

Recognition of Student Achievement

Graduation Honors

To be eligible for degrees with distinction, there are two categories of honors.

For students having completed at least 60 graded semester hours at Wheeling Jesuit University, the three honors averages are:

3.85	Summa cum laude
3.70	Magna cum laude
3.50	Cum laude

For students with at least 30 but less than 60 graded semester hours, the honors average is:

3.50	With distinction
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Computation of the average is based solely on courses completed at Wheeling Jesuit University, computed by dividing the number of hours into earned quality points. Graduation honors are bestowed at the same time the student's degree is conferred.

Honors for Student Achievement

Commencement Awards. Each year at graduation or the graduation banquet, awards are given to seniors who have distinguished themselves.

The **Valedictorian** is selected on academic merits as that student who has earned the highest average among the graduates. (At least 90 of the hours must be completed at Wheeling Jesuit.)

The **Katherine Fouts Award** is given for exceptional service to Wheeling Jesuit University and significant contribution to the quality of campus life, without reference to academic performance.

Through a bequest of Emelda Elfrida Paul, **Henry F. Paul Silver Medals** are awarded to the two undergraduate students who earn the highest average in the bachelor of arts degree program and Bachelor of Science degree program from a minimum of 60 graded credit hours at Wheeling Jesuit.

Medals are also awarded to the two undergraduate students who earn the second highest average from a minimum of 60 graded credit hours in the bachelor of arts degree program and the Bachelor of Science degree program at Wheeling Jesuit.

The **Archbishop John J. Swint** and **Mary Woomer** medals, reflecting **both** academic distinction and service to the University, represent the crowning achievement for a student at Wheeling Jesuit University. A minimum "B" average (3.0) is required for eligibility, and selection is by full-time faculty and administrators of the University voting through confidential ballot.

The **University Activities Award** is given to the student whose participation in a variety of student activities has enriched the University community.

Edward J. Gannon, S.J. Collegian of the Year Award is given to one member of each class, voted upon by classmates.

The **Frank R. Haig, S.J. Award** of \$2,500 is given at commencement each year to the graduating senior in a science field (biology, chemistry, mathematics, physics, psychology, clinical sciences and computer science) who most embodies the concept of "individual excellence for public usefulness." Endowed by

Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Holloway, Jr., the award honors the third president of WJU, a distinguished nuclear physicist and civic leader.

The **Forrest Kirkpatrick Award** is given for high achievement in economics.

The **Charles Currie Scholar Athlete Award** is given to the senior who has participated in intercollegiate athletics and has the highest GPA upon graduation.

The **Intercollegiate Athlete of the Year Award** is given to the outstanding intercollegiate athlete.

Departmental Awards may be given by academic departments to the outstanding student from each discipline.

Honors Diploma. Each student who completes the Stephen J. Laut, S.J., Honors Program is recognized at commencement and receives a diploma attesting to the distinction of the degree. This honor is in addition to other recognition conferred upon students with high academic averages.

Gloriam Award for Leadership and Excellence. An honor awarded annually to a limited number of students in each class in recognition of outstanding leadership and service within the University community and attainment of academic excellence.

Dean's List. At the end of each semester, the Office of Academic Affairs publishes the names of students who have earned a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.5 for all courses taken that semester. A student must be registered for at least 12 graded semester hours to be eligible for Dean's List.

Alpha Mu Gamma. A national honorary society open to students who have distinguished themselves in modern languages.

Alpha Sigma Nu. Men and women who distinguish themselves in scholarly pursuits, loyalty and service to the University and community are eligible for membership in the National Jesuit Honor Society.

Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society. A national honor society that recognizes students who have distinguished themselves in biology.

Gamma Sigma Epsilon. A national honor society that recognizes outstanding academic achievement by chemistry majors.

Kappa Delta Pi. International honor society in education.

Phi Sigma Tau. A national honor society open to students who have distinguished themselves in philosophy.

