



The College of Health Sciences
Welcomes the Future MSMS Class of 2026



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INTERVIEW/ORIENTATION DAY SCHEDULE

Session I

Check-in – 9:00 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.

Welcome/Admissions – 9:20 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Interviewee #1 - 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Interviewee #2 - 10:05 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.

Interviewee #3 - 10:40 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

Interviewee #4 – 11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Interviewee #5 - 11:50 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.

Interviewee #6 - 12:25 p.m. – 12:55 p.m.

Interviewee #7 - 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Interviewee #8 – 1:35 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.

(Times subject to change)

Session II

Check-in – 11:30 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Welcome/Admissions – 11:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Interviewee #1 - 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Interviewee #2 - 12:35 p.m. – 1:05 p.m.

Interviewee #3 - 1:10 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.

Interviewee #4 – 1:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Interviewee #5 - 2:20 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

Interviewee #6 - 2:55 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.

Interviewee #7 - 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Interviewee #8 – 4:05 p.m. – 4:35 p.m.

(Times subject to change)

Student Q&A Panel (for both sessions) 4:40 p.m. – 5:10 p.m.

Western University of Health Sciences Overview

Western University of Health Sciences (Western University) is a non-profit, independent, academic health center, founded as the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP) in 1977. Located on 22 acres in Pomona, California, 35 miles east of downtown Los Angeles in the Pomona Valley, the founding mission of the institution was to educate primary care osteopathic physicians for the western United States. Over the past three decades, Western University has preserved and enhanced its mission, expanding it to include educational programs in the health sciences, pharmacy, graduate nursing, veterinary medicine, biomedical sciences, optometry, dentistry, and podiatric medicine.

The College of Health Sciences supports Western University of Health Sciences (WesternU) in its mission to increase the availability of health care providers to serve the needs of the people living in the western region of the United States. In addition, the College of Health Sciences provides educational opportunities for students in a variety of health careers. There are three academic programs offered in the College of Health Sciences: Master of Science in Health Sciences, Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies, and Doctor of Physical Therapy.

The Department of Medical Sciences joined the College of Health Sciences at Western University in Summer 2021. Prior to that, the program was housed in the Graduate College of Biomedical Sciences. They completed the program 28 months later, graduating in 1994. In 2003, the program changed the start date from January to August and accepted the first entry-level class into a three-year Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree program. In 2003, the university also welcomed the first class of 86 students to its College of Veterinary Medicine, the first and only college of veterinary medicine in Southern California. In 2008, Western University opened the Graduate College of Biomedical Sciences. In 2009, Western University added three new colleges: a College of Dental Medicine, College of Optometry, and College of Podiatric Medicine. Currently, the mission of Western University of Health Sciences is to produce, in a humanistic tradition, health care professionals and biomedical knowledge that will enhance and extend the quality of life in our communities. Within a learner-centered environment, the University encourages lifelong learning, supports faculty and student scholarly activities, provides patient care in support of clinical training, and enhances the quality of life in the region through community service. More than 1,400 students are studying each year to become health care professionals at one of the nine colleges of Western University.

Program Mission and Vision

The mission of the Master of Sciences in Medical Science (MSMS) Program at WesternU is to prepare students for health-related professional school by educating them in the knowledge, critical evaluation skills and research awareness that will allow them to become well-informed, evidence-based professionals.

The MSMS program is designed to assist individuals from diverse backgrounds in gaining acceptance to professional schools with the ultimate goal of increasing the number of health-professionals in underserved areas.

Program Goals

In fulfillment of the mission of the University, the program's goals are to educate students and graduates who inspire to work with rural and urban communities in the advancement of health promotion and wellness.

THE INTERVIEW PROCESS

Interviews at WesternU are meant to be an exchange of information in a warm and welcoming environment. It is an experience that is both positive and enjoyable for the student applicants. Applicants have been selected by the individual college admissions committee because they exemplify those qualities that we feel are important in the health care professionals whom we educate. Selected applicants also fit the mission and vision of the Master of Science in Medical Science (MSMS) program.

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Notification letters of all categories (*accept, alternate, and non-accept*) will be sent approximately two weeks after your interview; please do not call the admissions office for your status.

WesternU considers the interview process completed when the applicant attends ALL the scheduled activities listed.

