Center Coordinator arranges internships for international students based on international students' interest and career in future.

# **Student Programs**

A wide range of events and activities!

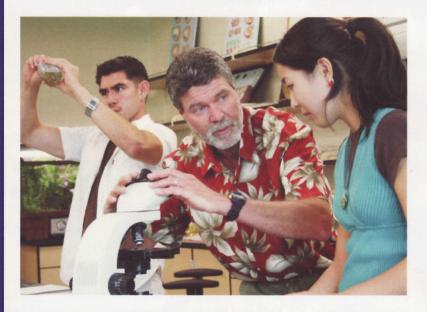
**Student Organizations**: there are more than twenty clubs on campus.

**Intercollegiate Athletics:** WVC has mens' and women's soccer, men's and women's basketball, men's baseball, women's fastpitch softball, and women's volley ball.

**Intramurals:** Activities include open gym time for basketball and racquetball, ice skating, bowling and skiing. Fan bus trips to Mariners baseball and Seattle Seahawk football games are also offered through the intramural program.

**Student Programs Entertainment:** Through the academic year, WVC offers a variety of events, which are free to WVC students.

**Free tutoring services:** We have a tutor specially assigned for international students.



# **Student's First Days on Campus**

Placement Tests: COMPASS placement test is a series of short tests for writing, reading, and math.

Group/Individual Advising: Students will meet the international student adviser, who will give them academic advice, help them choose classes, and teach them how to register for classes.

New Student Orientation: To facilitate a smooth transition to the college, it is crucial that students attend this orientation. A fun, dynamic and interactive speech will be presented.

# **Costs and Calendar**

WVC operates on a quarter system. Each quarter has three months.

Estimate of Student Expenses for the 2011-2012 Academic Year **Tuition and Fees** 

(12 credits per quarter for three quarters plus fees*)	\$8366.00
Books and Supplies	\$1400.00
Housing	
(based on WVC Residence Hall costs)	\$3600.00
Medical Injury Sickness Plan	\$700.00
Personal Expenditures	
(food, clothing, etc.)	\$3000.00
Total	\$17,066.00

\*The tuition for EAP courses is \$150 per credit. EAP courses are designed only for international students to prepare them for college courses.

#### Annual Tuition Comparison (2011-2012)

University of Washington (10-18 credits/semester, 2 semesters)\$27,828.00Washington State Univ. Pullman (10-18 credits/semester, 2 semesters)\$24,468.00Wenatchee Valley College (12 credits/quarter, 3 quarters)\$8,366.00



### Academic Calendar (2012-2013)

Quarter	<b>First Day</b>	Last Day
Fall Quarter	Sept. 24	Dec. 13
Winter Quarter	Jan. 2	Mar. 20
Spring Quarter	Apr. 1	June 14
Summer Quarter	July 1	Aug. 23

Wenatchee Valley College is located in the Wenatchee Valley, the home of premium wines and world famous cherries and apples. The valley is in the center of Washington state and nestled between the Cascade mountains and the Columbia river. With four distinct seasons, 300 sunshinefilled days a year, a river running through town and mountains so close, the valley offers year-round opportunities for enjoying the outdoor environment. Named as the fifth greenest city in America (Country Magazine, March 2007), Top 50 Adventure Towns in America (National Geographic Adventure, Sept. 2007) and as the safest metro area in Washington state, Wenatchee has beautiful and friendly environment, and WVC offers outstanding services: personalized advising, student clubs, free variety of events and film series, free tutoring, supporting families, and more.

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