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Curiosity has no limit at Wesleyan— just like your potential

Your Wesleyan experience will begin at the dynamic intersection of your goals, dreams, and pursuits—all the things that make you who you are, and who you want to become. We want you to discover the unexpected connections and combinations you can create when you have the freedom to explore, focus on what you want to do, and commit fully to the future you envision for yourself.

Wesleyan is where disciplines converge and coalesce, where passions are infused with purpose, and where explorers and achievers come from around the world to become their best—and most authentic—selves in a vibrant, inclusive community.

At **Wesleyan** you can chart your unique academic path and follow it to a life that inspires you.

- + Develop the knowledge, skills, and capacity for critical thinking that will prepare you for a life of meaningful work.
- + Ask challenging questions, take bold risks, and leap far beyond your comfort zone.
- + Engage with people who are like you—and not at all like you—and shape the future together.

At Wesleyan, you don't have to choose between all the things that inspire **you**.

Discover your **and +**
more at Wesleyan.

Break the ceiling—and keep on rising

Learning is a way of life at Wesleyan... a way of life defined by action.

Every day brings new opportunities to deepen your knowledge, challenge your assumptions, push past obstacles, and do meaningful work that matters to you and the world around you.

More than 30,000 Wesleyan alumni across the nation and around the world occupy integral roles in their chosen industries and fields because they developed the skills to be innovators at Wesleyan.

They are **explorers** and **achievers**—critical thinkers, effective communicators, and opportunity-seekers who see everything around them through a lens of possibility.

In their hands, theory becomes practice, ideas become innovations, and hope becomes change.

That's what your future looks like, too. Bring your potential, and we'll provide you with the freedom and tools to take what you envision and make it a reality.



EXPLORERS + ACHIEVERS

“Finding my voice at Wesleyan and honing a point of view about the world, this specific notion was empowering to me. It prompted me to wonder: ‘What if I could do that? What if I could, through my career, actually impact others in that profound of a way?’ After graduating, I joined Teach for America. I began teaching fourth grade, seeing what was possible for my students, and this led me to a career of expanding opportunities for all students and helping fix a broken system. My job requires me to see possibility in the system and get others to see it too, and then take bold action.”

Kira Orange-Jones '00
DISTRICT 2 REPRESENTATIVE
FOR THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY
AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
TIME MAGAZINE MOST INFLUENTIAL 100 PEOPLE, 2015



Dive deep—and dare to try it all

At Wesleyan, your academic experience will be deep and broad, shaped by your interests.

Whether it's exploring a particular discipline in multiple dimensions or integrating multiple disciplines to create an intellectual journey that's distinct for you, you will have the freedom to **immerse** yourself in what you love and **expand** your horizons by trying new things and getting better at them.

Through more than **1,000 courses**, **45 majors**, and **32 minors**, you can create your academic journey in unexpected and innovative ways to spark your curiosity and collaborate with like-minded scholars across our seven colleges and eight academic centers.

As you refine and evolve your academic exploration, our intensely committed faculty and staff are there to guide, mentor, and challenge you every step of the way. You'll also find support from peer advisors, who can help you evaluate courses and hone your academic and time management skills.

Together, we'll ensure you build a solid foundation of knowledge and skills for whatever comes next in your studies, career, and life.



“When applying to colleges I was very concerned about putting myself in a box and limiting the courses offered to me. I was drawn to the open curriculum and the opportunities afforded to me to take classes in the social sciences and humanities while maintaining a strong STEM background. Whether it's been through academic peer advisors or faculty advisors, I've been encouraged to take classes outside of my major and comfort zone. Geology / Earth Science was not something I was planning on studying in college, but I am so glad that I am!”

Guy Bennevat Haninovich '23
EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES +
COMPUTER SCIENCE / INFORMATICS + MODELING minor



“I knew I was interested in studying theater when I first came to Wesleyan, but I wanted to take full advantage of the open curriculum—I liked the variety in my schedule, and it seemed like a great way to become well-rounded. I had no intention of minoring in religion but I enjoyed every single class I took, and over time I discovered connections to my theater work, especially the ideas of ritual and performance. Through the open curriculum, I was able to find something I had not expected to be interested in, then pursue it.”

Sarah Shapiro '23
THEATER + RELIGION minor



Collaboration in action—from day one

Whatever you choose to study at Wesleyan, you won't stand on the sidelines, reading the outcomes of someone else's work, or relying on the pages of a textbook to tell you what you need to know.

You will engage in **passionate** discourse and debate, challenge your assumptions, and work through **purposeful**, hands-on collaboration in the classroom, in the lab, and beyond the border of campus. You will develop the knowledge, intellectual agility, and confidence to prepare you for a rapidly changing world.

Our academic model, across every department, college, and academic center we offer, integrates the classic framework of a liberal arts education with the opportunity to do meaningful interdisciplinary research alongside dedicated and expert scholar-teachers who want you to work with them—not for them.

Our faculty are committed to seeing you succeed, and to providing you with one-on-one advising support to ensure you're staying on the course you've set for yourself.

FACULTY AT A GLANCE

400+

SCHOLAR-TEACHERS AND EXPERT RESEARCHERS

47%

WOMEN

53%

MEN

26%

PERSONS OF COLOR

7:1

STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO



“Not only do we get the opportunity to do collaborative research at Wesleyan, but we also have the independence and opportunity to use equipment and supplies to design our research projects. Now I can envision myself having my lab one day, like my mentor, Dr. Mukerji.”

Gura-Tul-Ain Khan '22

SCIENCE IN SOCIETY + BIOLOGY + RELIGION
RONALD E. MCNAIR SCHOLAR

PASSION + PURPOSE



“Research opportunities give students the ability to take learning from the classroom and apply it in a real-world setting—abstract concepts immediately become tangible in the lab. Once students feel comfortable with the research, start experimenting on their own, and come up with great ideas for their next steps, they become more invested and excited about their work. It's very gratifying for me, the mentor, to see their excitement.”

Ishita Mukerji

FISK PROFESSOR OF NATURAL SCIENCE
PROFESSOR OF MOLECULAR
BIOLOGY & BIOCHEMISTRY

Academics

Wesleyan offers a broad range of **majors and minors** that enable you to immerse yourself deeply in a particular field of study, create connections among multiple disciplines, and experiment with a field that's completely new to you.