THE INTERVIEW PROCESS

Orientation

- The interview day has been organized to allow candidates to obtain information on our programs and support services; therefore, we encourage you to **ASK QUESTIONS!**

Interview

- Candidates are asked to review the **Interview Day Schedule** and log on to the Zoom meeting 5-7 minutes prior to the check in time.
- The average interview is 30 minutes. The interview team is typically comprised of WesternU faculty and/or college administration.
- An informal meet and greet session will occur at the end of the second session and will include students, interviewers, the program chair, and CHS administration. Candidates may ask questions of these individuals to gain additional insight into the program they are seeking to join.

Admissions Committee Decisions

- Candidates are notified by email of the committee's decision.
- Following the interview, applicants are placed in one of three categories: Accept, Alternate, or Non-Accept
- Applicants selected as Alternates may be offered a seat in the class as late as the first week of school (typically the first week in June).

Questions

- If you have questions regarding your application, please contact your Admissions Counselor (Please refer to page 18 for contact information).

Interview Day Evaluation Form

You will receive an e-mail shortly after your interview today with a link to our evaluation form. Please take a moment to complete it and submit it as soon as possible. Your feedback and comments are important to us, as we will consider them when planning next year's interview day activities. The information that you report will remain confidential and the program will not use them in determining admission.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

For more information, please visit our web site at: <https://www.westernu.edu/international/> or contact the Director of International Student Services, Katherine Yang - kyang@westernu.edu

ADMISSIONS STATUS

ACCEPT STATUS

MSMS applicants accepted to WesternU will be required to submit the following:

- Official transcripts with degree posted –
- History and Physical Exam – A current history and physical examination is required prior to registration at WesternU. It cannot be more than **six months old** from your first day of matriculation. It is strongly recommended that you schedule an appointment for your physical examination as soon as possible following your acceptance.
- Proof of Immunizations – Proof of current immunity through serum blood titers is required for the following communicable diseases: COVID 19 (vaccine series and booster), measles, mumps, rubella, varicella and Hepatitis B. Your physician must indicate if you are current with your vaccination for tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis and that you have received tuberculosis clearance (must be valid throughout the entire academic year).
- Health Insurance – Every student is required to have health insurance for the duration of their time at WesternU. Students with acceptable coverage will have an opportunity to request a waiver of the university-provided, student-paid health insurance during registration.
- Acceptance Deposit - \$250 payable within two weeks after notification of acceptance.
- Personal Competencies for Admission and Matriculation for the Health Profession College of their choice.
- Accepted students are given a WesternU email address. All communication will be sent to your WesternU email address. It is important that you access and view your email regularly for important and time-sensitive information.

Failure to complete all admissions and pre-matriculation requirements will result in the delay of your financial aid and/or rescindment of your acceptance. If you have any questions, please check with the Admissions office.

Provisional Offer of Admission

Your admission to Western University of Health Sciences (WesternU) is based upon the information reported on your application, during the interview process and/or otherwise shared through written/verbal communication with the University. Consequently, we expect that you will comply with each of the following terms and conditions as outlined below:

Please carefully review this document and submit within the required timeframes. Contingent Offer of Admission: Your acceptance is contingent upon the submission of the following admissions requirements by **June 1st**:

1. Official transcript(s) showing the satisfactory completion of all prerequisite coursework and degree(s).
2. Completed Immunization, Health History and Physical Examination forms.
3. Completed background check from PreCheck (if required by your program).
4. Completed Technical Standards form (if required by your program).
5. Proof of legal U.S. residency (International Students only).
6. Failure to submit any of the above listed items by the deadline may result in the delay of your registration and/or financial aid or the rescindment of WesternU's offer of admission.

Acceptance Deposit: If you intend on enrolling at WesternU, you must accept our offer of admission online as outlined in your admissions packet under What's Next? Accept your Admissions Offer; and submit a nonrefundable acceptance deposit for \$250.00, by the date indicated in your offer of admission letter. In the event you must withdraw your acceptance of WesternU's offer of admission prior to or after the start of classes, or if the offer of admission is rescinded for any reason, your acceptance deposit will be automatically forfeited. Non-payment of the required acceptance deposit by the date shown above will lead to the automatic rescindment of WesternU's offer of admission.

