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Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

Pronounced “woo-wee”
What is WUE?

- Western Interstate Commission of Higher Education (WICHEC)
- Regional tuition-reciprocity agreement
- 150% of in state resident tuition
- Participation of 150 colleges/universities
- Valid for full 2 and 4 year degrees
So In A Nutshell…..

WUE = Tuition Reduction!
WUE: Western Undergraduate Exchange

• WUE Schools have 3 tuition rates
  • Resident Tuition
  • Non-Resident Tuition
  • WUE Tuition
Resident Tuition

• A student who currently resides in the same state as the university they plan to attend
Non-Resident

• A student who does not currently reside in the same state as they plan to attend
Reciprocity Tuition

• When a state has agreements with neighboring states to provide lower tuition for residents to attend public institutions in those states. Typically, non-resident admission fees and tuition are reduced if you are a reciprocity student.
Residency

- WUE cannot be used if residency is established

- A student may only receive WUE as a resident of their home state
Who is part of WUE?

- New Mexico
- Montana
- Arizona
- Utah
- Oregon
- Colorado
- Wyoming
- Idaho
- Alaska
- Washington
- California
- Nevada
- Hawaii
- North Dakota
- South Dakota
Examples of Savings

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*Colorado Mesa University Rates*
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*Colorado State University-Fort Collins Rates*
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*University of Nevada Reno Rates*
Applying for WUE

Every institution is different!

- Major specific
- Based on GPA and SAT/ACT scores
- Not automatically awarded
- Limited number of recipients
- Based on family income (FAFSA)
WUE: Western Undergraduate Exchange

For more information…

http://wiche.edu/wue
Loretta Klosterman
Northern California Regional Admissions Counselor
CMU at a Glance

Fast Facts:

- Grand Junction, CO
- 10,662 Students from 46 States and 27 Countries
- 160+ Clubs and Organizations
- 24 NCAA Division II Athletics
- 22:1 Student to Faculty Ratio
Personalized Education

- 100+ Areas of Study
- Experiential Learning
- 1,200+ Students Involved in Research and Internships
- Study Abroad Opportunities
Established: 1874 (Flagship)

*Avg Class Size: 26
Student-Professor Ratio: 20:1

NCAA Division I Athletics
Men’s Sports: 6 Women’s Sports: 10

*Student Body: 22,000
(18,000 undergrad)

40% diversity: States & Countries: 50 & 80

227x517

7 Residence Halls to Choose From

A National Tier I University

*300 Clubs & Organizations

*No Impacted programs, students graduating in 4 yrs.
Fall 2016 Admission Profile

New Freshman:

- 3.6 academic GPA (weighted)
- Core Courses:
  - English: 4 years
  - Math: 3 years
  - Natural Science: 3 years
  - Social Science: 3 years
- 24 ACT
- 1100 SAT

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Tuition & Scholarships

Tuition Reduction Awards:

Western Undergraduate Exchange - $11,000
- 3.25 academic gpa;
- 1240 SAT or 26 ACT

Nevada Advantage - $8,000
- 3.0 academic gpa;
- 1120 SAT or 22 ACT

Automatic scholarships:
provided to incoming freshman depending on gpa and test scores

National Merit award: $16,000
*Presidential award: $8,000
*Silver & Blue award: $2,500
Pack Pride award: $1,500
*Stackable with WUE and Nevada Advantage

WUE Tuition: $9,000 year (COA $22,000 yr.)
Nevada Advantage Tuition: $12,000 year (COA $25,000 yr.)
Out of State Tuition: $20,000 year (COA $33,000 yr.)
Room and Board: $9,000 year

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Ruth Rodriguez
Assistant Director
• Fort Collins—158,000
• Large research university
• 28,000 undergraduate students
• 62% of classes have <30 students
• 73 majors and 79 minors
• 16 Division I sports
• 17% of students study abroad
• 86.6% Freshman retention rate
• Students are required to live on campus freshman year
• 16 living and learning communities
• Merit Scholarships $6,000-10,000 a year
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Why Go Out of State?

Helping Students Create Out of State Options
Why Go Out of State?

- No impacted majors
- Direct entry into majors
- Affordability
- Internships with out of state companies
- Building awareness of other parts of the country
Creating College Options

• Diverse list of applications
• Visitation programs
• Meet with local college representative
• Attend alumni events for out of state schools
• Demonstrated interest
Resources

- RACC: Regional Admissions Counselors of California (www.regionaladmissions.com)
- Fiske’s Guide to Colleges
- US News and World Report
- Princeton Review
- College Board
Thank you

Any questions?