Graduate Admissions WVSU

WVSU offers an enriching and varied curriculum of Graduate Study programs:

* Biotechnology
* Criminal justice
* Public Administration
* Media Studies/Communications
* Educational Leadership
* Sports Studies
* Computer Science

[BIOTECHNOLOGY](https://www.wvstateu.edu/academics/academic-colleges/college-of-natural-sciences-and-mathematics/biotechnology.aspx)

Admission Requirements:  
We require official documents listed to be submitted to Dr. Umesh Reddy, Biotechnology Graduate Program Coordinator:

* Application form (PDF available on this website)
* Statement of purpose (no form but info available on this website)
* Sealed official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions showing an over-all GPA of 3.0 (on a 4-point scale), and a GPA in the natural sciences of 3.0 from an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university, with a strong background in biological and physical sciences.
* GRE scores released to WVSU (code 5903) with minimum scores of 140 verbal and 150 quantitative.
* Three letters of professional reference sent directly to the Biotechnology Graduate Program Coordinator (An optional PDF is available on this website)
* For all international applicants, we require all post-secondary transcripts to be evaluated by an outside agency such as WES (www.wes.org) or ECE (www.ece.org)
* For all international applicants, a minimum TOEFL score of 80 (code 5903) or an IELTS score of 7

Consult the "Application Checklist" for a full list of documents required in an application portfolio.

* [Application Checklist](https://www.wvstateu.edu/getattachment/Academics/Academic-Colleges/College-of-Natural-Sciences-and-Mathematics/Biotechnology/Sections/Admissions/Biotech_Application-Checklist021821.pdf.aspx?lang=en-US)
* [Application for Admission form](https://www.wvstateu.edu/getattachment/Academics/Academic-Colleges/College-of-Natural-Sciences-and-Mathematics/Biotechnology/Sections/Admissions/BiotechApplication021821.pdf.aspx?lang=en-US)
* [Statement of Purpose](https://www.wvstateu.edu/getattachment/Academics/Academic-Colleges/College-of-Natural-Sciences-and-Mathematics/Biotechnology/Sections/Admissions/Biotech_Statement-of-Purpose_021821.pdf.aspx?lang=en-US)
* [Letter of Recommendation form](https://www.wvstateu.edu/getattachment/Academics/Academic-Colleges/College-of-Natural-Sciences-and-Mathematics/Biotechnology/Sections/Admissions/Biotech_letter-of-recommendation-form021821.pdf.aspx?lang=en-US)

[MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION](https://www.wvstateu.edu/academics/academic-colleges/college-of-professional-studies/criminal-justice-administration.aspx)

Admission requirements:

* A completed application.
* An undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university in criminal justice, law enforcement or a related field.
* Standardized test scores from GRE/MAT completed no more than seven years prior to the application submission to the program.
* Candidates who have earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher are eligible to waive the standardized test requirement.
* A minimum overall GPA of 2.7 on a 4 point scale for all undergraduate work from an accredited institution(s) with an MAT score of 380 (GRE Verbal Reasoning Score of 144) or
  + GPA of 2.6 and MAT score of 385 (GRE Verbal Reasoning Score of 146) or
  + GPA of 2.5 and MAT score of 390 (GRE Verbal Reasoning Score of 148) or
  + Exceptional expertise in the field of Criminal Justice as demonstrated through an interview with the Graduate Studies Committee.
* All candidates for whom English is not their native language must take either the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the IELTS Exam. On the TOEFL, a minimum of score 500 (paper-based exam), 173 (computer-based), or a 61 (Internet-based) is required.  On the IELTS, a minimum score of a 6 is required.  Graduates of English speaking universities will have TOEFL/IELTS requirements waived.
* Satisfactory completion of an undergraduate or graduate course in research methods and/or statistics prior to admission to the program.
* Current resume or curriculum vitae.
* Three letters of recommendation which address the applicant’s academic competencies, work performance and fitness to pursue this graduate degree.
* Satisfactory performance on a preadmission Interview.
* $28 for in-state applicants and $38 for out of state or international applicants.
* Applicants can be granted conditional admission.

# [MASTER OF EDUCATION IN INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP (MEIL)](https://www.wvstateu.edu/academics/academic-colleges/college-of-professional-studies/master-of-education-in-instructional-leadership.aspx)

# admission requirements:

* An undergraduate degree in Education or a related field.
* GPA – a minimum overall GPA of 2.7 on a 4 point scale for all undergraduate work from accredited institution(s) with an MAT score of 380 (GRE Verbal Reasoning Score of 144) or
  + GPA of 2.6 and MAT score of 385 (GRE Verbal Reasoning Score of 146) or
  + GPA of 2.5 and MAT score of 390 (GRE Verbal Reasoning Score of 148) or
  + Exceptional expertise in the field of Education as demonstrated through an interview with the Graduate Studies Committee.
* Successful Test of English as a Foreign Language scores for those whose native language is not English.
* Professional Educator License from a State Department of Education.
* Resume/CV documenting successful professional experiences, commitment to community service and professional development.
* A personal statement indicating the applicant’s aspirations and reasons for pursuing the Master of Education in Instructional Leadership at WVSU.
* Three letters of recommendation attesting to the candidate’s professional and/or personal qualities.

## [MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN MEDIA STUDIES](https://www.wvstateu.edu/academics/academic-colleges/college-of-arts-and-humanitites/media-studies.aspx)

Admission requirements:

* A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university
* Completed Application, including Personal Statement
* Three letters of recommendation addressing applicant's academic and/or professional competencies
* TOEFL score of at least 550 for students whose native language is not English.  The Test for Spoken English will also be required.