Background Check(s): Due to the nature of our graduate and professional programs, you may be required to submit to a background check prior to and/or during your enrollment at WesternU in accordance with the policy/procedures of the specific College. You are responsible for any associated costs of the first background check. Certain findings/information on a background check may impact your ability to begin and/or continue your education at WesternU, in addition to interfering with WesternU's ability to procure internships/clerkships/rotations sites and impacting your ability to obtain appropriate licensure to practice in your desired profession. Consequently, any findings and/or results of the background check(s) is your sole responsibility to address and/or ameliorate the possible impact of such information. Students are encouraged to ensure they are effectively aware of and/or avoid any infractions/convictions or other aspects that could negatively impact their career progression while at WesternU.

Standards of Academic Integrity, Professionalism and Student Conduct: If WesternU receives information from any source, prior to your enrollment, regarding a history of conduct by you that is inconsistent with or would violate our student conduct policies and/or procedures; your offer of acceptance may be withdrawn immediately. Please review the relevant student conduct policies, located in the General Section of the University Catalog for further information.

ALTERNATE STATUS

- The alternate status is for this year only.
- Alternate candidates may be offered a seat from the time the alternate letter is received until the first day of classes. (Subject to change)
- You will log into your status page and indicate if you would like to remain in consideration. If you should accept a seat elsewhere, please notify us in writing so that we can remove you from the alternate list. Be advised that second interviews are not granted.
- Alternates are not ranked; alternate files will be reviewed for consideration of an offer of acceptance as needed.
- Applicants selected as alternates may or may not be offered a seat for the upcoming entering class. The alternate status **remains unchanged until an offer of acceptance is made by WesternU.**
- Candidates who are unsuccessful in gaining admission will be notified, in writing, by the first week of July and submission of a new application is required to be considered for the next entering class

NON-ACCEPT STATUS

- Applicants will be notified by email.
- Committee decisions are final.
- Applicants may contact an admissions counselor to make an appointment for phone counseling. Suggestions on how to improve your application do not guarantee an interview and/or acceptance to the MSMS Program.
- Remember to check our website for new application deadline dates and/or any changes in program requirements.

Curriculum Organization

To graduate, students must complete a minimum of 46.50 credit hours.

Fall Semester		
Subject/Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours
CHS 5020	The U.S. Healthcare System	2.00
CHS 5030	Intensive Human Anatomy and Embryology	8.50
CHS 5042	Biochemistry	5.00
CHS 5043	Molecular and Cellular Biology	5.00
CHS 5061	Introduction to Biomedical Research	2.00
CHS 5070	Biostatistics	4.00
CHS 5082	Medical Ethics and Professionalism	3.00
Fall Total Credit Hours:		29.50
Spring Semester		
Subject/Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours
CHS 5021	Introduction to Human Pathophysiology	2.00
CHS 5071	Research - Capstone	4.00
CHS 5075	Medical Physiology	4.00
CHS 5079	Medical Microbiology	4.00
CHS 5083	Clinical Environments in Health Care	3.00
Spring Total Credit Hours:		17.00
Program Total Credit Hours:		46.50

* Curriculum is subject to change without notice.

Overview of WesternU Financial Aid Processes

Welcome! The information below is to provide you with a quick overview on how financial aid is processed at our office. Please visit our website at <https://www.westernu.edu/financial/>, which has a lot of useful information.

If you have any questions or feedback, please contact our office at (909) 469-5353 or via email at finaid@westernu.edu. We look forward to assisting you!

Applying for Aid

THE PROCESS

Step 1: Complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#)

- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is open for submission annually each October 1st.
- Create a Federal Student Aid [\(FSA\) ID](#)
- This FSA ID is used to sign your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. If you have an existing FSA ID, you are not required to create another one.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) -<https://studentaid.gov/>
- Western University of Health Sciences (WesternU) school code is 024827
- When completing the FAFSA application, transfer your federal tax information from two years ago ([Prior-Prior Year](#)).

Step 2: Review [Student Budget/Cost of Attendance](#)

- Student Budgets/Cost of Attendance are subject to change and costs vary each year.
- See below for details.

Step 3: [Requirements](#)

- In early spring the Financial Aid Office will email your WesternU email account. This email will instruct you to login to your Student Portal to complete the listed requirements prior to disbursement of loan funds. Once requirements are completed, your financial College Finance Plan will be emailed to your WesternU email account. Awards typically are awarded by the beginning of June.

