

Study in California


Information / Short Description


Founded in 1993, and based in Irvine, California, Westcliff University is globally recognized and accredited. Westcliff offers undergraduate and graduate certificates and degree programs in the areas of Business, Education and Technology & Engineering. WU prepares students for personal, professional, and academic success through innovative, up-to-date, and high-quality programs. International students have the opportunity to start 6x per year and study together with American and other international students from across the globe and form networks for a lifetime. The Greater Los Angeles area is the second-largest metropolitan area in the U.S. and is a home to several world-famous landmarks and attractions, including the Hollywood Walk of Fame, Disneyland, and Universal Studios. Located close to several beautiful California beaches, Irvine is about an hour away from L.A. and has consistently been ranked as one of the safest cities in the U.S. based on FBI crime statistics. Irvine and its surrounding areas offer a diverse range of activities such as hiking, surfing, shopping, dining, and entertainment options such as Irvine Spectrum Center, the Orange County Fair, and more.

Website

www.international-student-office.org/en/study-in-the-usa/wu/ and www.westcliff.edu

Study Opportunities

WU offers over 30 concentrations across bachelor, master, and doctorate degree programs across 4 colleges:

- College of Business
- College of Education
- College of Technology & Engineering

During one semester at WU, Bachelor students usually select 4 to 5 courses and can mix and match classes from different programs, provided that the home institution approves. Master students usually take 3 to 4 courses per term choosing from a limited number of programs. Students also have the opportunity to study only 2-3 courses in just one session (2 months) if they prefer.

Tuition Fees per Semester

Valid for academic year 2025/2026

Program	Fees for students from a partner university	Regular tuition fees at WU
Bachelor Study Abroad (12-30 ECTS)	\$3,516 - \$7,815 (2-5 courses)	\$4,380 - \$10,950 (6 - 15 sem credits)
Master Study Abroad (12-24 ECTS)	\$4,110 - \$8,220 (2-4 courses)	\$4,914 - \$9,828 (6 - 12 sem credits)

Start Dates & Deadlines

The academic year at WU is divided into six sessions of two months each. There are 6 start dates per year: January, March, May, July, September and November. A mandatory orientation session is offered online and on-site for all international students. Due to the continuous start opportunities, applications can be submitted throughout the year.

Accommodation

Students have the option to find private housing (single/shared/furnished) on their own or take advantage of the WU housing department that can assist students in finding accommodations in the Irvine area. Additionally, students may live with an American host family during their stay. Depending on the living situation, living costs may range between \$850 - \$1,200/month.



“Orange County is a great place to study! The Westcliff University team is very helpful and plans weekly activities for students. You can enjoy the mix of Southern California's beautiful beaches (like Laguna Beach) and the great city life of Los Angeles right on your doorstep! WU offers students super flexible study options with plenty of time to explore California. I highly recommend every student to apply to Westcliff and experience the California lifestyle for themselves. ”

SAMUEL A.

Application	<p>Please submit the following documents via e-Mail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Official Transcripts in English (stamped & signed by home institution)• English Proficiency<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Undergrad (TOEFL 60, IELTS 5.5, Duolingo 95, DAAD B2 Level)• Grad (TOEFL 79, IELTS 6.0, Duolingo 105, DAAD B2 Level)• Passport copy (valid 6 months after the program end date)• Proof of Financial Support in English
Visa This information is supplied without liability	As a study abroad student, you will enter the United States on a J1 visa. Students can request a visa only after their application has been approved. Visas can only be requested at US embassies and consulates. Please find more information via https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/study.html
Scholarships & Funding	Apply now for one of three partial scholarships up to 1.000 EUR. Further financial support can be applied for through grants from the BAföG abroad, as well as other independent scholarship organizations. Find detailed information and contacts at: https://www.international-student-office.org/en/how-to-pay-for-study-abroad/
Internships	J1 students are entitled to apply for Academic Training (AT), or paid internship, during their studies. This work permit is valid for the same length of the study period after their studies. The WU Career Center will be happy to help you find a suitable company for such an internship. Most of these internships are paid.



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