**Western Carolina University**

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| About partner | About partner | Western Carolina University (WCU) was founded in 1889 to bring higher education and career opportunities to the western region of North Carolina. A member of the University of North Carolina system, WCU now supports a population of over 10,000 students.  WCU has grown in size to become a major cultural, scientific, and educational force in the region. Their academic programs span more than 120 specialities - including the nation’s highest-ranked entrepreneurship and project management programs, an award-winning teacher education program, a criminal justice program and the nation’s first accredited emergency medical care program. |
|  | About Cullowhee | Cullowhee is located in North Carolina near the Great Smoky and Blue Ridge mountains, which are the state’s most treasured natural wonders, just west of Asheville.  With a population of approximately 9,500 the WCU campus has a pervasive presence in the town. As a result Cullowhee has a youthful and energetic atmosphere that is warm and welcoming to students. |
|  | Did you know? | WCU was announced as the no. 1 University for outdoor adventure in the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic, according to the Blue Ridge Outdoors magazine. |
| Academic information | Main areas of study | * Art * Biology * Business * Chemistry * Communication * Computer Science * Construction Management * Education * Engineering (Electrical) * Environmental Science * Film Studies * Forensic Science * Geology * Health and Physical Education * History * Hospitality * Interior Design * International Studies * Mathematics * Music * Nursing * Nutrition and Dietetics * Philosophy * Psychology * Social Work * Sociology * Spanish * Sport Management * Theatre   **Note**   * The listed areas of study are not necessarily exhaustive and other fields of study might also be available at the partner institution. Moreover, names for fields of study may be different overseas. * A discipline being listed does not in indicate the suitability of the program, nor does it indicate that the discipline is taught in English. * Approval to study particular subjects at any institution is always at the discretion of the departmental/discipline and faculty advisors at RMIT University and subject to available places at the host institution. |
|  | Language requirements | Programs are taught in English. |
|  | Full time load [Equivalent to 96 RMIT Credit Points] | 12 – 15 US credits is considered the full-time load per semester. |
|  | Link to courses | <http://www.wcu.edu/academics/majors-minors-graduate-programs/index.asp> |
| Living | Accommodation | There are on-campus housing options available for exchange students.  For more information go to: <http://www.wcu.edu/student-life/division-of-student-affairs/departments/residential-living/index.asp> |
|  | Health insurance | Exchange students attending WCU are required to show proof of medical insurance coverage or must enrol in the compulsory health plan.  For more information go to: <http://www.wcu.edu/student-life/division-of-student-affairs/departments/student-health-services/student-health-insurance/> |
|  | Living cost | A number of external services provide comprehensive overviews of global living costs, for example:   * [www.expatistan.com](http://www.expatistan.com) * [www.numbeo.com](http://www.numbeo.com)   **Note**  RMIT University is not affiliated with any of these pages. |
| Funding Opportunities | OS-HELP information | [OS-HELP Information page](http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/os-help)  <http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/os-help> |
|  | Link to scholarships page? | [All travel scholarships](http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/travel)  <<http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/travel>> |
| Useful information | Link to partner exchange page | <http://www.wcu.edu/academics/office-of-international-programs-and-services/> |
|  | Visa | Exchange students need a J-1 visa to study in the US.  For more information go to: <http://www.wcu.edu/academics/office-of-international-programs-and-services/international-student-and-scholar-services/visa-sevis-and-other-documents/index.asp>  Please note that immigration requirements are subject to change. Please visit <http://www.state.gov/> for the most updated information. |