Psi Chi. A national honor society open to students who have distinguished themselves in psychology.

Sigma Iota Rho. A national honor society open to students who have distinguished themselves in the academic areas of international studies, international business or peace studies.

Sigma Beta Delta. A national honor society that recognizes business majors who have distinguished themselves in academics and leadership.

Sigma Pi Sigma. A national honor society awarding distinction to qualifying students of high scholarship and promise of achievement in physics.

Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society. An international honor society for nurses who have distinguished themselves in nursing scholarship and leadership.

Theta Alpha Kappa. A national honor society open to students who have distinguished themselves in theology.

Summer Session

Each year the summer session offers a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses. The summer session serves the needs of undergraduate and graduate students from the University and the region. It also serves as a bridge for high school graduates who wish to begin their college work before the fall semester.

High school juniors who meet the advanced placement standards of their high schools may enroll in summer courses. Upon successful completion of these courses, they will be awarded regular university credit.

Preparation for Graduate & Professional Studies

Graduate School

Many of the undergraduate programs at Wheeling Jesuit are foundations for graduate study; some majors are designed specifically to fulfill the prerequisites of graduate schools in the arts, sciences and social sciences. When a student's needs cannot be fulfilled by an existing program, the independent major, along with faculty guidance and consultation with the director of the proposed graduate program, may be appropriate. Students should consult the appropriate graduate program director for information about graduate programs, procedures for applications and scholarship opportunities. Also, the career library has directories and a large collection of the catalogs of graduate schools around the country.

Law School

Various concentrations and majors can serve as preparation for law school. However, the majority of the American Bar Association approved law schools grant or deny admission based on the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) and undergraduate GPA, with the LSAT score as the most important criterion. Students who are interested in law school are encouraged to contact the Pre-Law Academic Advisor, Thomas Michaud, Ph.D. (Philosophy Department), as early as possible in their academic careers.

Health Pre-Professional Programs

WJU offers a well-rounded science and liberal arts education for students seeking careers in health pre-professional disciplines or related fields of study. Areas of study include, but are not restricted to, pre-medical, pre-veterinary, pre-pharmaceutical and pre-dental programs. Students typically major in biology or chemistry; however, with appropriate prerequisites in the sciences met, alternative programs may be developed. WJU has also established a Health Pre-Professional Committee, consisting of four faculty members. The Committee guides students with program planning so that they will have completed the appropriate courses required by their choice of professional school.

The Health Pre-Professional Committee will also provide professional institutions with additional information relevant to the expected success rate of our students. One of the Committee's functions is, upon the request of a student, to write a collective letter of assessment for the student applying to professional school. The assessment includes not only G.P.A. and scores on

pre-professional examinations, but also the consideration of the strengths and weaknesses of the student as observed by his or her professors. All of these materials are then considered in the context of the likelihood that the student possesses the ability and initiative to successfully complete an educational program at the professional level. Because the Committee's recommendations are taken seriously, WJU's well-prepared and motivated students hold an excellent record for acceptance into professional schools.

Physical Therapy & Pre-Physical Therapy Preparation

Wheeling Jesuit University offers a pre-physical therapy concentration to students interested in entering the physical therapy graduate program. It is designed to prepare students for entry into the professional entry-level program. Students pursue a baccalaureate degree in a major of their choosing in addition to completing the prerequisite courses in biology, anatomy/physiology, chemistry, physics, statistics, math and psychology. Although students are advised by faculty members in their chosen majors, information and guidance is provided by the Department of Physical Therapy. The Physical Therapy Club offers students an avenue to learn more about the profession, to meet with the current graduate students and to prepare for the transition to the graduate program. A WJU student receives priority in the admissions process provided that the student maintains the minimal GPA (3.0), completes required courses, successfully completes the interview process and meets the WJU application deadlines.



