

Why should  
WPI  
be on your  
list?

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## Did you know?

Graduating from high school and continuing on to college is one of the best things you can do. College graduates live longer, healthier lives, are more likely to stay employed, and earn \$20,000 a year more, on average, than high school graduates.

## What do you want to do?

Keep in mind the best job for you is the one that's right for you. At this age, no one expects you to know exactly what you want to be when you grow up. It's a good time to start thinking about your interests and the subjects you excel at in school. Playing sports, singing, reading books, writing, acting, and solving math problems are some of the things that might help you understand who you are and might influence your career choice. Once you match your interests to some careers, you will need to figure out what education you'll need to achieve that goal.

Less than a high school diploma

\$25,948

High school diploma

\$35,880

Some college or associate degree

\$39,884

Bachelor's (4-year) degree

\$60,060

Bachelor's degree or higher

\$64,948

Advanced degree

\$74,100

Median Earnings  
for Workers Age  
25 and Up

Source: Current Population Survey (2016), Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor

Degree/Program	Timeframe	Job Examples
Certificate	High school diploma + 1-2 years of higher education	Legal assistant, secretary, bookkeeper, daycare worker, medical or dental assistant, truck driver
Apprenticeship	High school diploma + 2-3 years of higher education	Electrician, firefighter, stone mason, welder
Associate's Degree	High school diploma + 2 years of higher education	Administrative assistant, engineering technician, human resources specialist, licensed vocational nurse
Bachelor's Degree	High school diploma + 4-6 years of higher education	Architect, cartoonist, writer, teacher, engineer, business project manager, computer programmer, nurse
Master's Degree	High school diploma + 6-8 years of higher education	Hospital administrator, marriage and family counselor, physician's assistant, school principal
Professional Degree	High school diploma + 7-9 years of higher education	Doctor, lawyer, priest/minister, social worker
Doctoral Degree	High school diploma + 8-10 years of higher education	College professor, economist, school superintendent, biomechanical engineer

In a few years,  
you'll be thinking  
about where you  
want to go to  
college.

Why should WPI  
be on your list?

The reasons are  
endless. Here are  
a few highlights.







# 200+

## Get involved

It's easy to get involved and connect with people who share your interests. WPI has over 200 clubs and groups that include music, theatre, sports, religion, culture, and community service. There is something for everyone.



# 40+

## Locations

# 6

## Continents

Thousands of WPI students tackle important problems in their backyard and around the world. With more than 40 locations to study abroad, you'll have the chance to dive into another culture while helping people in their community.

# 50+

## What do you want to study in college?

WPI is the perfect place to explore science, technology, engineering, math, and liberal arts. With more than 50 programs to choose from, our hands-on approach to learning will allow you to practice what you learn at WPI in the real world.

# 48

## states

# 73

## countries

Our student population includes 4,177 undergraduate students from 48 states and 73 countries. Our student body includes 67% men and 33% women. Our underrepresented minority population increases each year and is at 13%.



# Top 20

## Happiest students

At WPI you'll meet people who are like you. Together you'll grow and develop lifelong friendships. The Princeton Review ranks WPI in the top 20 for "Happiest Students."



# 1

## Gompei the Goat

WPI's beloved mascot is a goat named Gompei. In 1893 he got his name from Japanese student Gompei Kuwada, who was selected to be the goat keeper simply because his initials fit the title.



# 80%

## Get in the game

If you're interested in sports, WPI offers 20 men's and women's Division III varsity sports and more than 45 intramural and club sports ranging from snowboarding to frisbee to rugby. More more than 80 percent of our students participate in sports activities.

# \$66,805

## Average starting salary

The average starting salary for a WPI graduate is \$66,805 per year. Over 92% of our students are in jobs or graduate school within just a few months of graduation.

# 95%

## #LiveWPI

Our students call WPI home. Eating, sleeping, studying, and hanging out with friends allow them to connect with college even more. 95 percent of WPI students live on campus their freshman year.



# 13:1

## Student to faculty ratio

WPI prides itself on its close-knit faculty-student relationships. Here you will have the chance to apply what you learned in the classroom to hands-on work in the lab with your professors.