Gearing Up for the Golden Bear Life.
From early-morning coffee breaks at the Tech Spot to a stack of pancakes at one of our legendary late-night breakfasts, you’ll find lots of fun (and tasty) aspects of life at WVU Tech. Whether you’re picking up your winter gear at Light Up Tech, hanging out with friends at the famous Beckley Chili Night, pulling a late study session in the Learning Commons or crushing your opponents with the Gaming at Tech squad, you’ll be doing so among friends.

LET’S DO SOMETHING AMAZING.

You’re preparing for a journey that is going to take you to some unbelievable places. A journey that will show you how smart, capable and imaginative you really are. We don’t know where that journey will take you, or what incredible things you’ll see along the way, but we do know one thing: if your path starts at WVU Tech in Beckley, West Virginia, you’ll never walk it alone.

At WVU Tech, you’ll find so much more than classrooms and coursework. You’ll find your family, your mentors, your friends. You’ll find people who will support, guide and inspire you every step of the way.

What does it mean to be a Golden Bear? What can you do with a WVU Tech degree? And who’s in your corner as you undertake this journey?

This guidebook will answer those questions, and more. (Protip: for more information on our majors, student stories or to see what our grads are doing, visit wvutech.edu.)

THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF WVU TECH.
Their’s so much to see and do at WVU Tech. We’ve included our favorite clips (and some helpful links) so you can discover more.

Anytime you see this icon, you’ll find interactive content on the page.
All you need is a smartphone. Use this page to practice using these interactive features.

If you see a QR code (like this), hover your phone’s camera over the code and the content will automatically load.

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CONGRATULATIONS!
You’re a Golden Bear!
Share your excitement using #WVUTech, and we’ll share it with the world!
@WVUInstituteofTechnology
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THIS IS WHO WE ARE.
A UNIVERSITY FOR EVERYONE.

Whether you're a commuter or live on campus. Whether you enjoy quiet time or love being social. Whether you're an athlete, an entrepreneur, a gamer, an explorer, a daydreamer, a door or all of the above. Whether you come from Beckley or Bangladesh (and everywhere else on Earth), you've got a place at WVU Tech. We've built an inclusive, welcoming community that values knowledge, diversity and the understanding that we all learn better together.

More than a Major

No matter where you are along your college journey – no matter your field of study – we’re here to set you on the right path, so we offer tons of support to students to make sure you make it to graduation day (and beyond) in the best possible place.

/ Career Services
/ Free Tutoring
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YOU DON’T FIND A GREAT CAREER. YOU BUILD ONE.

We offer academic programs in business, science, engineering, humanities and social sciences. Whether you want to be a leader in business, healthcare, engineering or industry, we’ve got the program you need to get started.

WHY ACCREDITATION IS IMPORTANT

Accredited schools and programs meet academic quality standards set by national, regional or program-specific accrediting agencies recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. WVU Tech is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. ABET specifically accredits WVU Tech’s engineering programs and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education accredits the school’s nursing program.

Programs

- Accounting
- Adventure Recreation Management
- Aerospace Engineering (2+2)
- Aviation Management
- Biology
- Business Management
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
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- Computer Engineering
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- Corrections Emphasis
- Law Enforcement Emphasis
- Electrical Engineering
- Electrical Energy Systems Emphasis
- Forensic Investigation
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- History and Government
- Information Systems
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- Regents Bachelor of Arts
- Sport Management

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Nima aims to replace plastic and Styrofoam products with natural, biodegradable materials. He’s earned thousands of dollars in funding for his Future Fungi project, participating in business pitch competitions in West Virginia and an elevator pitch competition (on an actual elevator) in St. Louis. He even represented the United States as a winner of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation’s Youth for Innovation Challenge.

“I see entrepreneurship as a game of trial and error. You have to learn from your earlier mistakes along the way in order to progress. The best lesson I’ve learned so far is that it might not work eight out of ten times, but those two times that it does work are so valuable that you just can’t give it up.”
LIVE IN A WORLD BUILT JUST FOR YOU.

We said you’d never have to undertake this journey alone – and we mean it. From health and wellness to academic support, we’re here to help.

