



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

**Your Gateway
to Opportunity**



welcome to WAU



WAU is a Christ-centered institution of higher education that supports a culture of excellence where all feel valued.

Our vision as an Adventist university is to produce graduates who bring moral leadership and competence to their communities. WAU graduates get great jobs and enter the best graduate programs after graduation.

Our campus has an internationally and culturally diverse population with over 40 countries and nearly every state represented on campus by students, faculty, staff, and administration. We are right next to the country's richest mix of faith, history, and culture, and just moments away from great outdoor pursuits such as hiking, wind surfing, whitewater rafting, and skiing.

Our student/teacher ratio of 13 students for each faculty member means that you will not only receive the individual attention you deserve, but assures that you will be a name, not a number. Students are able to develop personal relationships with faculty and staff who enjoy leading and aiding in intellectual, spiritual, and personal growth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Weymouth Spence".

Weymouth Spence, Ed.D., R.T.
President
Washington Adventist University

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Washington Adventist University offers a broad and distinctive range of opportunities that you won't find at any other university. What kind of opportunities?

Opportunities for a Christian-centered education, open to all faiths, that allows you to grow both intellectually and spiritually. Opportunities to use your gifts in service to others. Opportunities to tap the potential of Washington, D.C., a dynamic city of global significance, with internship options, cultural attractions, and world-class resources. Opportunities to connect with faculty and students in a deep and meaningful way, inside and outside of the classroom.

WAU lets you explore the broad array of possibilities the world has to offer while gaining a clearer sense of your place in it, and your responsibility to it. We promise an education full of meaning and purpose—building a foundation not just for a rewarding career, but for a fulfilling life.

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faculty



How we teach at WAU is what sets us apart. The faculty have outstanding academic credentials, know their field inside and out, have years of experience in the classroom, love to teach -- and it shows. But just as important, at WAU you'll find faculty who care -- about you as a student and about you as a human being, about where you are now and about where you're going in life. And they do everything they can to help you get there. Our students succeed for a number of reasons -- partly because classes are small, the discussions are lively, and the environment is challenging but supportive.

student life



WAU offers its students a rich multicultural campus experience. *US News and World Report* rates WAU as one of the most diverse educational institutions in America with students from 40 states and 47 countries. Added to this is the back drop of the rich learning environment of the nation's capital and Washington, D.C., which includes over 200 foreign embassies and missions, the great museums of the Smithsonian, the Supreme Court, the House and Senate, the Library of Congress, and the White House. Whether it be government, advocacy, culture, public interest, law or health care, Washington is at the epicenter. On campus, students find many ways to get involved in campus life, from student clubs and organizations to campus ministries and outreach programs, academics, the arts, outdoor recreation, cultural and community organizations, and numerous planned campus activities a year.

We are committed to our INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS and working with them.

international students

Have you ever pictured yourself coming to the United States to study? Every year, thousands of students, just like you, from around the world take action on that vision and come to the U.S. to attend universities. At Washington Adventist University we have students from more than 40 countries that join our campus, and become a part of the distinctive opportunities that you will not find at any other university. We are a learning community committed to the Seventh-day Adventist vision of excellence and service. This cosmopolitan institution challenges students to seize the opportunities for learning in the nation's capital in order to become moral leaders in communities throughout the world. We hope this page will assist you to find out how to make that dream of a U.S. education a reality at Washington Adventist University. The entire university is happy that you are interested, and we look forward to seeing you.



International students who wish to enroll at Washington Adventist University F1 student visa must meet the following requirements.

1. You must have completed high school and earned a certificate of completion that would enable the student to be admitted to a university in his or her home country.
2. Applicants are encouraged to begin their application process at least five months prior to their intended enrollment date. Students applying from outside the United States must submit all documents three months prior to the first day of classes for the semester in which they wish to enroll.
3. Transfer applicant must request a WESS-ICAP evaluation, unless the transcripts comes from Antillean College, Puerto Rico and Northern Caribbean University, Jamaica.
4. International Students transferring within the United States must submit all documents two month prior to the first day of classes for the semester in which they wish to enroll.

Deadline for applications:

Fall Semester – June 30 and Spring Semester – October 30

All documents become the property of Washington Adventist University and cannot be returned to the applicant or forwarded to a third party.

