Special Academic Programs and Opportunities

Catalog

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International Education

To prepare undergraduate students for effective participation in the global community, Nebraska Wesleyan is committed to

- encouraging students, faculty, and staff to live, study, work, and travel abroad
- integrating global and multicultural perspectives into the curriculum
- providing a welcoming environment for international students, faculty, and visitors,

Education Abroad Programs

Nebraska Wesleyan offers programs abroad varying in length, content, format, and cost. Some programs require an appropriate degree of fluency in the language of the host country while others use English as the language of instruction. The following opportunities abroad are offered to Nebraska Wesleyan students:

Faculty-Led Programs
Faculty-led academic trips provide students an opportunity to spend time in other countries. Typically four to six international trips are scheduled every year. Examples of summer or winter term study trips include Peru, France, Costa Rica, Germany, Greece, Belize, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Nepal, and Spain.

ISEP Exchange Program
Nebraska Wesleyan students participating in the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) pay tuition, fees, room, and board at Nebraska Wesleyan and receive equivalent benefits at one of Nebraska Wesleyan's partner institutions in over 30 countries: Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Denmark, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Malta, Mexico, Nicaragua, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Scotland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, and Uruguay.

Nebraska Wesleyan Bilateral Exchange Programs
Nebraska Wesleyan students may participate in exchange programs with Nebraska Wesleyan partner institutions in these countries:

- Japan (Kwansei Gakuin University - Campus Nishinomiya)
- Mexico (Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM) - Campus Querétaro)
- Estonia (University of Tartu)

Student Teaching Abroad
Education majors may complete part or all of their student teaching requirement in Australia, Costa Rica, England, Germany, India, Ireland, New Zealand, Scotland, Taiwan, or Wales.

Global Service Learning

Students may apply for membership in this group which focuses on local, national and international service-learning. Contact the University Ministries Office for details.

Study Abroad Scholarships

Students interested in pursuing studies or research abroad may apply for scholarships such as the Rhodes, Marshall, Fulbright, Rotary, and Boren Scholarships. For more information on these scholarships and their eligibility criteria, contact the International Education Office or the Coordinator for National and International Prestige Scholarships.

Application Procedures

All students are encouraged to participate in study abroad campus fairs and visit the International Education Office, preferably during their first or second year at Nebraska Wesleyan. Plans to study abroad must be developed in consultation with academic advisors and the Director of International Education. Preapproval of the academic program at the host institution is important; credits earned abroad do not transfer automatically. For more information, contact the International Education Office.

Financial Aid

Education Abroad Grants and other forms of financial aid are available to eligible students who participate in Nebraska Wesleyan's approved programs. For information related to federal and institutional financial aid, see the Director of Scholarships and Financial Aid in Smith-Curtis 207; for application forms and instructions related to Education Abroad Grants, contact the International Education Office.

3+3 Dual Law Degree Program

A partnership with the University of Nebraska College of Law (Nebraska Law) gives Nebraska Wesleyan students a faster path to their law degree.

In this 3+3 dual degree program, students at NWU who fulfill their degree requirements in three years can apply for admission to Nebraska Law during their junior year. Those who satisfy the law school’s admission criteria are guaranteed acceptance.

Students start law school in what would traditionally be their senior year at NWU, and the credits they earn at Nebraska Law during this year will contribute towards their bachelor’s degree. This enables them to obtain both a bachelor’s degree and a juris doctor in just six years, which is one year less than the conventional route.

3+3 program eligibility requirements

Applicants apply to the program during their junior year. To apply, applicants will have:

- Completed three-fourths of the total credit hours, and will have no more than 30 credit hours remaining, toward completion of the undergraduate degree at the time of matriculation into Nebraska Law;
- Completed all other requirements of their undergraduate degree program, including general education (“Archway Curriculum”) and major requirements, by the date of matriculation at Nebraska Law;
- No more than six credit hours of pass/fail undergraduate coursework credit;
- Not been on academic probation at any undergraduate institution;
- Submitted by March 1 the materials to Nebraska Law, including a completed application, law school admissions test results, satisfactory letters of recommendation, a personal statement, and records of the necessary course credits; and,
- Provided Nebraska Law with a letter from the NWU Registrar stating that the applicant has completed all requirements for participation in the 3+3 dual degree law program and that the undergraduate institution will grant the applicant an undergraduate degree upon the applicant's successful completion of the first year Nebraska Law course work.

Nebraska automatic acceptance requirements

Applicants for this program are eligible for automatic acceptance to Nebraska Law if they meet the following requirements:

- Have a valid LSAT score equal to or higher than the median LSAT score of the previous 1L class;

- Have a cumulative undergraduate GPA calculated by the Law School Admission Council equal to or higher than the median GPA of the previous 1L class;
- Meet the requirements for character and fitness, as determined by Nebraska Law in its sole discretion; and,
- Have satisfied all eligibility requirements for the 3+3 degree program listed above.

Senior College

Nebraska Wesleyan University recognizes the richness of experience and insight older adults can bring to the classroom and welcomes them to campus in this special program. Adults age 60 or more may enroll on a space-available basis in a wide variety of day classes and pay only a minimal registration fee. Senior College participants may enroll for credit or audit, with degree completion possible under certain circumstances. Enrollment is limited to two courses per semester, and the program does not operate in the summer or winter term. Contact Graduate, Adult, and Transfer Admissions for details.

Wesleyan Honors Academy

The Wesleyan Honors Academy is a program designed for gifted and highly motivated high school students who are passionate about learning and excited by the challenges of college-level work. The Wesleyan Honors Academy provides high school students with an opportunity to earn college credit by enrolling in selected advanced placement or differentiated classes taught by their own exceptional high school teachers in their schools. In addition to earning Nebraska Wesleyan undergraduate credits, students can participate in special intellectual and cultural events and use various campus facilities and resources. Contact the Director of the Wesleyan Honors Academy for more information.

Cooper Foundation Center for Academic Resources

The Cooper Center provides a place for students, at all stages of their academic careers, to seek assistance with their students. Housed in the library, the Cooper Center provides assistance to all NWU students at every stage of the academic careers, including writing assistance, speaking projects, discipline-specific tutoring, and study skills.

University Forum

Nebraska Wesleyan offers a University Forum program with distinguished speakers on social, ethical, political, and global issues.

Capitol Hill Internship Program

Nebraska Wesleyan University's Capitol Hill Internship Program (CHIP) offers students the experience of living, interning, and studying in the heart of Washington, D.C. The public-affairs focused program provides students of any major with a total Washington experience through an academically rigorous program with a focus on experiential learning. In addition to interning in either government or non-governmental offices, students will discover the role of government in fields including law, the media, health care, and the arts and sciences. Challenging seminars and courses that are tailored to enrich students' internship experiences are an integral part of the internship program.

Applicants must have a 3.00 GPA, be a junior or senior [or second semester sophomore with special consideration],and have taken POLSC 1010 United States Government and Politics or its equivalent.

Courses offered in the fall and spring semesters are:

- CHIP 2200 People/culture/politics Of Middle East
- CHIP 2100 Washington, Lobbying & Leaders
- CHIP 4700 The Washington Experience
- CHIP 4710 The Internship Seminar

Contact the CHIP Coordinator for more information.

Veteran's Education Benefits

Nebraska Wesleyan University is an approved institution for federal education benefits from the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs. Students approved for education benefits from the VA should contact the Registrar's Office.