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Westminster College

FAMILY GUIDE TO ADMISSIONS

A Message from our President

We're excited to have your student apply to Westminster College. This is a defining time in their life and we are excited to help them discover their purpose via a robust academic experience.



Westminster's unique experience has stood the test of time. Our accomplished professors - not graduate students or teaching assistants, provide students with the clarity and focus they need to excel. Your student will benefit from the nurturing approach our professors take with each and every student. Professors at Westminster are involved with every aspect of student success including small class sizes, hands-on research projects, and personal advising. Students at Westminster are not just a number. Professors will know them by name and take an interest in their success.

Westminster has so much to offer! We have academic programs that educate and inspire men and women for leadership, service, and professional success in a global community. We understand leadership development as education of the whole person and offer 29 majors, 39 minors, 3 dual degree programs, and a wide array of integrated experiential learning opportunities. If your student doesn't see their purpose listed in our majors, that isn't a problem. Nearly 20 percent of our students work with their professors to self-design a major tailored to fit their personal interests.

In addition to our top notch academics, students enjoy a rich student life with more than 50 campus clubs and organizations giving students a robust experience outside of the classroom. Westminster has 18 men's and women's sports teams on campus with more than half of our incoming freshman class participating on an athletic team.

Our results speak for themselves with a 98% placement rating. This means our students have a job or are attending graduate school within six months of graduation! I am excited that your student applied to Westminster College! I look forward to seeing you all on campus soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don".

Donald P. Lofe, Jr.
Interim President and Chief Transformation Officer
Westminster College

Senior Applicant Timeline

We understand that getting everything taken care of to send your student off to college can be daunting, so we want to help make the transition as smooth as possible!

The following information will help you guide your student through the Westminster admissions process.

July — Application Open for August '20 & January '21 Enrollment

- ▶ Students will create an account to begin their application at ***WCMO.edu/Apply***

September — Admission Decisions

- ▶ Admissions decisions will be released and continue through the academic year
- ▶ Admitted students will receive their Merit based scholarship award in October

October — FAFSA Opens

- ▶ Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opens **October 1**
- ▶ Students who file their FAFSA by Westminster's Priority Deadline of **November 15** will receive a **\$1,000 FAFSA Priority Award**

November — Financial Aid Awards Released

- ▶ Beginning the middle of November, and continuing through the academic year, the Financial Aid Office will send out Financial Aid Award Letters to admitted students who submitted their FAFSA
- ▶ An Admissions Counselor will contact you to review your individual award
- ▶ In-person and phone appointments are available and encouraged

December — Westminster Student Credentials & New Student Checklist

- ▶ Students who have made their college decision and submitted their \$200 tuition deposit will receive an email toward the beginning of December with their Westminster Student Credentials. Once they receive their student credentials, they will be able to complete the New Student Checklist.
- ▶ The New Student Checklist is a one-stop for all New Student paperwork. It includes the Housing Form, Health Form, Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR=Student Orientation, Advising and Registration) date.

May 1 — National Decision Day!

- ▶ Submit your \$200 tuition deposit at ***WCMO.edu/Go/TD***

Important Dates

Thursday, June 19, 2020

- ▶ SOAR (Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration)

Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020

- ▶ Commencement

Sunday, Aug. 9, 2020

- ▶ Convocation

Sunday, Aug. 10, 2020

- ▶ Move-In Day!

Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2020

- ▶ Classes Begin

Friday, Oct. 3, 2020

- ▶ Alumni Weekend

Saturday, Oct. 3, 2020

- ▶ Homecoming!

Saturday, Oct. 3, 2020

- ▶ Welcome to Westminster visit day!

Friday, Nov. 13, 2020

- ▶ Welcome to Westminster visit day!

Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020

- ▶ Welcome to Westminster visit day!

Monday, Feb. 15, 2021

- ▶ Welcome to Westminster visit day!

Saturday, March 6, 2021

- ▶ Welcome to Westminster visit day!



Welcome to Blue Jay Nation!

Good Stuff to Know

Academic Support & Success

WCMO.edu/Academics

The Tomnitz Family Learning Opportunities Center's Professional Academic Staff coordinates Westminster College's Peer Tutoring Program (PTP), which offers academic support and mentoring to students enrolled in a variety of courses. Two popular areas of support are math and writing, and to support this demand Westminster College has a Math and Writing Lab. In addition to these two labs, tutors/mentors are available for a variety of the courses offered in the general education curriculum.

Westminster College's Peer Tutoring Program is certified by the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) and embraces the International Tutor Program certification requirements.

Athletics

WCBluejays.com

About a third of Westminster's student body are student-athletes, participating in 18 varsity sports, from men's baseball to women's volleyball. The Blue Jays compete at the Division III level of the NCAA in the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference for football.