\*Preference is given to those with an undergraduate G.P.A of 3.0 or higher.   
GRE scores may be provided, but are not required.

* [Application-form-(in-word).docx](https://www.wvstateu.edu/getattachment/Academics/Academic-Colleges/College-of-Arts-and-Humanitites/Media-Studies/Sections/Admissions/Application-form-(in-word).docx.aspx?lang=en-US)
* [Application-Form-(in-PDF).pdf](https://www.wvstateu.edu/getattachment/Academics/Academic-Colleges/College-of-Arts-and-Humanitites/Media-Studies/Sections/Admissions/Application-Form-(in-PDF).pdf.aspx?lang=en-US)

Exceptions:

* Provisional Admission may be granted if low G.P.A  is offset by other factors such as excellent recommendations, unusual grading patterns, outstanding statement of purpose, or examples of professional accomplishment.

Provisionally admitted students must maintain a 3.0 G.P.A  and be re-classified as regular students upon completion of 12th graduate credit hour.  
   
Evaluation Criteria:

* Meeting stated requirements are necessary for consideration, but do not automatically assure admission. Admission is granted on a case-by-case basis by the Media Studies Program Admissions Committee.
* The role of diversity is an essential goal for our graduate program.  Differences in age, life experiences, education, extracurricular activities, and racial, ethnic, and/or cultural background are all valued in the admissions decision.
* Emphasis is placed on the applicant's, academic records, professional skills, and personal characteristics.
* While it is preferred that applicants hold a Baccalaureate degree in the humanities, the fine arts, or social sciences (preferably with some coursework in communications, film, videography, computer science, health, or Media Studies), applications are sought from graduates in any discipline who can demonstrate a serious and committed approach to the subject.
* \*Some undergraduate remediation may be necessary for students with minimal computer literacy and/or no previous coursework or experience in such areas as filmmaking, video production and mass media theory.

# [MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION](https://www.wvstateu.edu/academics/academic-colleges/college-of-business-and-social-sciences/master-of-public-administration.aspx)

# admission requirements:

* A completed application
* A minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.70.
* Standardized test scores from exams (GRE, GMAT, LSAT or MAT) completed no more than seven years prior to the application submission to the program (if available).
* Candidates who have earned a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university and achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher are eligible to waive the standardized test requirement.
* Candidates who have experience working as a manager or an administrator of a company or government agency can request to waive the standardized test requirement.
* A current resume or curriculum vitae.
* Two letters of recommendation.
* Demonstrated knowledge of American Government.
* At least one course in statistics or research methodology.
* All candidates for whom English is not their native language must take either the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the IELTS Exam. On the TOEFL, a minimum of score 500 (paper-based exam), 173 (computer-based), or a 61 (Internet-based) is required. On the IELTS, a minimum score of a 6 is required. These candidates may choose to submit the TOEFL or IELTS exam. Graduates of English speaking universities will have TOEFL requirements waived.
* $28 for in-state applicants, and $38 for out of state or international applicants.
* Full consideration for admission will be given to students who have completed the admission requirements by April 1 for Fall Semester Admission.
* Applicants can be granted conditional admission

# [MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE](https://www.wvstateu.edu/academics/academic-colleges/college-of-natural-sciences-and-mathematics/mathematics-and-computer-science-(1).aspx)

# admission requirements:

* Have an undergraduate degree in computer science or a closely related discipline;
* Submit scores for the GRE General Test totaling at least 295 for the Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning sections, with at least a score of 149 on the Quantitative Reasoning section;
* For international students for whom English is not their primary language, a minimum TOEFL score of 61 or a minimum IELTS score of 6.0;
* Two letters of recommendation;
* Approval of the Computer Science Graduate Committee.
* Note: Applicants lacking some of the above requirements may be granted Conditional Admission by the Computer Science Graduate Committee
  + [Application form (in pdf)](https://www.wvstateu.edu/getattachment/Academics/Academic-Colleges/College-of-Natural-Sciences-and-Mathematics/Mathematics-and-Computer-Science-(1)/Sections/Message-from-Chair/MS_CS_Application_for_Admission.pdf.aspx?lang=en-US)
  + [Application form (in word)](https://www.wvstateu.edu/getattachment/Academics/Academic-Colleges/College-of-Natural-Sciences-and-Mathematics/Mathematics-and-Computer-Science-(1)/Sections/Message-from-Chair/MS_CS_Application_for_Admission.docx.aspx?lang=en-US)

# [MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPORT STUDIES](https://www.wvstateu.edu/academics/academic-colleges/college-of-professional-studies/master-of-science-in-sports-studies.aspx)

# admission requirements:

# The WVSU Sports Studies Program will be committed to admitting students on a competitive basis. The applicants will be evaluated by a submitted portfolio containing the following criteria:   1. Academic Record             a. An undergraduate degree in Sports Studies or a related field            b. GPA – a minimum overall GPA of 2.5 on a 4 point scale for all undergraduate work from accredited institution(s) with an MAT score of 350 or                      i. GPA of 2.4 and MAT score of 360 or                     ii. GPA of 2.3 and MAT score of 370 or                    iii. Exceptional expertise in the field of coaching/fitness/health/strength and conditioning as demonstrated through an interview with the Graduate Studies Committee.            c. Successful TOEFL scores for those whose native language is not English.  2. Resume/CV documenting successful professional experiences, commitment to community service and professional development.  3. A personal statement indicating the applicant’s aspirations and reasons for pursuing the Master of Science in Sports Studies at WVSU.  4. Two letters of recommendation attesting to the candidate’s professional and/or personal qualities.