

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.

