

Class Profile

The WPI Office of Admissions is pleased to provide our 2009 Class Profile. It has been designed to give you an overview of the Class of 2009 as well as to provide on-campus event information and other items of interest. As you may recall, WPI was the first technological university in the country to go “test optional” in the spring of 2007. Two years later we are happy to report a very successful transition. Over 300 students have chosen not to submit test scores as part of the admissions process, and 44 of them recently entered WPI with the Class of 2013.

Interest in WPI continues to grow, and we welcomed our largest and most diverse first year class in our 144-year history. 930 first year students arrived on campus in late August. The class is made up of 31% women, 20% students of color, and 10% international students. This profile will provide some insight into the class; however, numbers and factoids alone won't adequately portray all the outstanding qualities and experiences that the entering students bring to the WPI community. We hope you will take advantage of the numerous opportunities to see for yourself how these students will make their mark at WPI.

FACTS ABOUT WPI

- Third-oldest engineering school in the nation, founded in 1865 by John Boynton and Ichabod Washburn
- Degrees: BS, BA, ME, MS, MBA, and PhD
- Student body: 3,160 undergraduate and 1,226 full- and part-time graduate students, representing 43 states and more than 70 countries
- Student-to-faculty ratio: 14:1
- Ranked No. 1 for student-to-faculty interaction by The National Survey of Student Engagement
- Ranked No. 21 for highest proportion of classes under 20 by *US News & World Report*
- Ranked in The Princeton Review's top 20 universities for “Happiest Students”
- Worcester ranked No. 9 on *Forbes'* list of “America's Most Liveable Cities”
- Over 90% job and graduate school placement rate

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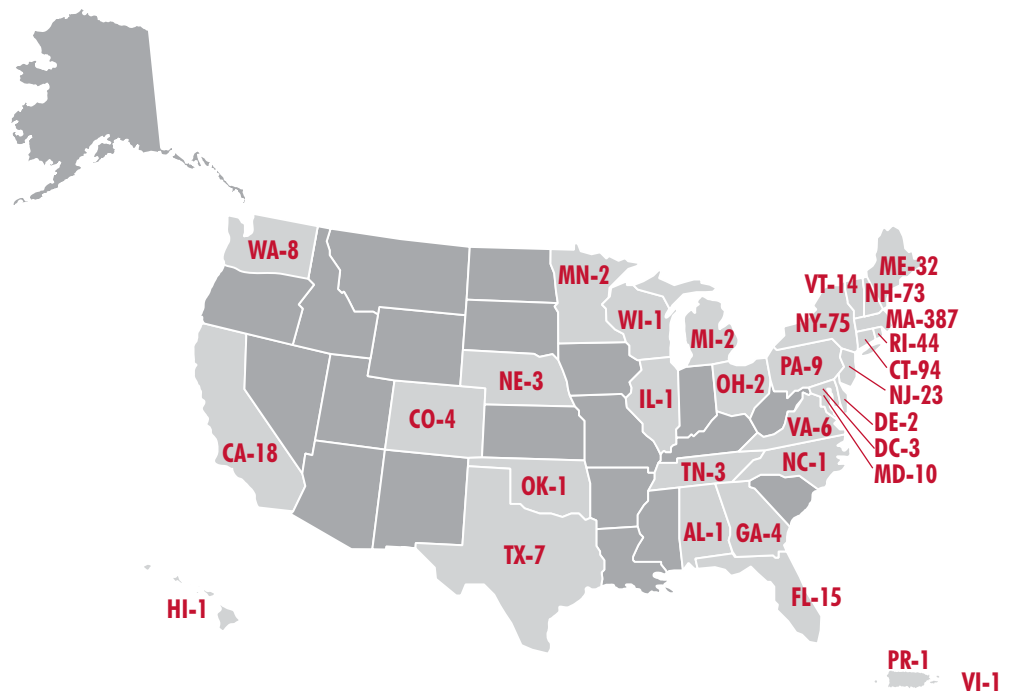
Total Applicants	6,284	SAT Range (Middle 50%)	
Early Action Candidates	2,942	Traditional Scale	1190–1380
Admitted Students	3,989	New Scale	1750–2030
Enrolled Students	930	ACT Range (Middle 50%) 25–31	
Average GPA	3.8	37 Valedictorians, 35 Salutatorians	
Average Rank in Class	Top 13%	342 Students with 4.0 GPA	
Students in top 10% of H.S. Class	55%		

Female Students	31%	Students Coming From	
Students of Color	20%	Massachusetts	41%
Underrepresented Students of Color	13%	Other New England States	28%
International Students	10%	Outside of New England	31%
First Year Students Living on Campus	95%	Students with Legacy Connections	10%
First Year Students Commuting	5%		

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

- Albania
- Austria
- Bangladesh
- Brazil
- Bulgaria
- China
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- Germany
- Greece
- Honduras
- Hong Kong
- Israel
- Jamaica
- Japan
- Kazakhstan
- Korea, Republic of
- Mauritius
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- Nigeria
- Oman
- Panama
- Romania
- Saudi Arabia
- Sri Lanka
- Thailand
- Turkey
- United Arab Emirates
- United Kingdom
- Venezuela
- Vietnam

STATES REPRESENTED



"When you're off, we're on"

AREAS OF STUDY

Business Management

Management
Management Information Systems
Management Engineering

Engineering & Computer Science

Aerospace Engineering
Biomedical Engineering
Chemical Engineering
Civil Engineering
Computer Science
Computers with Applications
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Environmental Engineering
Fire Protection Engineering
Industrial Engineering
Interactive Media and Game Development
Mechanical Engineering
Robotics Engineering

