YOUR STORY BEGINS HERE.
A PAC-12 UNIVERSITY IN A PRIVATE COLLEGE SETTING.

Washington State University Tri-Cities offers a high-quality yet affordable education in a supportive atmosphere. You’ll find personalized instruction within a close-knit campus community where faculty, staff and fellow students actually know each other.

WSU Tri-Cities was founded in 1989 and is one of four urban campuses in the WSU system. That puts us in the same company as some of the West’s finest universities. We offer opportunities for dynamic student engagement, research experiences, and community involvement. Our campus values quality. We seek innovation, experiential learning, collaboration and a community rich in diversity. We offer personalized undergraduate and graduate education with our faculty, staff and students all active in research, outreach and community service.

You will gain an edge in our unique learning environment as you work in small-size classes with world-class instructors and peers while pursuing your degree.

• BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
• CIVIL ENGINEERING
• COMPUTER SCIENCE
• DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY & CULTURE
• ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
• ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
• ENGLISH - Literature - Rhetoric & Professional Writing
• ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECO SYSTEM SCIENCE
• HISTORY
• HUMANITIES
• MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
• NURSING
• PRE-HEALTH SCIENCES - Pre-Dentistry - Pre-Medicine - Pre-Pharmacy - Pre-Veterinary Medicine
• PSYCHOLOGY
• SCIENCES - Biological Sciences - Physical Sciences - General Mathematics
• SOCIAL SCIENCES
• VITICULTURE & ENOLOGY (Wine Science)

Still deciding? We’ll help you explore your options!

A DIVERSE CULTURE

Ethnic diversity is a priority because it prepares students for career success in a global society. It enhances social development, broadens perspective and increases self-awareness. WSU Tri-Cities is the most diverse campus in the WSU system, with more than 30% students of color. We value our culture of inclusiveness. WSU students can also join or start clubs, such as the Hispanic Culture Club or World Researchers Club.

JOSEPH TRAVERSO
junior / Cleveland, Ohio

Attracted by the smaller campus and true affordability, Joseph found everything he needs at WSU Tri-Cities. During his freshman year, he got to know his professors pretty well. He built a strong network of mentors, and that has really helped. This led to the opportunity to do guided research with one of his professors, Dr. Voulgarakis. That position exposed him to new things, including learning an entire computer language used for mathematical modeling of biological systems. A mechanical engineering major, Joseph is considering graduate school, further research, and an eventual career in medicine, academia or bio-mechanics. He’s a member of the wrestling club at WSU Pullman. Last year he won regionals and advanced to nationals in Texas.

DOUG GAST
professor / Digital Technology & Culture

“WSU Tri-Cities is like a private school offering a public school degree with a public school price tag. Our students receive one-on-one individual attention in class. The professors know who they are. We spend an inordinate amount of time with our students here. The students have their own close-knit community and we become a part of that.”

KRISTEN MEYERS
graduate / Tri-Cities, Washington

Kristen transferred to WSU Tri-Cities so she could be close to family and to get involved in exciting opportunities for scientific research as an undergraduate. Now she’s working towards an MD/PhD degree at Baylor College of Medicine. The mentorship she received here was a real difference maker. Her instructors saw potential and “called it out of her.” She loved the small class sizes and the relationships. Many of her instructors were also researchers and that allowed them to bring a perspective of “applied science” to the classroom.
Majoring in civil engineering and minoring in business, Vanessa might eventually get two degrees because for her, it’s all about achieving her dreams. Coming from a small-town high school, WSU Tri-Cities was a perfect fit. The first year away from home was a challenge, but one of her professors, Dr. Allena, reached out and helped her get adjusted. She really likes that about WSU Tri-Cities. She finds it easy to build networks and find partners for projects or fun activities. Through the Career Development Center, she landed a paid internship at LIGO Hanford Observatory. Someday she hopes to have her own company that builds houses for low-income families.

The true academic distinction that stands out here is the relational, mentoring focus of our faculty. One professor puts it this way - “The reason that most of us love working here is the people we get to be involved with. We're in it for student success, not for personal gain or research grants or academic honors.”

In the classroom, that translates into professors who know where you’re trying to go and tailoring their teaching efforts in a way that connects with your goals. That sounds more like custom education, not mass-production.

With student success as the benchmark, we help you begin planning and developing essential skills that will be required in your career or graduate studies. Your future begins right now. That means internships and training. And at WSU Tri-Cities, that means you hit the ground running.

What we can do best is equip our students to know and understand their chosen career fields. Connecting with relevant jobs and internships can play a significant role in building both resumes and knowledge. We don’t have to invent very many internships and job opportunities for our students. The Tri-Cities area is rich with potential for real-world opportunity. But we do go hunting for them. And we help make those connections happen more readily.