Our **open curriculum** balances a strong academic foundation with the opportunity to create a unique-to-you combination of disciplines, fields, and subject matter areas. Our General Education Expectations provide a thoughtful launching pad for exploration—instead of a rigid set of requirements that hem in your creativity and curiosity. Curricular coherence here does not rely on a set of required courses; instead, students propose their academic plan to their faculty advisors and recalibrate it with their advisors each semester as their discoveries lead them to pursue new areas or deepen existing strengths.

Using this flexible framework to broaden your exploration, yet deepen your areas of expertise, you'll learn to think independently, appreciate different perspectives and points of view, make an argument for what you believe, and develop fundamental critical thinking and communication skills that will serve you for a lifetime.

Along the way, our faculty will be passionate, supportive mentors and advisors who will challenge you to make bold choices that align with your academic and career goals, and our student peer advisors will use the lessons they've learned to help you gain a solid foothold in managing everything from the demands of your coursework to your time.



Wesleyan's colleges and academic centers offer unique interdisciplinary majors, minors, certificates, and co-curricular opportunities for students who want to integrate different areas of focus and study, providing a locus for sharing ideas and innovating novel approaches.

COLLEGES

- Bailey College of the Environment
- College of East Asian Studies
- College of Education Studies
- College of Film and the Moving Image
- College of Integrative Sciences
- College of Letters
- College of Social Studies

ACADEMIC CENTERS

- Allbritton Center for the Study of Public Life
- Center for the Arts
- Center for Humanities
- Center for Jewish Studies
- Fries Center for Global Studies
- Public Affairs Center
- Quantitative Analysis Center
- Shapiro Center for Creative Writing and Criticism

Our 5-year BA/MA program in the natural sciences, mathematics, and psychology allows Wesleyan undergraduate students to continue at Wesleyan University for a degree of Master of Arts (MA) after completing their bachelor's degree. This program has a research orientation and includes course work, seminars and, in some cases, teaching, in preparation for further advanced study or employment in industry.

MAJORS () AND MINORS ()

- African American Studies M | m
- African Studies m
- American Studies M
- Animal Studies m
- Anthropology M
- Archaeology M | m
- Art History M | m
- Art Studio M
- Astronomy M
- Biology M
- Caribbean Studies m
- Chemistry M | m
- Civic Engagement m
- Classical Studies M
- College of East Asian Studies M | m
- College of Integrative Sciences M
- College of Letters M
- College of Social Studies M
- Computer Science M
- Dance M | m
- Data Analysis m
- Earth and Environmental Sciences M
- Economics M | m
- Education Studies M | m
- English M
- Environmental Studies M | m
- Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies M
- Film Studies M | m
- French Studies M | m
- German Studies M | m
- Global Engagement m
- Government M
- Hispanic Literature and Cultures M
- History M | m
- Human Rights Advocacy m
- Informatics and Modeling m
- Integrated Design, Engineering, Arts, & Society (IDEAS) m
- International Relations m
- Italian Studies M
- Jewish and Israel Studies m
- Latin American Studies M
- Mathematics M
- Medieval Studies M | m
- Middle Eastern Studies m
- Molecular Biology and Biochemistry M
- Molecular Biophysics m
- Music M
- Muslim Studies m
- Neuroscience and Behavior M
- Philosophy M
- Physics M | m
- Planetary Science m
- Psychology M
- Religion M | m
- Romance Studies M
- Russian, East European, & Eurasian Studies M | m
- Science in Society Program M
- Sociology M
- South Asian Studies m
- Theater M
- University M

Ideate and create—in every dimension

From the studio to the lab, to the editing suite, to the seminar hall, to the stage, students and faculty at Wesleyan take a fearless, **spirited** approach to integrating creativity into every facet of their lives.

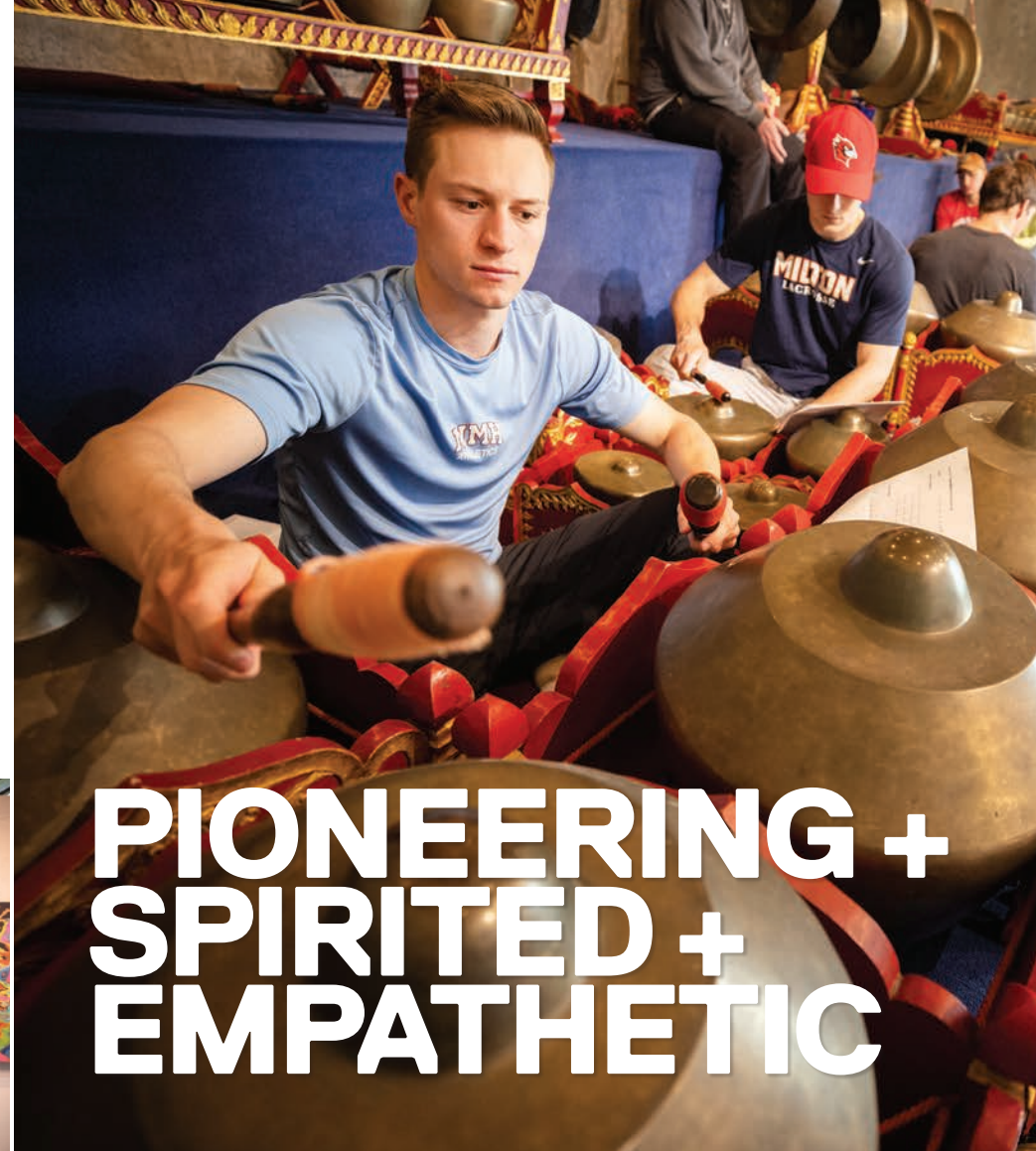
You'll meet historian-singers, documentarian-biologists, programmer-sculptors, environmentalist-dancers, and mathematician-poets who are **pioneering** new ways to express themselves, both as individuals, and in collaboration with others. Your true-to-you intersection of interests is waiting to be discovered—and embraced by those around you.

At Wesleyan, we are **empathetic** storytellers who find unexpected ways to share our perspectives, and to embrace the experiences of those around us, enabling us to break down walls and strengthen our connection as a community. At Wesleyan, we not only celebrate creativity but we teach you to use creativity to build interesting careers.

However you choose to create and share your story, you'll find the inspiration and encouragement to make it happen at Wesleyan.

“The students who self-select to take documentary courses at Wesleyan are motivated and interested in engaging with the material. Most of them are surprised about how varied the art form of documentaries can be. When they first come in, they have certain ideas and after they leave, their minds are kind of blown in some ways. There's great value in studying and majoring in other things than just film, and that fits with Wesleyan's whole approach to interdisciplinary learning. We make films about people, places, and things—the human condition.”

Tracy Heather Strain
CORWIN-FULLER PROFESSOR OF FILM STUDIES
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE COLLEGE OF FILM
AND THE MOVING IMAGE



PIONEERING + SPIRITED + EMPATHETIC



“I enjoyed my music studies at Wesleyan because I was exposed to things that I didn't know were important at the time. All of these things would influence the way I thought about and perceived the world around me moving forward and would find their way into my creative work. I have met so many Wesleyan alumni over the years, many in the creative fields of music, art, television, and film. I've always been able to have very thoughtful conversations with these fellow alumni and share an excitement about our creative endeavors that pushes us forward in some way—so we can take risks and do something unexpected.”

Santi “Santigold” White '97
SINGER-SONGWRITER / INDIETRONICA ARTIST

ARTS AT WESLEYAN

The arts are a constant drumbeat at Wesleyan—in every corner of our campus, in unexpected ways. We offer hundreds of opportunities to get involved, including:

- + Dozens of performing and visual arts courses open to students of any major, in disciplines like sculpture, printmaking, and digital design, as well as interdisciplinary department collaborations.
- + Rich co-curricular opportunities to make and experience art, including clubs devoted to everything from hip-hop dance to fire performances.
- + Artist residencies from multi-disciplinary, boundary-breaking creators like Laurie Anderson, Eiko Otake, Toshi Reagon, and Miranda Haymon.
- + State-of-the-art creator spaces and studios where students can craft and execute their own original works or collaborate and learn from the works of others.

USING CREATIVITY TO BUILD EQUITY

Bringing together faculty from Film Studies, Economics, Dance, and Theater, community organizers who work on housing discrimination, equitable access to arts experiences, and antiracism in the Middletown community, and guest artists who work in architecture and performance and their intersection with Black liberation, the Embodying Antiracism Initiative is Wesleyan's distinct effort to move beyond the narrative of diversity and inclusion toward actual equity and full participation for all of our community members. This multi-year initiative engages the community through creative exploration to tackle one of today's most challenging cultural issues.

Research with real-world impact—and beyond

At Wesleyan, science is an interdisciplinary, interactive, and deeply inspiring set of paths that overlap, intersect, and convene to facilitate discovery and innovation. From geological surveys on Venus, to soil testing on our own sustainable agriculture-focused organic farm, our students and faculty are focused on inquiry and insight—the “why” and “how” behind every aspect of the universe we live in.

Our undergraduate science majors, who make up approximately 30% of our student body, benefit from hands-on experimentation and faculty research collaboration, including opportunities to be published in leading scientific journals. Our master’s degree and doctoral candidates round out this scientific community, fostering innovation, cross-curricular research, and real-world impact.

As a science student at Wesleyan, you’ll also be encouraged to combine your major with minors in other departments, including arts and humanities—a key benefit of pursuing your academic goals at a small liberal arts-focused university.



“At Wesleyan, I’ve been able to work in an environment where I can do the highest level of research as well as teaching—Wesleyan is unusual in that it allows for research at this level even though it is not a huge institution. I’m so happy to be able to show that you can have this kind of job and still do this level of research, and to show what a special place Wesleyan is.”

Martha “Marty” Gilmore
 GEORGE I. SENEY PROFESSOR OF GEOLOGY
 DEPARTMENT OF EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

WESLEYAN X NASA

Professor Marty Gilmore is part of a team developing two NASA-backed missions to Venus—DAVINCI (Deep Atmosphere Venus Investigation of Noble gases, Chemistry, and Imaging) and VERITAS (Venus Emissivity, Radio Science, InSAR, Topography, and Spectroscopy)—but as passionate as she is about Venus, Professor Gilmore is also passionate about mentoring her students and opening up opportunities and access for the next generation of scientists.

COLLEGE OF INTEGRATIVE SCIENCES

Tackling global challenges in such diverse areas as energy, public health, and the environment requires a broad knowledge base combined with creative problem-solving approaches. The College of Integrative Sciences (CIS) is dedicated to equipping students with the creative, quantitative, and integrative skills to meet these challenges. You will develop expertise in multiple disciplines combined with research methods to become creators of knowledge at the forefront of our changing world.

QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS CENTER

Data science is an integral component of virtually every academic, business, public sector, and political endeavor in today’s world. Our Quantitative Analysis Center provides quantitative education and research support for students throughout their course of study, regardless of major.



The IDEAS Lab, a collaborative digital makerspace, is a vital part of our Integrated Design, Engineering, Arts & Society minor, where state-of-the-art machines bring student innovations to life.



Explore the world—and your place in it

Wesleyan is a multi-dimensional, global campus, representative of our increasingly interconnected world—and that’s both important and intentional.

We actively recruit and welcome international students to join us in Middletown, Connecticut, and we **embrace** the many cultures, traditions, and perspectives they bring to our campus. We also encourage students across all of our disciplines to **discover** how they can pursue their academic goals in over 300 opportunities to **study abroad**. At Wesleyan, studying abroad is an integral part of your education. All programs we offer are carefully vetted by Wesleyan faculty and staff, financial aid travels with you when you study abroad, and credits and grades automatically transfer to ensure you stay on track with your plan of study.

Our international students and our students who bring back their experiences from abroad help us maintain a vibrant, diverse, multilingual, and accepting community, and help us cultivate global citizenship in the next generation of innovators.

OUR STUDENTS BRING THE WORLD TO OUR CAMPUS

56% 44%
WOMEN MEN

76%
COME FROM OUTSIDE NEW ENGLAND

10%
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

32%
DOMESTIC STUDENTS OF COLOR

13%
REPRESENT THE FIRST GENERATION IN THEIR FAMILY TO ATTEND COLLEGE



“My sister also went to Wesleyan and we have family in the US, so I had a good sense of what campus life might be like, but there was still some inevitable culture shock—it’s a big jump to come from Versoix, Switzerland, to Middletown, Connecticut! But the first week I was here was International Student Orientation Week, and I fell in love. I met my very best friends—the people I now live with to this day—each of us from a different country, but exactly where we’re supposed to be.”

Lex Bryan '23
ART STUDIO + ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

EMBRACE + DISCOVER

Our **Alternative Language Study Options** program enables students to continue languages they may have started while abroad or initially learned at home, such as Swahili, Modern Greek, Farsi, and more. In Cultures and Languages Across the Curriculum classes, learners and native speakers use their languages to study topics ranging from music, film, philosophy, history, and environmental studies in languages other than English.

The **Office of International Student Affairs** provides support and guidance on every aspect of international student life at Wesleyan, including navigating the cultural, academic, personal, and financial complexities of life in the United States. This also includes advising students on federal immigration regulations to ensure you have a great experience at Wesleyan.

The **Fries Center for Global Studies** helps our community engage in local and global multicultural environments. Fostering collaboration among students, faculty, and staff, we support the knowledge, language and intercultural skills, self-awareness, and empathy needed for responsible participation in an increasingly interdependent world.

LANGUAGES AT WESLEYAN

We do not have a formal language requirement, yet more than 61% of our students choose to take a language course. In addition to the nearly 80 different languages spoken by students, faculty, and staff on campus, we offer full classroom instruction in 15 different languages—the most of any other coeducational liberal arts college in the country.

- + Arabic
- + American Sign Language
- + Chinese
- + French
- + German
- + Greek
- + Hebrew
- + Hindi-Urdu
- + Italian
- + Japanese
- + Korean
- + Latin
- + Portuguese
- + Russian
- + Spanish

A place to belong and grow

We take pride in nurturing our students' strong social conscience, awareness, and business acumen. A small city with a population of almost 50,000, Middletown is rich in opportunities to engage and make a meaningful impact through a wide variety of formal and informal civic activities (including volunteer work, internships, and service-learning courses), as well as nonprofit and business sector experience.

The **Jewett Center for Community Partnerships** is the home of community engagement at Wesleyan University, working with students on volunteer and community-based activities through partnerships with local schools, nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and the Middletown community at large.

The **Allbritton Center for the Study of Public Life** supports Wesleyan's tradition of the scholar-teacher by encouraging faculty research in a manner that directly benefits and enhances student learning and serves as the hub of civic engagement for Wesleyan students, promoting the integration of experiences outside of the classroom with the academic curriculum taught within the classroom.

The **Patricelli Center for Social Entrepreneurship** builds a community of changemakers by teaching practical skills and forging pathways for student entrepreneurs and innovators.

The **Gordon Career Center** offers summer grants, alumni/student networking, and internships that help students explore innovative ways to apply their creativity and knowledge to their career ambitions.



**ENGAGE +
IMPACT**



“I’m a coordinator for Cardinal Kids, an afterschool program run by Wesleyan students that works with elementary schoolers in Middletown, and I’m teaching a theater class for a group of third through fifth graders. It’s been really rewarding to see them learn the ropes of the theater and still have fun being silly in a safe environment. Finding ways to get involved with the broader community—whether it’s working with kids, volunteering at a soup kitchen, or something else—is integral to being part of Wesleyan: you’re branching out and learning more about yourself and the world you’re in.”

Jack Vigue '25
SOCIOLOGY + ITALIAN



PRACTICING DEMOCRACY

Wesleyan has a long history of supporting student engagement in the public sphere. To that end, we have a Civic Action Plan that sets defined goals for building civic preparedness among our students, faculty, and staff, and for enhancing Wesleyan's role in public life.

That's why we created E2020: a comprehensive, cross-campus effort to deeply integrate civic engagement into Wesleyan's model of liberal arts education. Regardless of your political affiliations or stance on specific issues, you'll have the opportunity to become an active participant in work that has a direct impact on the Wesleyan community, and the broader community around us.

To date, E2020 has seen hundreds of students engage with voter registration efforts, advocacy initiatives on critical issues, as well as local and national political and civic campaigns. And we have a network of hundreds of other schools partnering with us in this work.

Speak your truth—and value every voice

Together, we make Wesleyan, Wesleyan.

At Wesleyan we believe we are all stronger for the endless ways our different paths **converge**, overlap, and impact one another. Our individual stories are our own, to develop, to share (or not), and to discover. But we also have a responsibility to each other, to respect our individuality and to be open-minded and nonjudgmental in the pursuit of greater social and intellectual understanding. We believe that being together in community in a safe space where we can let our truest selves **emerge** is integral to a healthy, thriving, and future-focused campus. We don't shy away from tough conversations, and we encourage open-minded discourse and among students, faculty, and staff.



“After initially finding community with other first-generation low-income students in a program called First Things First, over the years I found camaraderie in different environments at Wesleyan. I've been a tutor, an Office of Admission tour guide, a member of our group on campus for men of color, the photography club, and the FGLI advisory board. Through each unique community I have not only been welcomed warmly: each has offered different perspectives, creative opportunities, guidance, and a chance to have engaging, intellectual conversations, because of the culture Wesleyan has to offer.”

Patrick Lenard '23
AMERICAN GOVERNMENT + ECONOMICS



“Following eight years in the Navy, I knew I wanted to go to college on a small campus where I could figure out who I was going to be outside of the military. There was already a community of veterans at Wesleyan, and having that community grounded me and enabled me to be successful. In some ways, my voice as a veteran is amplified at Wesleyan, but the community here is also symbiotic: the traditional-age students are so motivated, and they've taught me a lot that's changed my perspective.”

Desaree Edwards '25
NEUROSCIENCE + HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY minor

STUDENT AFFINITY GROUPS

Wesleyan's 200+ student groups include dozens of student-led organizations dedicated to building understanding of diverse backgrounds, cultures, spiritual practices, and identities, such as groups for first-generation students, students of color, religiously oriented students, and students who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community.

PATHWAYS TO INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

Wesleyan's Office for Equity and Inclusion offers ongoing programs to create broader access and opportunities for historically underrepresented students in our local community and beyond.

- + The **Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Program** provides guidance, research opportunities, and academic support for students from underrepresented groups—including first-generation and low-income students—in progressing successfully through their path to earning a PhD.
- + The **Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship** aims to increase the number of underrepresented students who will pursue PhDs in the arts and sciences.
- + The **Wesleyan Mathematics and Science Scholars Program** is a two-year program that prepares students for the academic challenge of Wesleyan math and physical science courses, including a two-week online summer bridge experience.

QUESTBRIDGE

Wesleyan has been a committed QuestBridge Partner College since 2008 and graduated the first class of Quest Scholars in 2012. We typically enroll between 30 to 40 Quest Scholars each year, including no fewer than 10 scholars through the College Match—all of whom have their full demonstrated need met through comprehensive, need-based financial aid.

FREEMAN ASIAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

We provide full scholarships for a four-year course of study toward a bachelor's degree for up to 11 exceptional students annually from these countries: the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Student Life

The Wesleyan campus is always buzzing with activity, with endless ways to get involved. Any given day might bring music performances, varsity or **intramural sports**, social justice or advocacy initiatives, film showings, dance parties, or art exhibitions. From growing food for campus dining and the local community at our own organic farm to advocating for and serving refugees and displaced persons through the Wesleyan Refugee Project, Wesleyan students are **civic minded** and community focused. **Creativity** abounds in *Fray Magazine*, an inclusive digital publication where students explore and express their interest in fashion, while the FUSION Dance Crew allows students to find community through street, contemporary, and hip-hop based dance styles from many different cultures. The organizations are as diverse as our students' imaginations.



Try anything and everything—and don't stop trying

There's a distinct energy that spans every corner of our Wesleyan campus. The fearlessness, fierceness, and fun that define our community come to life in our 200+ student clubs, groups, and teams.

Our extraordinary range of co-curricular activities provides you with countless opportunities to pursue interests you already possess, explore different forms of expression, and discover future passions you haven't even heard of yet.

Whether it's an intensive academic opportunity that adds depth and **rigor** to your studies, a social justice-focused coalition that puts your values into action, an investment club that challenges your critical and analytical skills, or a sports or dance activity that gets your blood flowing and body moving, you'll find yourself **daring** to try new things, meeting new people—and leaving your comfort zone far behind.



RIGOROUS + DARING



“ Before touring Wesleyan, I had considered taking a gap year, but after visiting, I couldn't wait to start college! Now I work as a tour guide, which is incredibly exciting because I can connect with prospective students and introduce them to such an incredible place—it lets me share my ever-growing enthusiasm for the amazing opportunities, experiences, and community at Wesleyan! Besides working with Admission, my co-curriculars include farming at Long Lane Farm, house manager of Open House (Wesleyan's Queer affinity program house), ice skating at Wesleyan's ice rink, and Wesleyan Democratic Socialists and the Asian American Student Collective. ”

Teddy Shusterman '24
SOCIOLOGY + FEMINIST, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES

“ When I visited Wesleyan, I was truly sold by the energy on campus, and all I could do here. I was excited about the music and arts, including the violin lessons and printmaking classes that the Center for Fine Arts had to offer. Now I run a harm reduction nonprofit called the Middletown Harm Reduction Initiative that provides overdose prevention and safer use resources to community members who use drugs. I'm also a clinical researcher at the Community Health Center where I study the role of genetics and precision medicine in the primary care setting. I'm an EMT on the East Haddam Ambulance, the TA for the EMT course here at Wesleyan, and a member of the Title IX Student Advisory Committee. ”

Livia Cox '22
NEUROSCIENCE + SCIENCE IN SOCIETY

Meet the challenge—and challenge yourself

At Wesleyan, our athletics programs help students balance their studies with high-level competitive excellence—which is why so many of our athletes have gone on to be competitors and coaches in both professional and Olympic sports, and successful in sports-related industries.

Wesleyan is a member of the **New England Small College Athletic Conference** (NESCAC, an 11-member league in NCAA Division III). We have 30 varsity teams and 25 club and intramural sports teams playing in state-of-the-art facilities.

More than 780 students participate in intercollegiate sports each year, and 56% of our student body is active in either varsity, club, or intramural sports every year. While academics are their priority, they put incredible commitment and discipline into building their skills on the field, rink, and court.

Student-athletes possess the **courage** it takes to achieve at their highest levels, and the **camaraderie** to be part of a united team.



COURAGE + CAMARADERIE

WESLEYAN ATHLETICS STATS + FACTS

783

STUDENT-ATHLETES

431

ALL-AMERICANS

7

TEAMS HAVE MADE NATIONAL SEMIFINAL APPEARANCES

9

TEAMS HAVE WON NESCAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

WESLEYAN TEAMS HAVE BEEN TO 3 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS: MEN'S LACROSSE 2018 (WINNER), WOMEN'S TENNIS 2019 (WINNER) AND 2021 (FINALIST)

WESLEYAN COMPETES AGAINST WILLIAMS COLLEGE AND AMHERST COLLEGE AS PART OF THE **LITTLE THREE**.



“I decided Wesleyan was the best place for me to pursue my sport because I had always been a student-athlete where the “student” came first. I deeply valued being able to go to such a highly academic school where I could also do the sport that I loved, without it consuming my life and/or taking away from my academic studies. Being a Cardinal is synonymous with being a member of an irreplaceable community, surrounded by individuals that understand you and your priorities. Being a Cardinal means upholding one’s honor in both academics and athletics and constantly pursuing greatness while still holding warmth in your heart and finding joy in life.”

Sarah Schou '23
ECONOMICS + AMERICAN GOVERNMENT



“I took two important things away from my Wesleyan experience: number one, there’s nothing better than team sports. The camaraderie that’s built among a group of people fighting for a common goal is something special. The second thing, on a more academic level, is that lifelong learning is exceptionally important. The most impressive thing about Wesleyan to me was that there was this eclectic group of intellectually curious, boundary-pushing, passionate 19- to 22-year-old people.”

Jed Hoyer '96
PRESIDENT, BASEBALL OPERATIONS,
CHICAGO CUBS



OUR TEAMS

MEN

- + Baseball
- + Basketball
- + Crew
- + Cross Country
- + Football
- + Golf
- + Ice Hockey
- + Lacrosse
- + Soccer
- + Squash
- + Swimming and Diving
- + Tennis
- + Track and Field
- + Wrestling

WOMEN

- + Basketball
- + Crew
- + Cross Country
- + Field Hockey
- + Golf
- + Ice Hockey
- + Lacrosse
- + Soccer
- + Softball
- + Squash
- + Swimming and Diving
- + Tennis
- + Track and Field
- + Volleyball

CLUB SPORTS are organized by students and offer an alternative to varsity athletics for those who want to participate on a less demanding schedule. These teams practice together multiple times a week and occasionally compete against other schools.

- + Badminton
- + Boxing
- + Equestrian
- + Fencing
- + Ice Hockey
- + Kung Fu
- + Men's Basketball (5-on-5)
- + Men's and Women's Rugby
- + Men's/Women's Sailing
- + Men's and Women's Soccer
- + Men's, Women's, and Co-ed Ultimate Frisbee
- + Men's and Women's Water Polo
- + Tennis
- + Volleyball
- + WesClimb

INTRAMURAL SPORTS bring students together on campus to enjoy building team spirit, staying active together—and having fun.

- + Basketball
- + Indoor Soccer
- + Soccer
- + Softball



“ I was initially focused on finding a rigorous track program when I was looking at colleges, but Wesleyan was introduced to me as a place where I could pursue athletics and still challenge myself academically. I’m not sure there’s anywhere else I’d have the freedom to combine Computer Science and Dance *and* be an athlete, but my teachers and coaches are incredibly supportive in helping me balance it all. ”

Christian Denny '22
COMPUTER SCIENCE + DANCE

Foster your independent spirit— in the middle of the action

Our **316-acre** campus is home to more than **300 spaces** for **you** to learn, create, collaborate, and experience life together with your peers and mentors. We believe there's no better way to immerse yourself in discovery and experimentation than to be where the action is, which is why we make **"we"** a priority.

Our progressive independence residential model offers a broad range of ways to live together with your fellow students, depending on how much **independence** you're looking for, where you are in your academic journey, and where your interests lie. Almost all of our **3,200 students** live on campus for their full undergraduate experience, making Wesleyan an uncommonly close community. There's a place for everyone to belong and live their life to the fullest.



YOU + WE

LIVING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

Program housing is a distinct living option for sophomores, juniors, and seniors. You can join like-minded students in a house, hall, or society, based on your shared academic goals, co-curriculars, experiences, cultural interests, and identities. Program houses provide educational and cultural, campus-inclusive programming that benefits house residents and the community at large. Program houses include:

First year

- + Focus on developing healthy habits and routines that work for you as part of a community and making new friends
- + Live in a residence hall with the support of resident advisors
- + Single, double, or triple occupancy rooms
- + Meals shared in a dining hall

Sophomore year

- + Live in a residence hall or join a themed program house where you'll take part in organizing activities for our full campus community
- + Single or double occupancy rooms
- + Eat with your community in a dining hall or at your program house

Junior year

- + Choose between shared experiences in a residence hall, program house, or on-campus apartment
- + Single or double occupancy rooms
- + Eat (and potentially, cook!) with members of your community

Senior year

- + Live in one of our iconic wood-frame houses, in an apartment with friends, or in a program house or residence hall if you wish. Community advisors are there to support you, but you'll be largely responsible for your own daily needs and shared chores with your house- or apartment-mates

WRITER'S BLOCK is a community for students interested in any genre of writing, and in living with their fellow writers. Activities include student readings, open mics, book swaps, tutorials, reading circles, and guest lectures, and connection to a network of Wesleyan authors, editors, and publishers, both on and off-campus.

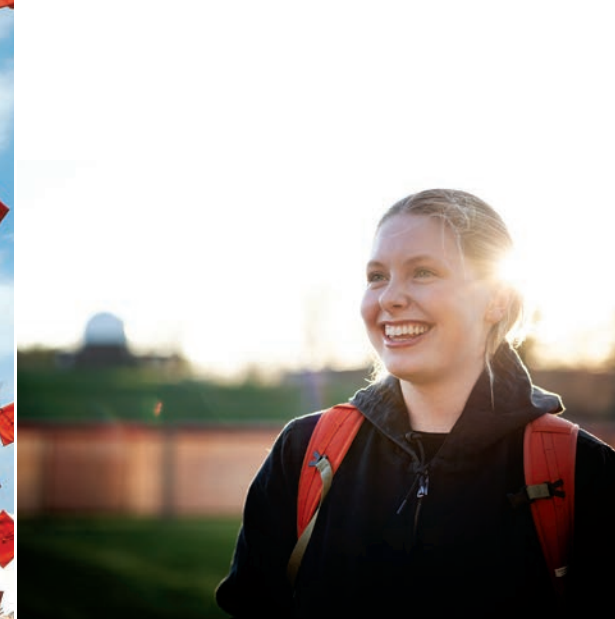
MUSIC HOUSE is a supportive, creative environment for musical activity, from discussion and the exchange of ideas to performance, composition, music production, recording, and appreciation.

HAVEN HOUSE welcomes student groups who have historically been marginalized on campus, including low-income and first-generation students. Activities include fun and engaging programs, and building tight-knit, supportive community relationships.

WELL-BEING HOUSE cultivates a substance-free community on campus for students to develop healthy self-care habits and explore aspects of physical, mental, and spiritual well-being.

MALCOLM X HOUSE is a residence for Wesleyan students who wish to live in an environment dedicated to the exploration and celebration of the cultural heritage of the African diaspora, both for themselves and for the larger Wesleyan community.

Life after Wesleyan



Gordon Career Center: preparing you to succeed in the life you choose

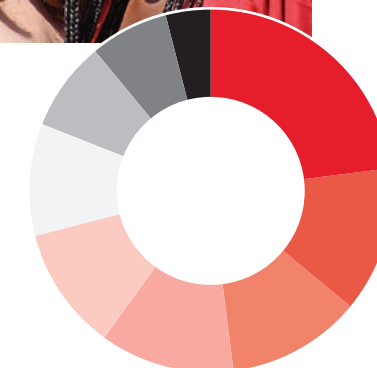
From your very first day on campus to your life as an alum, the Gordon Career Center will be there to help you translate your Wesleyan education into a lifetime of meaningful work. We provide you with the tools you need to map out your future, step by step.

This includes career resources to start planning for life after Wesleyan from the moment you enroll:

- + internship support and placement
- + mentoring programs that connect alumni and students
- + courses and programs to help students develop critical career skills
- + access to job listings across a wide range of industries
- + long-term resources for alumni already well on their way

The average acceptance rate for Wesleyan seniors and alumni applying to law school is 77 to 100% while the national average ranges from 68 to 75%. Each year Wesleyan graduates attend the most competitive and respected law schools in the country, including Columbia, Georgetown, Harvard, Stanford, and Yale.

Over the last seven years, acceptance rates for Wesleyan graduates to medical schools have ranged from 51 to 76% while the national average approximates 41 to 46%. Wesleyan graduates with an overall GPA of 3.6 or above and an MCAT of 512 or higher have fared even better, with 79% acceptance rates to medical school.



THE CLASS OF 2022 LAUNCHED THEIR CAREERS IN THE FOLLOWING SECTORS:

- 23%** FINANCIAL SERVICES/CONSULTING
- 13%** EDUCATION & UNIVERSITY RESEARCH
- 12%** TECHNOLOGY/ENGINEERING/SCIENCES
- 12%** LEISURE, ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
- 11%** HEALTH & WELLNESS
- 10%** LEGAL/GOVERNMENT & REAL ESTATE
- 8%** NONPROFIT
- 7%** OTHER
- 4%** MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

Be a standout—anywhere and everywhere you go

Wesleyan alumni are extraordinary people doing extraordinary things.

They are innovators who are **accelerating** the pace of change—socially, politically, culturally, artistically, and technologically. They can be found in every industry and every field, **creating** solutions to our most critical problems, policies to improve our communities, technology that transforms lives, business practices that evolve our thinking, and art that touches us deeply.

Whatever you dream of doing, wherever you dream of going, whatever you want to pursue, our alumni are out there, waiting to connect with you as you prepare for what's next when it's time for your life after Wesleyan.

Notable alumni

From the stage to the Senate, to startups, to the studio, Wesleyan alumni remain “unmistakably Wes” in their willingness to take risks, drive to create, and desire to make a meaningful impact in our world.



SOULEYMANE BA '03
Partner, Just Climate



DAN JANVEY '06
Oscar-winning producer, Best Picture of the Year, *Nomadland*



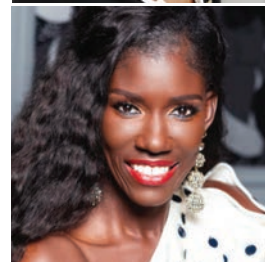
BILL BELICHICK '75
Eight-time champion NFL Head Coach, New England Patriots



MICHELE ROBERTS '77
Co-founder of the Free and Fair Litigation Group and former Executive Director of the National Basketball Players Association



LAEL BRAINERD '85
Director of the National Economic Council of the United States



BOZOMA SAINT JOHN '99
Entrepreneur and Hall of Fame Marketing Executive



BEANIE FELDSTEIN '15
Actress, *Ladybird*, *Booksmart*, and *Hello, Dolly!* on Broadway



FIELD YATES '09
ESPN Sportswriter and Analyst



“My best advice is to explore cross-disciplinary collaborations, formally and informally, so that you broaden perspectives. Enjoy the adventure of trying everything available to you on campus. It’s an unparalleled experience.”

Tembi Locke '92
NEW YORK TIMES' BEST-SELLING AUTHOR, PRODUCER, AND SCREENWRITER OF *FROM SCRATCH*

WESLEYAN ALUMNI ACROSS GENERATIONS INCLUDE:

13
MACARTHUR FELLOWS

4
OLYMPIANS

32
GRAMMY AWARD WINS + NOMINATIONS

16
TONY AWARD WINS + NOMINATIONS

7
US SENATORS

12
PULITZER PRIZE WINNERS

17
ACADEMY AWARD WINS + NOMINATIONS

26
EMMY WINNERS

26
US REPRESENTATIVES

74
ACADEMIC PRESIDENTS OR FOUNDERS

10
GUGGENHEIM FELLOWS

... AND WE'RE NOT DONE YET.

Make your Wesleyan dream a reality

We know that figuring out how to pay for college is stressful, and that's why we're committed to keeping Wesleyan **affordable and **accessible**.**

At Wesleyan, **equity** is a core part of our philosophy and a cornerstone of our campus community. We are committed to giving our admitted students the best package possible to make a Wesleyan education affordable for them. That means we look at demonstrated need and families' expected contribution and then put together a financial aid package that covers 100% of the remaining tuition, housing, books, supplies, and personal expenses. This need-based approach allows us to carefully balance our financial support across the broad spectrum of our students' needs, ensuring equal **access** to a Wesleyan education for all of our admitted students.

Financial aid that works for you:

- + For students who have a family income of less than \$120,000 with typical assets, your need-based financial aid package only includes grants and work-study—no loans—so there should be nothing to repay when you graduate.
- + For students whose need-based financial aid packages do include student loans, your total packaged loan should not exceed \$19,000 over four years at Wesleyan.
- + For students who receive need-based financial aid, a work-study component of \$2,750 will be included in your financial aid package.



AFFORDABLE + ACCESSIBLE

THE FIRST STEP

Get started in making an informed decision about your financial needs and affording a Wesleyan education by using the financial aid calculators located on our Admission website. The MyinTuition Calculator is a quick and easy tool that doesn't require paperwork to get your financial bearings. You can also use the Net Price Calculator for a more detailed analysis.

The website also offers more information on financial resources and options available to all students.

A BIG COMMITMENT TO AFFORDABILITY

Wesleyan is small by design, but we do things in a big way. Big, as in awarding more than \$72 million in need-based aid each year.

AN INVESTMENT IN YOU

Paying for college is an investment in you—and your future. At Wesleyan you will join a community of lifelong learners who value critical thinking, creative exploration, and applying what you learn to impact our world.

Wesleyan expects students to invest in themselves by including a few hours work as part of their student experience. Our financial aid packages include self-help in the forms of work-study and summer earnings expectations, which allow students to both earn money toward indirect expenses and gain valuable work experience during their academic journeys.

VALUE BEYOND THE NUMBERS

- + Wesleyan's residential college model, with students living on campus all four years, offers the opportunity to extend learning outside of the classroom—through sponsored activities in dorms and program houses, casual conversations in the common room or in study spaces, and through a model of progressive independence with seniors living in our traditional wood-frame houses.
- + Wesleyan is a thriving community with a 95% retention rate and 90% 4-year graduation rate.



We hear it all the time: “After my tour, I knew I wanted to apply.”

While many students are drawn to our open curriculum, our reputation for excellence in liberal arts education, and our diverse and successful alumni community, something remarkable happens when you **experience a tour** led by Wesleyan students.

You'll see first-hand how creative, committed, and passionate our students are. And you'll find yourself recognizing your future in someone else's right now. There are many ways to experience Wesleyan, both in person and virtually:

- + **Campus visit:** Our campus tours and info sessions enable you to explore the campus and experience what life is like on any given day. We update our website each season with tour times and availability during the week and on the weekends.
- + **Virtual tours, info sessions, and WesChats:** Virtual tours are hosted by a team of student tour guides, who “walk” you through notable locations across campus. Our online information sessions are hosted by a Wesleyan admission dean and a current Wesleyan student, and provide an inside look at the Wesleyan community, in addition to information about admission and financial aid. WesChats are 30-minute video calls with one of our current students, and a great way for high school seniors to explore Wesleyan and learn more about academics and student life in a relaxed, informal conversation with a current student.



Apply to Wesleyan

Holistic admission: tell your story, your way

At Wesleyan, we look for the story your application tells about your achievement and potential, in light of the academic and social resources available to you. We're looking for:

- + **Intellectual curiosity:** Are you curious about almost everything? Do the questions interest you as much as the answers? Do you dream of the ways you can change the world? Are you willing to change your mind and engage with different perspectives? Then you may be a great fit for Wesleyan.
- + **Academic commitment:** We're looking for intellectual risk-takers who possess the ability to succeed in a broad, rigorous academic environment, who take full advantage of the opportunities available to them, and who go above and beyond what's expected simply for the sake of learning.
- + **Collaborative spirit:** Our community is committed to working toward the greater good—and that's a commitment we want you to share.

When you're ready to get started, students may apply to Wesleyan through CommonApp or Scoir.

Test-optional admission: You are more than your score

Since 2014, Wesleyan has not required students to submit SAT or ACT scores as part of their application for admission. We want you to decide how best to present yourself to the admission committee and whether your standardized test results accurately reflect your academic ability and potential.

Application Deadlines

APPLYING AS	ADMISSION	FINANCIAL AID	NOTIFICATION DATE
Early Decision I	NOVEMBER 15	NOVEMBER 15	MID-DECEMBER
Early Decision II	JANUARY 1	JANUARY 1	MID-FEBRUARY
Regular Decision	JANUARY 1	JANUARY 15	LATE MARCH
Fall Transfer	MARCH 15	MARCH 15	LATE APRIL

A SMALL TOWN WITH BIG CITY AMENITIES

Middletown is centrally located in Connecticut and is just a two-hour drive from the world-class hubs of Boston and New York City. Middletown and its nearby communities are rich in cultural and natural resources, including theaters, state parks, farmers' markets, and boutique shopping, as well as a thriving culinary scene that includes everything from fragrant bowls of pho to piping-hot brick-oven pizza.

“I was accepted to visit Wes after applying to fly-in programs, and that weekend changed everything for me. The students. The sense of community. The campus. I loved everything about it. Until that point in time, I knew exactly where I was headed. My passion is acting, and I had applied to BFA acting programs and gone through the whole audition process. In the end, it was the support and love I got from Wes, before I was even a student, that solidified my decision. They answered every email, every question. They connected me with other students and faculty. They cheered me on and encouraged me, knowing there was a high chance I wouldn't pick their school. The answer for my “Why Wes” is simple: the people made me feel at home from 1,300 miles away, and that was what made all the difference for me.”

Bailee Gull '24
THEATER + NEUROSCIENCE





COME FIND YOUR **AND + MORE** AT WESLEYAN

“We want each student who comes to Wesleyan to get three things out of their education: discovering what they love to do; getting better at it; learning to share it with others.”

Michael Roth '78
PRESIDENT,
WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY