



Application

Applying to WPI

You may apply to WPI using our customized WPI application as well as the Common Application (www.commonapp.org) or the Universal Application (www.universalcollegeapp.com). We accept both online and paper versions of each.

Just to ease your mind, we want you to know that we don't have a preference for which application you use, but please submit only one application. Applying with two different types of applications will result in two application records, which will delay the admissions process.

You will receive a Login ID and PIN with your application acknowledgement letter. This will allow you to view your application status online. Please allow two to three weeks for your letter to arrive. This information will also be sent to the email address provided on your application on a rolling basis.

Instructions

FOR ALL CANDIDATES

1. Complete the entire application. Please type or print clearly.
2. Type or print all personal information on any forms (download at admissions.wpi.edu/application.html) prior to distributing.
 - a. Submit the "Math/Science Faculty Recommendation," along with a stamped envelope addressed to WPI's Office of Admissions, to a math, biology, chemistry, or physics teacher/professor who had you in class.
 - b. Submit the "Transcript Request Form" to your guidance or registrar's office. **Please be sure to forward first quarter/semester/senior year grades when available.**
3. Freshman candidates should submit SAT or ACT scores or alternative materials through WPI's Flex Path. Candidates choosing to submit test scores must register to take the SAT or the ACT in time for scores to reach WPI by the end of February 2009.

Students who choose WPI's Flex Path may submit alternative materials that they believe will better reflect their potential for success at WPI in lieu of standardized test scores. Students are encouraged to submit examples of academic work or extracurricular projects that reflect a high level of organization, motivation, creativity, and problem-solving ability. Any significant work undertaken independently or in school that the applicant believes is an appropriate reflection of his or her academic potential will be an appropriate submission. The Flex Path supplement (admissions.wpi.edu/supplement) must also be submitted.

Submissions will be evaluated for one or more of the following: creativity, problem solving ability, initiative, motivation, leadership, academic ability, technical skill, team work, and social commitment.

4. Send your \$60 application fee to this address:
WPI Office of Admissions, Bartlett Center, 100 Institute Road, Worcester, MA 01609
5. Your personal statement may accompany this application or be sent separately by mail or email (admissions@wpi.edu).

All applicants will automatically receive an acknowledgment letter to indicate receipt of application by WPI's Office of Admissions. Please take particular note of anything that might be missing in order to complete your admission folder. Applicants will also receive instructions on how to monitor application status online.

FOR EARLY ACTION CANDIDATES

1. Check the Early Action box on page 1 and on the recommendation and transcript forms.
2. If admitted, Early Action candidates have until May 1, the Candidate's Reply Date, to make an enrollment decision.

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Deadlines

ENTRANCE IN FALL

Early Action (non-binding)

Freshman Admission

Round I Deadline: November 15

Round I Notification: December 15

Round II Deadline: January 1

Round II Notification: February 1

Regular Freshman Admission

Deadline: February 1

Notification: April 1

Transfer Admission

Priority Deadline: April 15

Notification: Rolling

ENTRANCE IN SPRING

Freshman and transfer admission

Priority Deadline: November 15

Notification: Rolling

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FOR FIVE-YEAR BS/MS CANDIDATES

1. As you complete the Program/Area of Study section of the application, be sure to also identify your interest in either mathematics or fire protection engineering.
2. You will be notified, in writing, about your admission to the BS/MS program within four to six weeks of your admission to WPI. Notification will be sent directly from the Mathematical Sciences Department or the Fire Protection Engineering Department.

FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

1. In addition to completing the application, international students must submit the following documents:
 - An official, certified record of secondary school work with all courses and grades (results) listed.
 - An explanation of the grading system used and an English translation of any records in languages other than English.
 - A Statement of Financial Responsibility (in English and with appropriate signatures) and bank or sponsor verification indicating ability to meet WPI's annual cost. (The WPI Certification of Finances Form is available at admissions.wpi.edu.)
If you are applying for financial aid, this form must be submitted by March 1.
2. If English is not your native language, one of the following must be taken in addition to the exams mentioned in #3 of the "all candidates" instructions (see inside front cover of this application):
 - TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)
 - IELTS (International English Language Testing System)
3. Please be sure to include an email address so we may update you on your status.
4. Please be sure to update your mailing address throughout the year.

FOR TRANSFER CANDIDATES

1. You must submit official transcripts of all work completed at the college level, as well as a listing of courses in progress. Mid-semester grades for all transfer candidates are required and a form will be mailed to each transfer student upon receipt of the WPI application.
2. If you have graduated from high school within the last year or have completed fewer than three college semesters, please have your high school transcript sent to WPI.
3. If your formal education has been interrupted for a year or more, please enclose a statement outlining your activities during that time period.
4. You must submit a certification of standing report for each college or university at which you have been enrolled.