SUCCESS CENTER
The Student Success Center was established to help every student on their path to a degree. It’s a hub of learning and sees thousands of visits each academic year. Why? Because our dedicated staff offer academic advising to first-year students, free tutoring and self-building workshops for all students and a place for those who want to study or work together on projects. Our Student Success Center also connects students to accessibility services who work one-on-one with students to make sure everyone has the same chance to learn and earn their degree.

SUPPORT SERVICES
We host one of TRIO’s oldest federally funded Student Support Services programs in the country. Designed for Pell-eligible, first-generation students and students with disabilities, the program offers free tutoring, advising services, cultural events, employment opportunities and scholarships for those who qualify.

WELLNESS
Golden Bears have access to a wide range of health and wellness programs and services. Our on-campus health clinic will help you stay healthy throughout the year. Our clinic’s services go beyond physical health – our dedicated behavioral therapist offers individual counseling for students as needed. We offer healthy dining options and campus-wide, health-conscious initiatives. It’s all part of our focus on helping you graduate happy and healthy.

WE’RE PART OF A BIGGER COMMUNITY.
Being a Golden Bear means giving back to the communities that sustain us.

In a single year, our students logged nearly 5,000 HOURS of service on local projects.

Our efforts impacted MORE THAN 45 ORGANIZATIONS that serve the community.

And we’re part of a larger university system that has contributed more than 50,000 HOURS of service in a single year.
You go to college to earn skills. You earn skills to land a job. You land a job to launch your career and spend your days doing what you love. We get that, so we start focusing on matching you to the right career before you take a seat in your first class. We provide career-focused support throughout your entire undergraduate career and beyond, prepping you for graduate school, helping you apply for professional school or connecting you with the right resources so you can get to work right away.

CAREER ASSESSMENT
From the time you’re admitted to WVU Tech, we help you analyze your skills, aptitudes, interests and passions. Through career assessment and advising, we match you with the majors, minors, organizations and professors that will help you flourish in college and in your career.

CAREER READINESS
Need resume help? We do that. But it’s more than writing. We help you focus on your strengths. We help you point out what employers really want to know about you. You’ll even participate in practice interviews and get pointers on how to improve that first impression.

REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE
Most of our students enter internships or co-ops with companies in the fields that matter to them (like NASA, Toyota, Dow and the FBI). We help students connect with real-world experience opportunities that will make them stand out in a sea of applicants. Employers want to know that you can thrive in their environment – and we’ll help you find the chance to prove it.

NETWORKING
From job fairs to mock interviews with WVU Tech alumni who work in your field, there are many ways to connect with employers from all over the world. You’ll get some serious face time with employers, alumni and area leaders in business and industry as you earn your degree and build your professional network.

THE LITTLE THINGS
(because they count)
We want you to nail that first interview. And the second one. And every meeting, conference, job fair and training you attend in your career. That’s why we also help you tackle the little things. We host an annual etiquette dinner where you’ll learn tips for dining with potential employers. We partner with local clothing retailers to help you dress for success at a discount. They’ll even help you pick out the perfect outfit.

LANDING THE BIG ONE
We can’t forget about that big first job. We’re connected with hundreds of employers who look to us to fill vacancies in their organizations. We share regular openings and personally reach out to students who we think would be a good match for particular jobs. There’s even a special system employers use to hire our students (because they know WVU Tech grads are just the best).
WVU TECH IS YOURS. BUILD IT THE WAY YOU WANT.

The **GOLDEN BEAR E-SPORTS CLUB** competes in regular gaming tournaments.

The **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION** hosts an annual dinner with delicious food from all over the world.

Students in WVU Tech’s chapter of the **AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS** build (and successfully paddle) canoes made from concrete.

Members of the **BIOLOGY CLUB** spend time cleaning our local streams and walking rescue pups. 😊

The **WVU TECH GARDENING AND AGRICULTURE CLUB** grows tasty veggies in our campus greenhouse to sell at the local farmer’s market.

The **FORENSIC INVESTIGATION ASSOCIATION** and **PSYCHOLOGY CLUB** team up to create spectacular escape rooms in the Crime Scene House.

The student chapter of **SAE INTERNATIONAL** has two teams: **SAE BAJA** builds a high-powered, Baja-style racing vehicle while **SAE AERO** constructs and flies a remote-controlled plane.

WWU Tech’s **SPORTS STUDIES** club hosts huge athletic spirit events each year to get the community pumped up about the season.