Campus Safety

WCMO.edu/Go/CampusSafety

Westminster College's Campus Security is service-oriented and is a cooperative effort with involvement from the campus community and local authorities, which creates a successful safety/security program. We offer Security Officer Escorts, and emergency text alerts to name a few. Campus Security officers are charged with the enforcement of College policies and regulations and maintain a close working relationship with all local law enforcement agencies. Officers conduct foot and vehicle patrols of the campus and residence halls and are on duty 24-hours a day, 365 days a year.

Digital Blue

WCMO.edu/Go/DigitalBlue

Over the course of the last several years at Westminster College, an initiative emerged that would prepare 21st century learners for the digital demands of the professional world. Today, Digital Blue is born. This 1:1 initiative (1 device for every faculty member and student) will bring Blue Jays into the forefront of what it means to be a digital citizen. Using technology to enhance what we already do exceptionally well at Westminster will make the Blue Jay experience more engaging and more relevant as we prepare them for the digital world.

Dining Options

WCMO.edu/Go/Dining

Westminster Dining has two facilities for meals; Mueller Leadership Hall (D-Hall) and the Johnson College Inn (JCI) Snack Bar. All freshmen students living in our residence halls are required to have our 19-meal plan which they can use at the D-Hall. This also includes \$100 Blue Jay Bucks which can be used at the JCI Snack Bar. Food is provided by Fresh Ideas.

Good Stuff to Know

Financial Aid

WCMO.edu/Go/FinAid

College is an investment well worth making. That's where our financial aid staff are of great value. They work hard to combine scholarships, grants, loans, student employment, and military benefits into financial aid packages that make a Westminster education affordable for as many students as possible.

Honors Program

WCMO.edu/Go/Honors

The program culminates in highly specialized graduate school-type research or individual projects. Students who graduate from Westminster College via an "Honors Thesis" or "Honors Project" will yield personal growth plus increased potential for top graduate and professional schools or employment with some of the nation and region's best organizations.

Housing

WCMO.edu/Go/Housing

Westminster College offers five air-conditioned residence halls on campus for incoming freshmen. Students will be issued a room key when they check into the residence halls. The key will open the student's suite and room. The size, design, and layout varies by hall. Each residence hall is equipped with FREE washers and dryers.

Roommate assignments are provided at SOAR. All efforts are made to assist new students with a roommate of choice. Westminster offers a select number of single rooms, which are assigned by a lottery. Students who have paid their tuition deposit can indicate on their housing form that they want to enter the Single Room lottery.

Insurance

WCMO.edu/Go/Insurance

All Westminster students are required to carry health insurance, either their own or the college-sponsored plan. Westminster College strives to provide an affordable and comprehensive health care plan for our students and their dependents. Students who are U.S. citizens or who have domestic classification and have health insurance coverage through another entity (parents, spouse, etc.) will not be required to buy the College-sponsored plan, but must complete the opt out process. All students classified as international, are required to use the College-sponsored health insurance. A fee for this mandatory health insurance is applied to each international student's account.

Scholarships

WCMO.edu/Go/Scholarships

Students who have been accepted for admission will be considered for several tuition specific academic and merit scholarships. The combination of tuition specific financial aid awards from all funding sources cannot exceed the cost of tuition.

Good Stuff to Know

Student Printing

Westminster uses a system called, FollowMe Printing, which allows students to print to a shared print queue and walk to any printer on campus and print their document using their Student ID. Students are given a budget of \$40 a semester for printing.

Tuition Deposit

WCMO.edu/Go/TD

Incoming students are required to pay a \$200 tuition deposit to secure their spot at Westminster. Paying your tuition deposit gives you access to the New Student Checklist, which is where all of the new student paperwork, such as the housing form is housed. It also allows you to register and attend one of our SOAR events.

Vehicles on Campus

WCMO.edu/Go/Parking

Incoming freshmen are allowed to bring their vehicles to campus. The fee for parking is \$30/semester per school year. Students interested in bringing their vehicle to campus need to register their car before the start of the academic year.

Wellness Center

WCMO.edu/Go/WellnessCenter

The Westminster Wellness Center staff sees students for a variety of physical and mental health concerns, including individual counseling and health visits. The Wellness Center is staffed by a variety of health professionals who provide individual consultations for personal, social, family, academic, and health concerns. And did we mention, it's FREE to students!

Useful Numbers

Academic Affairs

573-592-5288

Academics@WCMO.edu

Admissions

1-800-888-9266

Admissions@WCMO.edu

Athletics

573-592-5200

Athletics@WCMO.edu

Bookstore

573-592-5236

Bookstore@WCMO.edu

Business Office

573-592-5200

Athletics@WCMO.edu

Financial Aid

573-592-5364

FinancialAid@WCMO.edu

Information Technology

573-592-6104

Helpdesk@WCMO.edu

Plant Operations

573-592-5282

Workorder@WCMO.edu

Student Life

573-592-5269

StuLife@WCMO.edu

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Opportunity Center**

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Wellness Center

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