Here are some recent internship examples:
- Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
- Advanced Technologies and Laboratories
- Bechtel National, Inc.
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UP-CLOSE INSTRUCTION. SUCCESSFUL OUTCOMES.

The Career Development Center at WSU Tri-Cities provides services and resources to help you make important career decisions while you’re still a student and to launch your job search before graduation. Start building your resume, get hands-on experiences, prepare for the job market or graduate school. The annual career fair connects you with prospective employers.

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ALFREDO RAMIREZ
sophomore / Pasco, Washington

Alfredo is involved in student government, and was recently elected student body vice-president. That means he gets to be involved in the planning and development of the new student union building. He is very busy with activities, both inside and outside of school. He prefers it that way. He loves how many opportunities there are for everyone to get involved. At a bigger university that’s harder to do. Many students make friends and get connected through student clubs and organizations. You can even start one yourself.

Opportunity for leadership and activity surround you here. Get involved with student government through ASWSUTC or join the Student Entertainment Board to organize performances and events. Club sports in soccer and rugby are open to everyone. Many students make friends and get connected through student clubs and organizations.

300 annual days of sunshine doesn’t hurt either. It’s simply the best weather in the state. For weekend road trips, Seattle, Portland, and Spokane are all within an easy drive.

GABRIELLA RODRIGUEZ
senior / Toppenish, Washington

As transfer student, Gabby started at Columbia Basin College and completed her Associate of Arts and Science degree. She planned on going to WSU Pullman, but it just seemed too big. She found out about WSU Tri-Cities through the CBC Bridges Program. Majoring in psychology, she is heading toward a master’s degree in educational leadership. She wants to work in promoting higher education for low-income, first generation students.

She’s involved in work-study tutoring with GEAR UP. Dr. Paul Strand, a close mentor, opened a door for Gabby to get a job as an ABA tutor for an autistic child, which allows her to earn college credit for that real-world experience.

ERICK FLIEGER
graduate / veteran / entrepreneur

Erick always knew he’d go to WSU. An Army veteran, he now holds a mechanical engineering degree from WSU Tri-Cities. He worked on campus for the Department of Veterans Affairs which allowed him to support his family and go to school at the same time. As a student, he interned with a civil engineering firm in Pasco, and he just completed an internship with the Department of Energy that led to a full-time job with them. He’s also launched an exciting startup called Sun Spirits, a craft distillery.
WE HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU!

So you want to be a Coug... congrats! That’s the first step. From your first day of class at WSU Tri-Cities to when your name is called at graduation, you’ll be part of a campus community that cares about you—your academic success, your personal achievements, your daily challenges, and your goals for the future.

Now, welcome to the application process. Since our admission application fees are nonrefundable, it’s a good idea to contact us before you apply if you’re unsure about which semester or application form to use. We prefer online applications, but if you need to mail an application, PDFs are available for downloading and printing.

tricities.wsu.edu/admission/apply

ADMISSION APPLICATION PRIORITY DATES—
• Fall semester: January 31
• Spring semester: November 15

Applicants are strongly encouraged to send in all application materials postmarked by the priority admission dates.

Complete applications with supporting documents that are postmarked after the priority dates will be reviewed for admission on a space-available basis. Be sure to check the box for the Tri-Cities campus!

FINANCIAL AID
We offer grants, work-study, and/or loans to qualified financial aid applicants. To receive all the assistance you are eligible for, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) between January 1 and February 15 of the year you plan to enroll— even if you haven’t been admitted.

tricities.wsu.edu/finaid/
fafsa.gov (WSU code: 003800)

SCHOLARSHIPS
WSU Tri-Cities, community partners, and generous donors awarded more than $400,000 in scholarships to 154 students last year. We offer scholarship awards at every level, from single semester to four years of full tuition. We offer automatic academic achievement awards for students who qualify. Complete the online scholarship application every year.

applyweb.com/apply/wsunivss

WSU TRI-CITIES FACTS

Total Enrollment: 1,336
Average class size: 21
Estimated Annual Tuition, Books and Fees: $12,858
First Generation: 50%
Low Income: 40%
Veterans: 8%
FRESHMAN CLASS FALL 2013—
Number of Students: 135
Average unweighted GPA: 3.23
SAT mid-range: 930 - 1090
63% Female / 37% Male

Students of color: 59.3%
Areas of interest: Business Administration, Nursing, Pre-Health Sciences, Education, Engineering
TRANSFER CLASS FALL 2013—
Number of Students: 176
Average college GPA: 3.03
Average age: 26
52% Female / 48% Male
Students of color: 35.2%
Areas of interest: Business Administration, Nursing, Psychology, Engineering, Computer Science

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