**GAMING AT TECH** hosts weekly gaming nights on campus (casual games, scary games, you name it).

**MEET YOUR NETWORK**

**HALEY MOUNTS**
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING MAJOR
SAE BAJA DRIVER

“Don’t be afraid to try a little bit of everything and to step out of your comfort zone because, if you don’t, you’ll never know what you’re missing out on. You’ll find people just like you, and maybe even some who aren’t, but you’ll share a passion for something bigger than yourself.”

See more of what our students have built for themselves at [students.wvutech.edu](http://students.wvutech.edu).
KELSEY M. FRANK landed her first research project her sophomore year at WVU Tech. She spent the year researching how distance impacts eyewitness testimony. Then she went on to research concepts ranging from approval-seeking in young adults to how people negatively perceive someone who speaks with “vocal fry” – and she’s shared her work in Boston, New York, South Carolina and with legislators at the West Virginia State Capitol. She earned her psychology degree in 2018, then went on to claim an advanced degree in experimental psychology at Radford University. Now she’s putting her skills to work as a behavioral therapist.

“Research became an outlet for my curiosity in the field. Learning about addiction and substance use has become my primary focus outside of my social psychology studies. It is extremely important to me to be able to build on to the field’s current understanding of substance use and addiction, as its epidemic has tremendously impacted my home state of West Virginia.”

Research is for undergrads, too. Our small-school environment means that students can enter into research opportunities typically reserved for graduate students. We’re working on projects to make our power grids more efficient, improve traffic and create cleaner-burning bio-diesel fuel. What’s next? That’s up to you.

TAVON JOHNSON earned a degree in mechanical engineering, launched a popular student design exposition and worked as an intern at a cybersecurity firm. He then went on to work as a Field Engineer on power plant and water treatment facilities control systems. Now, he’s using that experience to generate technical proposals for customers across North America.

“Don’t enroll in any degree program because you think it will be easy or because you’ll make money. Make sure it’s something you’re passionate about. If this field is what you want and you’re willing to fight for it, it’s completely worth it.”

SEIRRA SEAY loves all animals, but horses (and her dog Stella) hold a special place in her heart. That’s why she wrapped up her biology degree in 2018 and headed straight into veterinary school at Mississippi State University. Now she’s using what she learned to enhance her career, build her network and, eventually, live her dream of healing those animals who enrich our lives so much.

“Tech’s science curriculum has offered me the knowledge to be prepared for learning even more in vet school, and the faculty has always been there to help with any other questions I had.”

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WHERE WILD MEETS Wonderful.

Our campus is located in Beckley, in the heart of West Virginia’s mountains. We’re surrounded by outdoor adventures that attract people from all over the world. From resorts and historical landmarks to regional cuisine and shopping excursions, you’ll never run out of things to do.

ADVENTURE
We’re surrounded by the nation’s finest outdoor recreation activities and state parks. You’ll have access to hiking, paddle boarding, kayaking, fishing, skiing, camping, mountain biking, climbing, zip lining and even biplane rides. And, of course, there are Southern West Virginia’s world-class whitewater rapids.

EXPLORE
West Virginia became a state in 1863, but our history goes back much further than that. Explore Civil War sites, historical towns, antique railroads and exhibition coal mines. Visit the Glade Creek Grist Mill in Babcock State Park or take in spectacular views of the iconic New River Gorge Bridge — one of the highest vehicle bridges in the world. You can also tour the region’s unique museums, which chronicle everything from the state’s craft culture to famous writers who called West Virginia home.

FEAST
Southern West Virginia cuisine is something you have to experience to believe. You’ll have to try the area’s specialties — locally sourced produce, fresh-caught trout, hand-tossed pizza, smoky homemade salsa, pork barbecue, sweet peppered bacon and wild West Virginia ramps. Other fare includes modern Asian-fusion, Italian cuisine, Mexican dishes, specialty coffee and even hand-crafted ice cream.

CONNECT
There’s a rich culture to take in here. Appalachian music, antique shops, bookstores, art galleries and local arts and crafts festivals will connect you to the region’s artists and crafts workers. Catch a play, attend a concert, take in the nightlife or go on a shopping spree. The choice is yours. (There are also conventions, clubs and shops for gamers of all kinds.)
WE’RE FAST.
WE’RE STRONG.
AND WE PUT
THE STUDENT IN
STUDENT-ATHLETE.

