



## ***Massachusetts Jury Service Statement for Students***

Any WPI student who is a U.S. Citizen 18 years of age or older and resident or inhabitant of Massachusetts for more than 50% of their time may be eligible to serve as a juror in Massachusetts courts. Even a WPI student who is a resident of another state is considered to be an inhabitant of Massachusetts for more than 50% of the year and, therefore, eligible to serve as a juror in Massachusetts.

It is not unusual for students residing in Worcester County to be summoned to serve as trial jurors. Jury service, on a short term basis, can provide students with a good opportunity to fulfill one of their important responsibilities as members of the community. WPI supports students in their fulfillment of this civic duty. Students should carefully read all materials they receive with their summons to service, which contain helpful information about confirming, postponing, rescheduling, or relocating service, and address many of the most frequently asked questions. Jury duty is an important legal obligation, and those who fail to respond are subject to criminal prosecution.

Students who miss class in order to fulfill their jury service requirement should notify each of their instructors of the summons and make arrangements to complete any missed work. Please note that you may be required to furnish your summons notice or the certificate of service when requesting excused absence(s). If you have any questions about jury duty, including confirming, postponing, rescheduling, or limiting your service, please contact the Office of the Jury Commissioner (1-800-THEJURY/1-800-843-5879). Further information can be found on the [Office of Jury Commissioner's website](#).