Step 4: [Financial Aid Offer](#)

Packaging and Award Policy

- Students at WesternU are packaged and awarded as independent graduate students. There are no Grants available to graduate students. Resources such as gift aid, scholarships, Military and the National Health Service Corps will be taken into consideration first when packaging and awarding students.
- All eligible students are awarded the unsubsidized loan based on the length of your academic year <https://www.westernu.edu/financial/loan-counseling/financial-loans-department-education/> and the balance in the Grad PLUS loan to meet the maximum budget.
- Outside scholarships are available! Please visit <https://www.westernu.edu/financial/scholarships/> for more details.

Loans

- Graduate professional students are eligible to borrow federal loans up to the cost of attendance minus other financial aid from the [Department of Education \(ED\)](#) and/or non-Department of Education lenders referred to as an Alternative loan.

- **ED Loans and Interest Rates are as follows:**
 - Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan 8.05% (T-Bill + 3.60%)
 - Grad PLUS Loan 9.05% (T-Bill + 4.6%)
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- The Federal Graduate PLUS loan requires a credit check. If loan is declined, student will need an Endorser.
 - Please remember that the interest rates for each academic year may vary based on what the 10-Year T-Bill will be by the end of May of each year. **In addition, there is an origination fee, which is assessed at the time of disbursement. For additional information visit our website**
<https://www.westernu.edu/financial/loan-counseling/>. Repayment begins 6 months after the student graduates or drops below half time enrollment. Limited deferments and forbearances are available to students upon graduation based on economic hardship.

Alternative Loan

- Eligible students are International, DACA, and those eligible to borrow ED loans.
- International and DACA students must secure a U.S. Citizen co-signer to obtain funding.
- Requires a credit check and is based on credit worthiness. Unlike ED's Loan program, approval is not guaranteed. The lending institutions determine interest rates of which there is no cap. Some lenders may charge an origination fee. Alternative loans may not have deferment/forbearance as an option.

Step 5: Disbursements Schedule

- Disbursement schedules are based on the student's program enrollment terms (fall and spring or fall, spring, and summer terms).
- The financial aid amount you've accepted will be disbursed to your Student Account. Loan funds will first be used to pay for [tuition and fees](#) and then the remainder of it will be deposited to your checking account.
- To view your disbursement schedule, please Login to your Student Portal.

Step 6: Meet with a Financial Aid Counselor

- Students who are borrowing ED loans for the first time at Western University of Health Sciences will receive an email with instructions to schedule their 30-45-minute mandatory New Student Information (NSI) Financial Aid group meeting.

Student Budgets

- The budget is for the student **only** and for educational expenses during the period of enrollment.
- Information is updated annually at the end of March.
- All budgets are estimated costs and are subject to change
- Please visit <https://www.westernu.edu/financial/financial-budgets/> for details.

Tuition & Fees	First Year 11 Months
Tuition	31,605
Student Body Fees	40
Graduation Fees	350
Osmosis Software	160
Exam Soft	70

Tuition & Fees	First Year 11 Months
Student Health Record Fee	50
Total Tuition and Fees	32,275

Budget Items/Estimated Costs	First Year 11 Months
Books & Supplies	862
Living Expenses (room + food)	21,296
Misc. Personal Expenses	6,847
Transportation	3,984
Background Check	50
Loan Fees	First Year 11 Months
Direct Unsubsidized Loan Fees	217
Grad PLUS Loan Fees	1,904
Total Estimated Budget (subject to change)	67,435

The average indebtedness for the WesternU Master of Science in Medical Sciences program for the last 4 years are as follows:

2018 Graduates	\$48,331
2019 Graduates	\$36,993
2020 Graduates	\$44,490

UNIVERSITY STUDENT AFFAIRS – SUPPORT SERVICES

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

Learning Enhancement and Academic Development (LEAD)

www.westernu.edu/lead/lead-about/

LEAD specializes in five main topics that support students through their academic journey here at WesternU. The five main areas include: a) one-on-one academic counseling; b) tutoring; c) the annual Summer Preparedness and Readiness Course (SPaRC); d) the Wellbeing Initiative; e) various workshops relevant to student life. All LEAD services are free of charge to the WesternU community, and all services are completely confidential.

Academic Counseling In one-on-one academic counseling sessions, students can improve their competencies in a range of areas, including study strategies; test taking; focus and retention; time management; stress management; academic and professional writing skills; and more. Each 50-minute session is designed to address the student's unique needs. Appointments are confidential and free to all WesternU students. Students can schedule as many sessions as needed.

Appointments are conducted online via Zoom, and when students return to campus, appointments can then be done in person in the LEAD Office and via Zoom.