This is where we show our strength of mind and body. Our student-athletes compete throughout the nation in 18 varsity sports for men and women—and they do it while making the grade.

Last season, WVU Tech boasted 7 NAIA All-Americans, 61 RSC/AAC All-Conference and 80 RSC/AAC Scholar-Athletes.

CONFERENCES AND ASSOCIATIONS
National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA)
River States Conference (RSC)
Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC)

INTERESTED IN PLAYING ON A DIGITAL FIELD?
We built a competitive esports team for serious gamers.

LEARN MORE ABOUT GOLDEN BEAR ATHLETICS

Varsity Sports
Men
baseball
basketball
cross country
golf
esports
swimming
soccer
track and field
(indoor/indoor)
swimming

Women
basketball
cross country
esports
swimming
soccer
softball
track and field
(indoor/indoor)
swimming

Club Sports
cheerleading
esports
swimming

Living on campus is the heart of the college experience. You’ll make friends and memories, and get the support you need 24/7. Come on, make yourself at home.

OUR RESIDENCE HALLS are so much more than a place to sleep.

WHY SHOULD YOU LIVE ON CAMPUS?
/ Be close to your classes
/ Community study spaces
/ 24/7 assistance from housing staff
/ Fitness facilities
/ Learning experiences outside of the classroom

LIVING ON CAMPUS HAS BIG BENEFITS.
/ Students that live on campus have higher GPAs
/ Living on campus allows you to add more credit hours to your schedule
/ Increased opportunities for community involvement
/ No winter driving worries
/ Meet new people and build lasting friendships

WHERE DO STUDENTS LIVE ON CAMPUS?
/ First-year students reside in Hogan Hall.
/ Upperclass students can choose between Hogan and University Hall.

GETTING HUNGRY YET?
You don’t have to go far to get some great food at one of our campus dining locations.

APPLY FOR HOUSING
Take the first step to getting the most out of your college experience.

Start your housing application by scanning the code to the right or by visiting housing.wvutech.edu.
WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A GOLDEN BEAR.

We love traditions and celebrations, like our end-of-the-semester late night breakfast. We have fun, but we also put in the work. We are a caring community who rolls up their sleeves to serve, raises their voices to support others, and leads with their whole hearts. And, we live by our University values every day so we can make this place the best place it can be.

OUR VALUES

Service
We seek opportunities to serve others and are committed to providing the highest quality of service.

Curiosity
We ask questions, seek new opportunities and change through innovation.

Respect
We are respectful, transparent and inclusive with each other.

Accountability
We perform at our very best every day to create a University that is responsive, efficient and effective.

Appreciation
We support and value each other’s contributions as we build a community that is One WVU.

COMMUTER?

This is your campus, too.

Whether you choose to live on or off campus, this is your home.

Student activities, clubs and organizations are available for all students, whether they’re residential students or commuters.

For commuters, we have a commuter student association that can help you connect fellow Golden Bears on campus.

Living off-campus does come with some rules.

All full-time students with fewer than 59 earned credit hours (including transfer credits) are required to live in University housing unless one of the following exceptions apply (with verification, if requested).

- Student who will be residing with custodial parent(s)/guardian(s) within a commuting distance of 50 miles.
- Student is married
- Student with a child(ren)
- Student will be 21 years of age or older by the first day of the next fall semester

Nationwide, students that live on campus connect better to their college and make higher GPAs than students that commute from home or live off campus. In addition to an improved GPA, students that choose to live on campus also have more diverse social circles. Make the most of your time in college and live in one of our wonderful residence halls.

For a complete list of housing requirements visit housing.wvutech.edu or scan this QR code.
Getting a degree at WVU Tech is not only affordable, it’s a smart investment in you. Here’s what you need to know about the costs associated with attending WVU Tech.

YOUR FUTURE IS AN INVESTMENT.

WE WANT TO HELP STUDENTS EARN THEIR DEGREE, LAND THAT PERFECT JOB AND LAUNCH THEIR CAREERS.

We’ve expanded our scholarship tiers to offer even more students a chance to take on their future as Golden Bears.

