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Quick Facts



The pass rate for Western's education students who took the national teacher certification exam, the Praxis, was 99.3% (285 of 287). The average pass rate for Kentucky was 94%.



94% of Western's Baccalaureate Nursing students passed the NCLEX, the National Council Licensure Examination.



Ms. Grace Hyde, who began her studies at Western in 1939, completed her bachelor of General Studies degree and graduated summa cum laude in May 2003.



Fall 2002 Incoming Freshman Class

- 83 Class valedictorians
- 27 Class salutatorians
- 63 Governor's Scholars
- 349 Eligible for Honors Program
- 25% First generation students
- 5% Non-traditional (Over the age of 24)
- 11% Join fraternities or sororities
- 15% From Warren County
- 22% From out-of-state
- 61% Live on campus

Students from Around the World

Students come to WKU from 113 Kentucky counties, 45 states and 58 foreign countries. Eighty-two percent of Western's students are from Kentucky. Of the 411 students from foreign countries, approximately half (213) are from India.



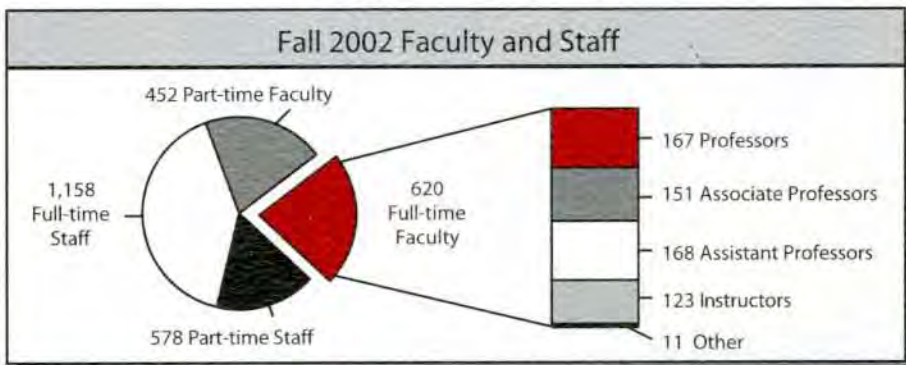
Western's Benchmarks

Western benchmarks itself against institutions identified by the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education to gauge progress toward strategic goals. The benchmark information presented here highlights data from the 2002 edition of *US News & World Report's America's Best Colleges*.

Institution	Freshmen in Top 10% of High School Class	Undergraduate Headcount	Full-time Faculty with Terminal Degrees	Proportion of Alumni Who Give	Classes with 50+ Students
Western Kentucky University	19%	14,113	81%	16%	5%
Appalachian State University	15%	12,560	80%	15%	5%
Ball State University	16%	16,535	77%	15%	8%
Bowling Green State University	12%	15,868	82%	14%	7%
California State University - Fresno	17%	16,086	N/A	3%	6%
Central Missouri State University	12%	9,068	80%	8%	5%
Eastern Illinois University	11%	9,115	74%	8%	3%
Eastern Michigan University	12%	18,502	76%	5%	9%
Illinois State University	10%	18,472	82%	9%	9%
Indiana State University	8%	9,734	78%	14%	6%
Northern Michigan University	N/A	7,724	86%	14%	10%
Southeast Missouri State University	13%	8,098	89%	6%	1%
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	N/A	9,184	71%	5%	6%
University of North Carolina - Greensboro	13%	10,376	86%	10%	10%
University of Northern Iowa	18%	12,680	77%	18%	10%
West Chester University of Pennsylvania	10%	10,220	78%	10%	2%
Western Carolina University	9%	5,665	81%	16%	3%
Western Illinois University	8%	10,755	67%	13%	8%
Youngstown State University	11%	11,031	84%	7%	8%

Fall 2002 Faculty and Staff

- Western's faculty members have advanced degrees from over 180 institutions worldwide.
- Dr. Joe Survant, Professor of English, has been named Kentucky Poet Laureate.
- Two of Western's faculty members have been chosen as 2002-03 Fulbright Scholars; Dr. Daniel Jackson, Associate Professor of Engineering, and Dr. Laura McGee, Assistant Professor of Modern Languages and Intercultural Studies. Dr. Charles Bussey, Professor of History, has been chosen as a 2003-04 Fulbright Scholar.
- Dr. John Carmichael, Director of Bands in the Department of Music, has been elected to the American Bandmasters Association. He is one of only two band directors in Kentucky to receive this recognition.



Quick Takes



Western's Concrete Canoe Team successfully defended its title as the Ohio Valley Regional Champion with its 8th straight regional victory. The team will advance to the National Concrete Canoe Competition in June '03.



Western's *Investing in the Spirit* capital fundraising campaign surpassed its initial goal when it reached \$78.8 million in May 2002. The revised goal of \$90 million was reached in April 2003, two months ahead of schedule.



Western's forensic team made history by being the first team ever to win the National Forensic Association Title, the American Forensic Association National Individual Events Tournament, the International Forensic Association Tournament and the Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha National Tournament all in the same year.



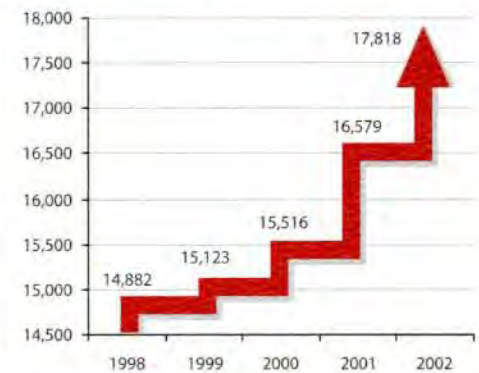
The *College Heights Herald* won two national awards considered the Pulitzer Prizes for college newspapers, the Pace Award, presented by the Associated Collegiate Press and the Gold Crown from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.



Western's Mobile Health and Wellness Unit provides health care screenings, dental screenings, cleanings and sealants to underinsured and uninsured people in the BRADD area. Since October 2001, 192 students and 31 faculty members have provided over 8,400 services at more than 140 events.

Fall 2002 Enrollment: 17,818

- For the third consecutive year, WKU is the fastest growing university in Kentucky, increasing from 14,882 to 17,818 (20%) in five years.
- In three years, Western's retention of first-time, full-time baccalaureate degree-seeking students has increased from 71% to 77%.



Fall 2002 Students

Enrollment Status		Residence	
Full-time	12,984	Off-Campus	13,514
Part-time	4,834	On-Campus	4,304
Level		Classification	
Graduate	2,584	Undergraduates	15,234
Undergraduate	15,234	1st-time Freshmen	3,072
Gender		Other Freshmen	2,076
Female	10,734	Sophomores	3,125
Male	7,084	Juniors	2,704
Race		Seniors	3,444
Black	1,376	Other	813
White	15,541	Graduate Students	2,584
Other	901	TOTAL	17,818

Survey Says...



The top five reasons upperclassmen chose Western were to be closer to home, cost, size of Western, a specific program of study, and Western's good academic reputation.



78% of juniors and seniors report participating in community service or volunteer activities while at Western.



On Western's most recent baccalaureate alumni survey, 95% of alumni were satisfied with the overall quality of their education at Western.

Fall 2002 College Profiles

College	# Students Enrolled*	# Majors Offered	# Degrees Awarded*
Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences	3,549	28	603
Business Administration	2,044	7	376
Community College	1,994	23	201
Education & Behavioral Sciences	3,673	16	655
Health & Human Services	2,070	7	368
Science & Engineering	2,561	23	425

*Includes students with double majors.