Tutorial Assistance Program (TAP) This program offers peer-based, small group content review sessions. To receive TAP support, students must first meet with a LEAD academic counselor and then students must request a tutor. Our LEAD tutors are current and alumni students who have successfully completed the coursework students are requesting.

Wellbeing Initiative The initiative consists of Wellbeing workshops with topics that focus on student wellness. These activities aim to teach students skill sets to stay healthy and well while going through their rigorous programs. The office connects academic guidance with the mission of caring for students in a humanistic way.

Harris Family Center for Disability and Health Policy (^{HF}CDHP)

^{HF}CDHP values the uniqueness of each student as an integral member of our diverse WesternU community by providing individualized academic accommodations, adjustments, and support services for students with disabilities enrolled at WesternU. Our goal is to ensure that all university programs and activities are accessible so students with disabilities can successfully complete their academic and vocational goals.

To learn more about the services we offer or to start the interactive process, please view our webpage at <https://www.westernu.edu/cdhp/>. Here you will find information on how to register for accommodations, required documentation, and other helpful information about our center. Students are encouraged to register with ^{HF}CDHP as soon as they are accepted to their program of study as the interactive process can take up to thirty days to complete and accommodations are not retroactive. To contact our center, please call (909) 469-5441 or email disabilityaccommodations@westernu.edu.

Fitness – Pomona, CA and Lebanon, OR Campuses

<https://www.westernu.edu/students/fitness/>

We want you to stay mentally and physically fit while you are a student, so we offer several great opportunities to stay healthy:

One Pass Select or SamFit – One Pass Select is a new addition to our benefits list and gives you multi-gym access within your tier along with other perks like free grocery delivery from Shipt and Walmart+ (with select tiers). One Pass Select memberships are purchased directly from Optum via a WesternU portal and members can submit for a reimbursement (up to \$100). Exclusive to Oregon, SamFit is an excellent option for our Lebanon students with four locations to serve you (and one is practically on the COMP-Northwest campus!). You pay a discounted and subsidized rate to SamFit and WesternU pays \$100 to the facility on your behalf. The advertised rates at the above link are subject to change in the future.

Reimbursement to any non-SamFit gym – You may be eligible for a reimbursement up to \$100 for an annual/pre-paid membership or a month-to-month membership including One Pass Select (Excluding SamFit).

Behavioral Health Services

<https://www.westernu.edu/students/students-services/students-services-counseling/>

We are pleased to provide all full-time students access to an Emotional Wellbeing Solutions (EWS) for students through OptumHealth. Under the EWS for students, you and any member of your immediate household are eligible for up to six free counseling sessions for each “incident” or situation. Counseling includes but is not limited to emotional well-being; financial planning; work; and school issues. Counseling services may be accessed by telephone, via the web, or face-to-face. On-campus counselors are also available in Pomona and Lebanon.

Identification Badges

Student identification badges must be always worn while on campus. Replacement badges may be obtained in the USC building for a fee of \$10.00.

Health Insurance (Michael)

<https://www.westernu.edu/registrar/student-health-insurance/>.

WesternU requires that all full-time students have comprehensive health care coverage at all times during each academic year, including summer and holidays. In conjunction with our health insurance administrator, Health Sciences Assurance Consulting (HSAC), WesternU offers students the ability to enroll in the university-sponsored student health insurance plan, Aetna Student Health. Students who already have an outside health insurance plan that meets WesternU's requirements can submit a waiver request on the HSAC portal. Coverage requirements for all students seeking to waive out of the university-sponsored student health insurance plan include the following:

- A provider network in your WesternU campus area for primary care, specialty, hospital, and diagnostic care. (Students attending online programs, including those that are only partially online, are exempt from this requirement.)
- Deductible MUST NOT be more than \$1,000 for individual and family (In many cases even if an individual deductible is listed, the family deductible must be met before benefits apply and is considered the deductible.) NO Exceptions.
- Unlimited Major Medical Coverage
- Coverage for an annual exam
- Prescription coverage
- Mental health coverage