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SCHOLARSHIPS OF DISTINCTION FINANCIAL AID

Almost 90% of WVU Tech students receive some type of financial aid. With West Virginia’s PROMISE scholarship program for in-state students and our many institutional scholarships, getting a degree at WVU Tech is affordable. Apply early to receive priority consideration for applicable financial aid and scholarships.

Complete your FAFSA (fafsa.gov) to apply for federal financial aid.

WVU System FAFSA Code: 003827

For a list of scholarships and deadlines, visit financialaid.wvutech.edu.

You can estimate your costs with our net price calculator:

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GO FIRST SCHOLARSHIPS

No ACT or SAT test scores? No problem.

AVERAGE ANNUAL COST 2021–2022

Resident Tuition ..................................................... $7,728
Non-resident Tuition ............................................... $19,296
Room and Board .................................................. $11,486

Some programs of study require additional fees. Room and board average is based on double occupancy and 15-meal plan.

SCHOLARSHIPS OF DISTINCTION

To find out where you’ll fit, find your GPA on the left and your ACT/SAT score on the bottom. Where those numbers meet is where you’ll find your scholarship amount.*

IN-STATE: $3,500 | OUT-OF-STATE: $12,000
IN-STATE: $3,000 | OUT-OF-STATE: $9,000
IN-STATE: $2,000 | OUT-OF-STATE: $7,000
IN-STATE: $1,200 | OUT-OF-STATE: $6,000
IN-STATE: $1,000 | OUT-OF-STATE: $5,000

We use a weighted GPA if provided on the high school transcript or self-reported by the student. WVU Tech rounds high school GPAs to the second decimal point (e.g., 4.19 is rounded up to 4.2, while 4.19 stays at 4.19). Self-reported GPAs may be adjusted based on the official transcript.

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Complete your FAFSA (fafsa.gov) to apply for federal financial aid.

The chart shows the financial aid available to students based on their academic performance and standardized test scores.

FINANCIAL AID

As a member of the WVU System, WVU Tech participates in the WV Promise grant program, with an additional $1,000 provided by WVU Tech. This makes the total package $2,500 in-state and $7,500 out-of-state.

Visit wvutech.edu/tuition to learn more about WVU Tech’s financial aid programs.

*This information is for first-time freshmen domestic students only. For information about aid for transfer or international students, visit admissions.wvutech.edu.
THE WVU SYSTEM.

The West Virginia University System is a family — formed by three unique campuses that bring WVU to all of West Virginia. We’re united by a single mission: providing a quality education.

From the life-changing research of our R1-designated flagship in Morgantown to the caring, student-centered focus of WVU Potomac State to the technology-intensive programs of WVU Tech in southern West Virginia — WVU is statewide. We’re a family of campuses that bring WVU close to your home, and close to your heart.

Each campus has its own personality, traditions and experience — but simply put, we are all West Virginia University.

Which campus is right for you depends on the type of path you choose to travel to your future: staying closer to home, beginning with a two-year degree or launching your adventure at the flagship. Wherever you start, you’ll be diving right into endless opportunities.

MORGANTOWN
26,000+ students
359 majors
\( \checkmark \) R1 research
\( \checkmark \) Big 12 athletics

BECKLEY
WVU Tech
1,600 students
30+ majors
\( \checkmark \) Technology-intensive
\( \checkmark \) Hands-on

KEYSER
WVU Potomac State College
1,100 students
65+ majors
\( \checkmark \) Small classes
\( \checkmark \) Career focused

Moving between WVU System campuses is as easy as filling out a change of campus form.

WHEREVER YOU START, YOU’LL REACH THE SAME GOAL: A WVU DEGREE.

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WVU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
In addition to Morgantown, students spend time at sites in Charleston and Martinsburg to focus on medicine in rural settings.

CHARLESTON
WVU Health Sciences Charleston Campus

MARTINSBURG
WVU Health Sciences Martinsburg Campus

28,000+ WVU STUDENTS STATEWIDE.
SEE THINGS FOR YOURSELF.

There are lots of ways to explore our campus.
Sign up for one of our popular Open House events to learn more about campus alongside other students or register for one of our many special visit events. You can even set up one-on-one appointments with an admissions counselor to learn more about WVU Tech and find answers to all your college questions.

Get started at admissions.wvutech.edu.

APPLY NOW.

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