1. Application for Admission (completed and signed by the student applicant). A \$25 non-refundable paper application fee will be added to your fee bill the first semester you register for classes. If you apply online, the fee cost will be waived. To mail paper application, you can mail it to:

Office of Admissions - Data Processing Center
Washington Adventist University
7600 Flower Ave.
Takoma Park, MD 20912

For those applicants who are applying to School of Graduate Program and Professional Studies, please mail your application and \$50.00 fee to:

School of Graduate and Professional studies (SGPS)
Washington Adventist University
7600 Flower Ave.
Takoma Park, MD 20912

2. If you have earned university credit outside of United States, you must request a transcript evaluation by WESS-ICAP and be mailed to Office of Admission. For students who just graduated from high school, they should mail official transcripts with GPA and English proficiency test scores (Figure 1).
3. WES-ICAP for Transfer Students - WES offers two types of credential evaluation packages – Basic and ICAP. We strongly recommend the ICAP package. The WES ICAP makes it easier and faster for you to submit applications, reduces the total time spent applying to multiple institutions and helps you meet application deadlines. You will help admissions officers understand your international education by sending a WES ICAP (transcripts & evaluation) – the fullest, most accurate, verified information in one package. For more information and to initiate the WES translation package, please visit <http://www.wes.org/students/index.asp>
4. Please note that no transfer credit will be given for English coursework completed at any academic institution outside the United States. If you have not completed the first year of college-level English at an institution in the United States, you will be required to follow criteria for TOEFL, ILTS, IBET or Michigan Scores (Figure 1)
5. You must submit official documentation of your English reading, writing, and listening ability in two ways:

Submit your score from any one of the following acceptable language examinations to determine admission decision:

(Figure 1)

Classification	TOEFL-PB	TOEFL-CB	MICHIGAN	IELTS	IBET
Non-Restricted Admission	>550	>213	>90	>5	>78
Restricted Admission A	500-549	190-212	80-89	5	
Restricted Admission B	450-499	150-189	65-79	4	
Further Testing Required	<450	<150	<65	<4	

For additional information visit www.wau.edu/admission/international-students or email us at enroll@wau.edu. We look forward to hearing from you.

admissions procedures

friends and alumni



Ambassador of India to the United States Nirupama Rao, WAU's distinguished Gateway Service honoree, was recognized for her contribution to liberal arts education, according to WAU's president, Weymouth Spence. Ed. D. Rao holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in English Literature and is a published poet. She joined the diplomatic service in 1973 and, in addition to her Washington posting, has served her country in Sri Lanka, Moscow and Beijing. In a presentation liberally sprinkled with the wisdom of compatriot, Mahatma Gandhi, the Indian Civil Rights leader, Rao commended WAU's emphasis on character education, which she said, was critical for preparing young minds to face the challenges of the contemporary world.



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Charles McMillan, Ph.D., director of the Los Alamos National Laboratory, and president of Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS), the company that operates the lab for the National Nuclear Security Administration, was named alumnus of the year by his alma mater, Washington Adventist University during alumni homecoming weekend, April 12-14, 2013. McMillan was the guest of honor at the annual alumni awards banquet held in Bethesda, Md., April 13, 2013. In a brief address to the gathering, McMillan paid tribute to WAU's emphasis on service as a valuable part of the learning experience. He said he was pleased to note that the Gateway, the University's iconic emblem of service, remains on the campus. His graduating class, the class of 1977, replaced it after it was destroyed by fire in 1970. "Service of the highest level requires education of the best quality," McMillan said. "Education is not just about the acquisition of knowledge; it is about asking the right questions and how to know if the answers make sense."

Washington Adventist University at a glance

Affiliation:
Seventh-day Adventist Church

Degrees Offered:
MA, MBA, MS, BA, BM, BS, AA, AAS, and AS

Student/Faculty Ratio: 14:1

Special Programs:
First year Experience, Cooperative Education/Internship Program, Career Services, Summer Teaching Institute (Teacher Certification), and Mock Trial Team, Study Abroad, Honor Programs, Enrichment Program and Bridge Program.

Distinctions:

- Gazette's Top-Ten Thriving Colleges and Universities
- World Class Music Groups
- ENACTUS Team Regional Champions
- Exceptional Internship Opportunities

Recognized by *U.S. News & World Report*:

- one of the most racially diverse universities in the country, 2010, 2011
- colleges to graduate students with the least amount of debt, 2011
- best colleges in the north region, 2012, 2013

The Washington D.C. Metropolitan area ranks #4 on the list of best places to go to college, according to the 2009-2010 College Destinations Index put out by the American Institute for Economic Research.

The University:
Founded in 1904, Washington Adventist University is a residential Christian institution welcoming students of all faiths and backgrounds focused on preparing individuals for lives of service, leadership, and civic engagement.

WAU is a coeducational university offering degree programs in liberal arts, sciences, and selected professional fields and is accredited for granting associate (2-year), baccalaureate (4-year), and masters degrees.

Calendar:
The University follows a semester calendar. Fall Semester begins at the end of August or beginning of September. Spring semester begins in January and finishes in May. For further information, see the school calendar.

Campus:
The University's 19-acre campus is located in Takoma Park, Maryland, a safe and desirable residential neighborhood of historic homes and parks bordering Washington, DC. The proximity to the nation's capital and the world headquarters of the Seventh-day Adventist Church offers students outstanding internship and cooperative educational experiences, and a wide array of enriching artistic, cultural and service opportunities.



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