Should you choose not to go with another health insurance plan or if you do not show proof of insurance by the published waiver deadline, you will automatically be enrolled in the Aetna Student Health insurance plan which includes dental and vision coverage. This plan is designed to cover you for routine care and in the event of a major medical emergency. Under this plan, students have access to a network of healthcare providers. Listed below are some of the additional main highlights of this insurance plan. For complete details visit our health insurance page at <https://www.westernu.edu/registrar/student-health-insurance/> or call WesternU's insurance administrator, HSA Consulting, at (888) 978-8355 or by email at westernu@hsac.com. *NOTE: There is a University-owned medical center (Patient Care Center) located on the WesternU Campus in Pomona, California and students are welcome to use this medical facility. There are no free services to students. Students may want to call in advance to verify that the wait time will be minimal. The Patient Care Center accepts many types of insurance including the insurance plan described above.*

Student Parking Student Parking

www.westernu.edu/campusmap/

Annual parking permits are \$470, and **semester parking permits are \$235** allowing you to park in designated WesternU parking places. These permits may be purchased during online registration or anytime. <https://commerce.cashnet.com/WUparking>

Students may also utilize daily parking permit spaces in lieu of purchasing an annual or semester parking permit. The daily permit spaces must be paid before they are used (including evenings and weekends). Daily parking permits can be purchased at the Campus Store. After-hour parking is purchased through the kiosks. The daily permit rates are as follows:

- \$3.50 before 7:00 p.m.
- \$1.00 after 7:00 p.m.

Please note: Daily permit rates are determined by the City of Pomona and are subject to change.

Housing

<https://www.westernu.edu/students/housing-information/>

our on-campus students live in the surrounding communities; many of which are within walking and biking distances. Some students choose to live within a 10-to-30-minute driving radius. The **University Student Affairs** office provides many-resources to **assist students in finding housing**. This includes online housing and profiles of available rentals and roommate referral service for students wishing to share housing. Upon acceptance to WesternU, you will be able to access these online services through the U portal. It is the student's responsibility to secure their own housing. For the Lebanon area, a list of local apartment complexes is available to view at local apartment complexes . It is recommended that you secure housing at least two weeks before the first day of orientation.

LA Metro

<https://www.metro.net/riding/fares/#reduced-fares>

Students:

College/Vocational TAP Card – See the Los Angeles County Metro [website](#) for more information.

[Download Application](#)

Metrolink

www.metrolinktrains.com

If you are interested in using the Metrolink, which has a station just a few blocks from campus, be sure to secure housing east of campus. To access schedules and other information, please go online to www.metrolinktrains.com. Students with a valid student I.D. and riders 18 and younger can take Metrolink for free using the [Student Adventure Pass](#). [Learn how to obtain your pass](#). The rail line which runs parallel to WesternU is the Riverside Line which goes from Downtown Riverside to the Downtown Pomona station. There is also the San Bernardino Line which goes from San Bernardino to the Pomona North station (3 miles north of campus). These are the closest stations to WesternU.

Student Government Association, Community Service Clubs

<http://www.westernu.edu/students/students-government/>

<https://www.westernu.edu/students/clubs/>

WesternU has a very active Student Government Association (SGA) on campus that serves as the voice of our students. In addition, we have over 170 different clubs between the Lebanon and Pomona campuses comprising of such diverse groups that include, but are not limited to, nationally affiliated professional organizations, cultural/religious groups, and interest-based groups. Our clubs and classes take part in a variety of community service events each year including offering free health screenings at numerous health fairs, facilitating *Santa's Workshop* for over 200 foster care children, and assisting at/participating in events such as the Special Olympics and 5K runs to support cancer research. We also host two *Club Weeks* per year where you have an opportunity to visit various club booths to discuss their mission and join as a member.

In addition, if you are interested in journalism, we encourage you to get involved in the publication of the **WesternU Humanism Magazine**. The magazine is written and edited by students under the direction of faculty advisors.

The Office of Humanism, Equity, and Anti-Racism (HEAR)

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<https://www.westernu.edu/hear/>

Leads University-wide initiatives and actions to actualize WesternU's commitment to Humanism. Provides diversity, equity, inclusion, anti-racist education, training, professional development; offers a range of services for WesternU students, faculty, staff, administrators, and various communities. Responsible for University-wide cultural programming, advocacy, and support for diversity, equity and inclusion. Works collaboratively with multiple stakeholders and leaders from all the colleges, administrative and support departments on the Pomona and Lebanon campuses to make WesternU an inclusive community where people of all identities and backgrounds belong and thrive.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTACTS

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FINANCIAL AID

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UNIVERSITY STUDENT SERVICES

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For questions regarding Housing: rentals, roommates and more

(909) 469-5340

For specific questions relating to MSMS Program:

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