

# YOU HAVE QUESTIONS. WE HAVE ANSWERS.

*For all students:*

## WHAT DOES WEST LOOK FOR IN AN IDEAL CANDIDATE?

Students must demonstrate strong academic performance, an ability to handle the minimum course load, and a high level of oral and written English proficiency.

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## WHAT IF I DO NOT MEET THE ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS?

Students requiring additional English language instruction are urged to take intensive English courses at a language school prior to applying to West. We have an English Supplement Workshop for students who have passed the English language requirements but need additional help.

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## WHAT IS THE ANTICIPATED COURSE LOAD?

Most students will take one 3-credit course during each two-month session. Undergraduate students on an F-1 visa must complete a minimum of 24 credits per academic year; graduate students on an F-1 visa must complete a minimum of 18 credits per academic year. An academic year is 12 months in length and begins the first month a student reports to West on an F-1 visa.

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## CAN I DO THE COURSE AT MY OWN SPEED? TAKE A FEW CREDITS AT A TIME?

You cannot speed up an individual course since classes only meet once a week for 8 weeks. However, you can speed up your degree by enrolling in multiple courses at one time during any given 8-week session, depending on your commitments and your schedule.

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## HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED DURING MY COURSES?

### HOW OFTEN WILL I OBTAIN FEEDBACK ON MY PROGRESS?

Each course is assessed by a variety of methods, which may include quizzes, exams, worksheets, attendance, participation, discussion questions, papers and presentations. You'll receive continual feedback and support from your instructors, so you can monitor your progress and improve where necessary. In addition to classroom activities, participation points are awarded by instructors for specific actions requested in their classes as specified in the course syllabus. The intent of the participation assignment is to assure viewing of your recorded session and to receive your input regarding the class content.

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## HOW DO I ACCESS BOOKS AND OTHER MATERIALS?

Classroom materials or eMaterials, including textbooks in electronic format, are available to students for a standard per-course fee. This is the default option for classroom materials, whether you are attending online or on campus. eMaterials are downloadable and accessible through your MyWest student account up to one year after graduation, as long as students use the eMaterials during their coursework. Students may opt out of eMaterials prior to course start date and purchase traditional textbooks if preferred.

## WHAT IS A TYPICAL CLASS MEETING LIKE?

One of West's most marked characteristics is the personal attention it provides to students. The average class size is 20 students. You should expect an intimate discussion setting that makes heavy use of both practical and theoretical methods of instruction.

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## WILL I BE ABLE TO SEE MY INSTRUCTOR?

**West Interactive Online** connects you to a real classroom in real time, with lively interaction that duplicates the campus classroom experience. Faculty members who utilize web cameras can be seen and with a simple microphone headset, you'll be able to hear and chat with your instructor and classmates, live and in the moment.

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## CAN I TAKE VACATION?

Students on an F-1 visa who have fulfilled the enrollment requirements and maintained their status for a minimum of one academic year, qualify for 60 days of annual vacation. Students interested in taking vacation are expected to contact the Student Services Officer (SSO) and their Academic Counselor a minimum of two months in advance of their requested vacation date.

*For online students:*

## WHERE WILL MY INSTRUCTORS BE?

Your instructors could be in Phoenix or anywhere around the globe. You will learn from experienced, working professionals who hold advanced degrees in their teaching fields and are highly successful practitioners in their areas of expertise. Whether your course is on campus or live with **West Interactive Online**, you will enjoy the same enriched learning experience.

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## CAN I CALL MY INSTRUCTORS?

Through the MyWest virtual community, all of our faculty members have virtual offices and email addresses where you may reach them, and many faculty members also maintain office hours for scheduled phone calls.

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## CAN I SWITCH TO ON-CAMPUS/FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES?

Yes! With the proper visa, you may attend classes in person on campus during your tenure at West. For more information, please contact us at [students@apolloglobalstudy.com](mailto:students@apolloglobalstudy.com).

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## WILL I EVER NEED TO GO TO THE U.S.?

If you are attending classes online, it is not necessary for you to travel to the United States in order to complete your degree. However, you may choose to celebrate your degree completion by attending our annual graduation ceremony held every May in Phoenix, Arizona.

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## WILL MY DEGREE CERTIFICATE MENTION THAT I DID THE DEGREE ONLINE?

Neither your transcript nor your diploma will mention that you completed your degree online. You will be receiving your degree from Western International University.

Please note that F-1 visa students' abilities to take online classes is subject to U.S. government rules and regulations.