Liberal Arts

Economics
Environmental Studies (BA)
Humanities & Arts:
American Studies, Art History, Drama/Theatre,
Environmental Studies, German Studies,
Hispanic Studies, History, Humanities Studies
of Science and Technology, Literature, Music,
Philosophy, Religion, and Writing and Rhetoric
Interactive Media and Game Development
International Studies
Liberal Arts and Engineering (BA)
Professional Writing
Psychology
Society, Technology, and Policy
System Dynamics

Pre-Professional Studies

Pre-Dental
Pre-Medical
Pre-Law
Pre-Veterinary

Sciences

Actuarial Mathematics
Biochemistry
Biology and Biotechnology
Chemistry
Engineering Physics
Mathematical Sciences
Physics

Other Options

Individually Designed Programs
Interdisciplinary Studies
Undecided (Engineering)
Undecided (Science)
Undeclared
5-year BS/MS Program in Mathematics
5-year BS/MS Program in
Fire Protection Engineering

WPI offers a variety of visiting options for prospective students and their families, designed specifically to give the student a firsthand look at WPI residence halls, classes, facilities, faculty, and students.

OPEN HOUSES

Find out everything you need to know in one day. Call us, or visit our website for details.

October 12, 2009 (Columbus Day)
November 11, 2009 (Veterans Day)

INFO SESSIONS

A one-hour introduction to WPI is offered Monday through Friday at 10 am and 2 pm. No appointment is needed. Campus tours are available before and after each session.

SATURDAY VISITS

Join us on Saturdays from September 6 to December 13 (closed November 29) for a campus tour (9 am, 11 am, or 2 pm) and a group information session (10 am or 1 pm).

CAMPUS TOURS

See the campus and hear about WPI from the student perspective. Tours are given Monday through Friday at 9 am, 11 am, 1 pm, and 3 pm when classes are in session; May and June, tours begin at 11 am, 1 pm, and 3 pm. No appointment is needed.

INTERVIEWS

Meet one-on-one with a member of the Admissions staff. Interviews are by appointment only. Call 508-831-5286 to schedule a date and time.

LUNCH

If you are on campus at noontime during the week, join other visitors and a current student for lunch in the dining hall (prospective students eat free).

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GRADUATING CLASS OF 2009

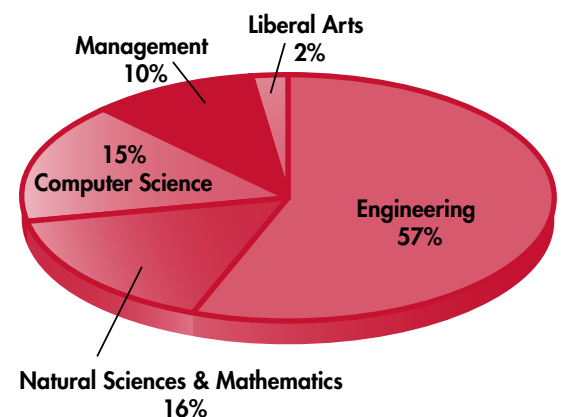
Only four months after graduation, you can already find WPI 2009 graduates at the following companies and graduate schools:

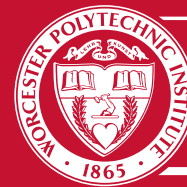
BAE Systems
Boeing Company
Bristol Myers-Squibb
Cisco Systems
Covidien
EMC
ExxonMobil
Fidelity Corporation
General Dynamics
General Electric
Hanover Insurance
MIT Lincoln Laboratory
Naval Undersea Warfare Center
Raytheon
RXi Pharmaceuticals
Seven45 Studios
Shawmut Design & Construction
Travelers
United Technologies
Wyeth Pharmaceutical
Zachary Nuclear

Harvard University
Imperial College of London
New York Medical College
Suffolk University Law School
Tufts School of Dental Medicine
Tufts School of Veterinary Medicine
University of Virginia

Boston College
Boston University School of Medicine
Brown University
Cornell University
Georgetown University

DEGREES BY ACADEMIC AREA 5-Year Average





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The **Class of 2013** boasts many students with impressive extracurricular resumes, including

- an artist who designed the head of the world's largest Buddha statue.
- a three-year member of the USA junior shooting team.
- twin brothers who co-founded an underwater hockey league.
- a competitor in the Miss World Pageant, who finished third representing the Beijing, China region.
- the bronze medal winner at the International Robot Olympiad.
- an inventor with a patent pending for footwear with deployable crampons for walking on ice.
- a young man who started his own production company called "Rubber Ducky Studios."
- a young woman who won three championships for the World Karting Association.
- a student who won several Business Professionals of America awards for web/comp design.
- a student who wrote a program for NASA to determine skin burns from thermal radiation.

For more information about our staff, visit admissions.wpi.edu/Visit.

DID YOU KNOW...?

- The Father of Modern Rocketry, Robert H. Goddard, is a WPI graduate.
- Sean Sears, a recent WPI graduate, won the 2008 USA Rock Paper Scissors League Championship in Las Vegas. He was a finalist in the International Rock Paper Scissors Federation Championship in Beijing during the Summer Olympics.
- WPI has over 1,000 acronyms.
- The Mendenhall Glacier near Juneau, Alaska, is named in honor of Thomas C. Mendenhall, WPI's third president.