The professional program consists of two years of intensive course work and clinical assignments spanning six consecutive terms. The graduate earns a doctor of physical therapy degree. The physical therapy curriculum utilizes Problem-Based Learning rather than the traditional lecture method of presentation. Students are assigned to small study groups and guided by a faculty tutor toward independent learning. This curricular design prepares the student exceptionally well to enter the clinical setting as a creative, reflective and flexible problem solver. This is verified by our students' high ratings by clinical instructors and our graduates attaining exceptionally high passage rate on the licensure examinations.

Admission Process for the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program

Cohort classes begin each Fall on a rolling admission basis. Applications are reviewed in January for a Fall class. Personal interviews are scheduled for eligible candidates. This process continues until the class is filled. Applicants are notified in writing of their status regarding acceptance into the program. The status could be either full or conditional acceptance, placement on an alternative list or rejection of the application. The following are the admission requirements.

Admission Requirements

1. A baccalaureate degree in any field.
2. Candidates must earn at least a 3.0 GPA in all courses for the selected major including the Liberal Arts Core. In addition, candidates must complete the courses listed below with a GPA above 3.0 and with no grades below "C."

Course	Credits	WJU Equivalent
Biology	4	BIO 109 and Lab
Chemistry	8	CHE 110, 120, 121, 122
Human Anatomy & Physiology	7	BIO 127, 128, 129
Physics	8	PHY 110, 120, 121, 122
Statistics	3	PSY 115
Psychology	9	PSY 110, 212 Developmental (in addition to PSY 115 above)
Other Core	39	Requirements in completion of Liberal Arts Core

3. Interview Process: The interview is used to evaluate the student's verbal/nonverbal communication, the understanding of the profession of physical therapy and group interaction skills. These are important abilities in the Problem-Based Learning professional program. A sample writing exercise is done during the interview process which is used to evaluate the writing ability. References are another method used to determine a student's preparation for the graduate Physical Therapy Program. Three letters of reference are required.
4. Direct observation of physical therapists working in a variety of settings is recommended.
5. Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores are considered in the admission process.

A full description of the graduate physical therapy program is available in the Wheeling Jesuit University Graduate catalog. Brochures and application packages are available from the Department of Physical Therapy, call 866-243-2068 toll free or email wjupt@wju.edu.

Adult Education

Wheeling Jesuit University offers degree and degree completion programs during evening hours and online which are designed to meet the special needs of the adult learner and working public. These programs include a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a major in accounting, a Bachelor of Liberal Arts, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing for registered nurses with an RN to MSN track (also offered online), a Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Leadership (offered online) and a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership and Development. Each degree is a self-contained unit whereby all course requirements can be completed by attending evening or online classes. All degree programs are approved for veterans' benefits.

The Division of Adult and Continuing Education also offers professional certificate programs and other continuing education. For additional and more specific information consult the Adult Student catalog or contact the Office of Adult and Continuing Education, 304-243-2250 or 1-800-873-7665.

Graduate & Doctoral Programs

Wheeling Jesuit University offers an M.B.A. (Master of Business Administration) and M.S.A. (Master of Science in Accountancy) program. Both programs are professional in nature and attempt to integrate the traditional liberal arts with a modern career-oriented curriculum.

Wheeling Jesuit University offers the Master of Arts degree in Applied Theology, in conjunction with the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's TIMELY program. Another program leads to the Master of Science in Nursing with majors in nursing administration, family nurse practitioner or nursing education specialist. These graduate programs are designed for the convenience of working adults.

The Master of Arts in Science and Mathematics Education Program is designed for current science and mathematics teachers. The program is completed in seven semesters: three summers of on-campus classes, two fall and two spring semesters via distance learning.

Wheeling Jesuit University offers a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. This degree involves two full calendar years of work and uses a "problem-based approach" as its curricular organizing principle. Wheeling Jesuit University students are given priority in the application process. However, transfer students are considered after all Wheeling Jesuit applicants have been evaluated. The program is CAPTE accredited.

For more information, consult the Graduate catalog or contact the Division of Adult and Continuing Education, 1-800-873-7665.