FOR FINANCIAL AID APPLICANTS (EXCLUDING NON-CITIZENS)

1. You must obtain a registration form from your guidance counselor for the CSS Financial Aid PROFILE. The registration form will be available in October. Submit the completed registration form to the College Scholarship Service.
2. Upon receipt of the PROFILE, please note the submission time frames for Early Action or Regular Decision candidates. Complete the PROFILE and submit it to the College Scholarship Service according to the applicable time frame (profileonline.collegeboard.com).
3. You must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) after January 1 (available at your guidance office in November). Submit the FAFSA to the U.S. Department of Education (fafsa.ed.gov).

MISCELLANEOUS

How did you become interested in WPI?

To what other colleges are you applying?

Please list the names of any relatives who have attended WPI.

Name	Class	Relationship to you
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Have you ever been suspended or dismissed from any secondary school or college?

Yes No If "yes," please enclose an explanation of the circumstances.

Have you ever been convicted of a crime?

Yes No If "yes," please enclose an explanation of the circumstances.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please use additional sheets of paper to supply us with any other information that you believe will help us to know you better. This information may be, but is not limited to, a personal history or statement, an explanation of past academic performance, a creative work, a description of an important event in your life, or an essay on why you believe you are suited to WPI's distinctive academic program. Please limit your response to not more than 500 words.

Please be sure to include your name, address, and date of birth on these additional sheets.

SIGNATURE

I recognize that all information forwarded in support of the application for admission (i.e., videos, photographs, etc.) becomes the property of WPI and will be kept only for this application year and will not be returned to or shared with me. I understand that it is my responsibility to notify the university if any of the information recorded in this application changes between the time of submission of the application and the time of enrollment at the university. I certify that the information in this application is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

It is the policy of WPI that each qualified individual, regardless of race, color, gender, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, age as defined by law, or handicap, shall have equal opportunity in the education, employment, or services of WPI.

Program/Area of Study

Please indicate your first three areas of interest, in order of preference, by placing numbers (1, 2, 3) beside them.

The university appreciates that your present goals and ambitions may change during your undergraduate career. The choices you indicate here will not obligate you in the future, but are solely for planning purposes.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

- Management
- Management Engineering
- Management Information Systems

ENGINEERING AND 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

PRE-PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

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

SCIENCES

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

LIBERAL ARTS

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

OTHER OPTIONS

- Five-Year BS/MS Program in Math
- Five-Year BS/MS Program in Fire Protection Engineering
- Individually Designed Programs
- Other (specify) _____

UNDECIDED

- Engineering (undecided)
- Science (undecided)
- Undeclared

EXTRACURRICULAR AND PERSONAL ACTIVITIES

Please list your principal extracurricular, community, and family activities and hobbies in the order of their interest to you. Include specific events and/or major accomplishments, such as musical instrument played, varsity letters earned, etc. Place a check mark (✓) in the right-hand column next to those activities you hope to pursue in college (use additional pages if necessary).

Activity	Grade level or post-secondary (P.S.)					Approximate time spent:		Positions held or honors won	Do you plan to participate while in college?
	9	10	11	12	P.S.	Hours/week	Weeks/year		

ETHNICITY (U.S. CITIZENS AND PERMANENT RESIDENTS ONLY)

WPI seeks students from all racial and ethnic groups. If you wish to be identified with a particular racial or ethnic group, please check all that apply.

- Black, African American
- Native American, Alaska Native (tribal affiliation _____ enrolled _____)
- Asian American (countries of family's origin _____)
- Asian, including Indian Subcontinent (countries _____)
- Hispanic, Latino (countries _____)
- Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander
- Mexican American, Chicano
- Puerto Rican
- White or Caucasian
- Other (specify) _____

TEST INFORMATION

Freshman applicants may submit SAT or ACT scores or alternative materials through WPI's Flex Path.

___ I wish WPI to consider my SAT or ACT scores.

Enter date(s) completed or scheduled below:

SAT-I _____

or

ACT _____

___ I do not wish WPI to consider my SAT or ACT scores. Instead, I am submitting alternative materials through WPI's Flex Path. Students choosing this option must complete the Flex Path supplement form and submit the form with their application (admissions.wpi.edu/supplement).

TOEFL/IELTS _____

WORK EXPERIENCE

List jobs (including summer employment) you have held during the past three years.

Specific nature of work	Employer	Approximate dates	Approximate number of hours spent per week

INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL AID

WPI offers limited financial assistance for international students applying as freshmen. If you indicate here that you are applying for assistance, you must also submit the [Foreign Student Financial Aid Application](#). The application is available for download through our website (admissions.wpi.edu) and should be submitted with your application for admission. The deadline is March 1.

FINANCIAL AID

If you indicate that you are applying for aid, additional instructions will be forwarded upon receipt of this application.

Will you be a candidate for financial aid? Yes No

Have you applied for an ROTC scholarship? Yes No

If yes, list branch(es) _____

PERSONAL INTERESTS AND MOTIVATION

Briefly explain how you became interested in your proposed field of study.

What single extracurricular activity has given you the most satisfaction and why?

Briefly describe any project or independent study activities in which you have been involved.



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