

# University Overview

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Webster University is an independent, nonprofit, multicampus, international institution offering a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate programs. The University's headquarters is located in Webster Groves, a major suburban center of the St. Louis metropolitan area. Webster students enjoy the advantages traditionally associated with a small undergraduate college, as well as alternative options normally provided only by larger institutions.

In addition to the programs offered at the Webster Groves campus, the University provides undergraduate study opportunities at the following St. Louis locations:

- The historic Arcade Building in downtown St. Louis.
- In St. Louis County at Westport.

Webster University also offers undergraduate education at the following extended-campus locations in the United States: Columbia and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Students may also study at Webster's international campuses in Vienna, Austria; Tbilisi, The Republic of Georgia; Athens, Greece; Leiden, The Netherlands; Singapore; Geneva, Switzerland; or Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

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## Mission

Webster University, a worldwide institution, ensures high quality learning experiences that transform students for global citizenship and individual excellence.

## Vision

Our vision is to be a premier U.S.-based international university setting a distinct standard for global education.

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## Core Values

### Students

By sustaining a personalized approach to a global, student-centered education through small classes, close relationships with faculty and staff, and attention to student life.

### Learning

By developing educational programs that join theory and practice, provide an international perspective, encourage creativity and scholarship, and foster a lifelong desire to learn and actively serve communities and the world.

### Diversity and Inclusion

By creating an environment accessible to individuals of diverse cultures, ages, and socioeconomic backgrounds and instilling in students a respect for diversity and an understanding of their own and others' values.

### Global Citizenship

By educating a diverse population locally, nationally, and internationally, acting responsibly toward the environment to foster a sustainable future, and strengthening the communities we serve.

## Statement of Ethics

Webster University strives to be a center of academic excellence. The University makes every effort to ensure the following:

- The opportunity for students to learn and inquire freely.
- The protection of intellectual freedom and the rights of professors to teach.
- The advancement of knowledge through scholarly pursuits and relevant dialogue.

The University community is by nature pluralistic and diverse. Those who elect to participate in the Webster University community--students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, and directors--accept the responsibility of sharing in the effort to achieve the University's mission as an institution of higher learning. Each member is expected to respect the objectives of the University and the views of its members.

Participants in this shared enterprise strive to be governed by what ought to be rather than by what is. To accomplish its goals, members of the University community aspire to a higher standard than mere compliance with formalized University requirements and local, state, and federal laws.

Webster University endeavors to fulfill the following expectations:

- Preserve academic honor and integrity by repudiating all forms of academic and intellectual dishonesty.
- Treat others with respect and dignity.
- Respect the rights and property of others.
- Act with concern for the safety and well-being of its associates.

Inquiry, discourse, and dissent, within the framework of an ordered academic environment, are seminal elements of a university community and of a free democratic society. Members of the Webster University community recognize this and are consequently supportive of democratic and lawful procedure and dedicated to rational approaches to solving problems. This assumes openness to change as well as commitment to historical values.

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## Accreditation

Webster University is accredited by **The Higher Learning Commission**, 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604, hlcommission.org • 800.621.7440.

Webster University has been accredited continuously since 1925, and this accreditation includes undergraduate and graduate levels at all campuses and locations where the University offers programs.

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## General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

Webster University takes seriously the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) that will affect our students and employees who are EU residents and/or citizens. Please be aware that all personal data you provide is subject to our privacy policy which can be found at [www.webster.edu/gdpr](http://www.webster.edu/gdpr).

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## Online Licensure

Missouri participates in SARA which creates a system of reciprocity for the oversight of distance education. The following student complaint process is in effect with this system.

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- Students with a complaint must first attempt to resolve the issue at the school by completing the school's complaint process. Exhaustion of all informal and formal institutional processes, including both campus processes and any applicable system processes, is a prerequisite to filing any formal complaint with the Missouri Department of Higher Education & Workforce Development. (MDHEWD)
- If dissatisfied with the resolution of the grievance, the student may contact the department by calling (573) 751-2361 and selecting option 2.
- The student will be directed to submit the complaint in writing, using a complaint form provided by the MDHEWD. It may be mailed or faxed to the department and must include supporting documentation. If there is no indication institutional remedies have been exhausted, the complaint will be returned for that purpose. Complaints that fall within the jurisdiction of the department will be investigated and resolved as appropriate by the relevant unit of the MDHEWD. All parties to the complaint will be notified of its resolution by mail.

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## State Licensures

### Missouri

Campuses at Webster Groves, Gateway (Downtown St. Louis) and Westport are authorized by the Missouri Department of Higher Education.

Missouri Department of Higher Education  
301 W. High Street (Suite 840, 860, 870, 580)  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

The Missouri Department of Higher Education serves as a clearinghouse for postsecondary student complaints. The MDHE complaint policy contains information about the complaint process and includes instructions for how to file a formal complaint. The policy provides that a student who wishes to file a complaint with the department must first exhaust all formal and informal avenues provided by the institution to resolve disputes.

### South Carolina

Campuses at Columbia and Myrtle Beach are licensed by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education.

SC Commission on Higher Education  
1122 Lady Street, Suite 300  
Columbia, SC 29201  
Telephone: 803-737-2260

Licensure is not an endorsement or guarantee of quality. If students at the Columbia or Myrtle Beach campuses have complaints about a classroom situation, they should first attempt to resolve the situation with the instructor. If resolution cannot be made with the instructor, or if the complaint is about a general school policy over which the instructor has no jurisdiction, then they may contact the school director for mediation. If the complaint cannot be resolved at the school level through its complaint procedure, students may file a complaint with the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. The complaint form is available here. [https://sc.edu/about/system\\_and\\_campuses/sumter/internal/documents/complaint\\_form.pdf](https://sc.edu/about/system_and_campuses/sumter/internal/documents/complaint_form.pdf)

### Texas

The metropolitan campus at San Antonio is approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinator Board.

The student tuition refund rates apply when a student drops or withdraws from a course in accordance with University enrollment policies and the refund has been approved. Students attending on-campus classes in Texas will receive a refund on tuition as dictated by the following State requirements:

Refund Schedule		
	Class Length	
Date	9 weeks	8 weeks
<b>Drop</b>		
Week 1	100%	100%
<b>Withdrawal</b>		
Week 2	80%	80%
Week 3	80%	80%
Week 4	25%	25%
Week 5	0%	0%
Week 6	0%	0%
Week 7	0%	0%
Week 8	0%	0%
Week 9	0%	N/A

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## Specialized Accreditations

- Business and Management programs are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP).
- Webster University is designated as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education (CAE-CDE).
- Webster University has been accredited by the National [STM/search-pe](#)

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- The BA, MA in legal studies and paralegal certificates at the St. Louis campus only are approved by the American Bar Association (ABA).
- The BS in Biological Sciences is accredited by the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB).
- National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity