

College of Social Studies

Application for Admission for the CSS Class of 2029

2026 CSS Application Submission Timeline:
Thursday, January 29 - Monday, February 9 at Noon

Please carefully read and follow all the instructions listed.

1. Fill in **all** the fields on this form.
2. Save the completed application using your last name followed by your Wes ID and then by the word "Application". (Example: Smith99999Application)
3. Save a copy of your Academic History as a pdf and include it with your application submission. Name the document using your last name, followed by your Wes ID, and the word "Academics". (Example: Smith99999Academics)
4. Scan or save your writing sample as a separate PDF. Rename the document using your last name followed by your Wes ID and the word "Paper". (Example: Smith99999Paper)
5. **E-mail the application, writing sample, and academic history as attachments to mcrebbin@wesleyan.edu by noon on Monday, February 9.**
6. Once your application has been submitted, you will be contacted by e-mail with instructions to sign up for an interview by selecting from a preset schedule of dates and times. Interviews will take place between February 17 and February 26 and decisions will be made in March. Each interview will be conducted by a CSS tutor and two CSS majors.

If you have any questions, please contact Martha Crebbin, CSS Administrative Assistant, by email: mcrebbin@wesleyan.edu.

Section 1: Contact Information

First and Last Name:		Nickname	
WES ID:		Cell Phone:	
Mail ID:		E-mail:	
Faculty Advisor:		Home Address & Country (Not Campus)	

Please list one or two faculty members who know you best:

Name of Faculty Member

Faculty Member's Department

Section 2: Extra-Curricular Activities

In the fill boxes below, please list your main extra-curricular activities, both at Wesleyan and off-campus, and note the activities that you expect to be engaged in during your time in the CSS:

Section 3: Academic History & Writing Sample

Although the CSS is not an honors program, admission to the College is selective, and the success of each year's class depends on identifying students who are prepared to engage fully and effectively with the curriculum. We therefore ask for applicants' academic history in order to assess their preparation for and likely interest in CSS course material. We request a writing sample for similar reasons, given the program's emphasis on written expression.

Please note: The academic history will be viewed by the CSS administrative assistant and faculty interviewers. The academic history will NOT be shared with the student interviewers. The writing sample will be viewed by the faculty interviewer and the student interviewers.

Academic History:

Please save a copy of your Academic History as a separate pdf attachment to include with your application submission. Name the document using your last name, followed by your Wes ID and the word "Academics". (Example: Smith99999Academics)

Your Academic History can be found in WesPortal --> Academics --> Academic History

If you have received AP credit in both Macro and Microeconomics or, if you have taken the IB, please provide your test results here and provide a copy of the results as a separate attachment.

Writing Sample:

In addition to this application, please include as a separate pdf attachment, a scanned copy of a graded paper you have written for a class at Wesleyan that represents your best work. The graded paper should include comments from your professor if possible. Name the document using your last name followed by your WES ID, and the word "Paper". (Example: "Smith99999paper"). **Enter the name of the class, instructor, and the writing assignment in the fill boxes below.**

Class/Course Number & Title

Instructor

Describe the writing assignment (prompt) here:

Section 4: Essay

In the fill box below, please copy and paste a single-spaced typed essay no more than 300 words long that responds to the following points:

- **What aspect of the College of Social Studies makes it most attractive to you?**
- **What do you see as being sacrificed, the “opportunity cost” of choosing the CSS major over an alternative path?**
- **In what ways do you see yourself contributing to the CSS Community? Please describe a situation in which you contributed to an academic or civic community in the past.**

Paste your 300 word essay in the space below.

Thank you for your interest in the College of Social Studies.