

Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) FAQ

What is WUE? The WUE program offers a reduced tuition rate to eligible freshman and transfer students who are legal residents of Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington or Wyoming.

What is the WUE tuition rate? WUE tuition for the 2009/2010 academic year is \$11,628, based on enrollment in 15 semester hours each term. WUE tuition is 150% of the Colorado resident rate without application of the Colorado Opportunity Fund.

What programs are eligible for WUE?

All undergraduate majors at the University of Colorado Denver, Downtown Campus, are eligible for the WUE tuition rate. You may choose from a wide range of programs in Arts & Media, Business, Engineering, Liberal Arts and Sciences and Public Affairs. WUE is available only for on-campus programs of study; on-line students living in their home states are not eligible. Undergraduate degrees at the Anschutz Medical Campus are not eligible.

If I am eligible for WUE, am I assured admission to UC Denver? No. You must meet the admission standards of your intended program of study at the Downtown Campus, which is a selective admission institution. Visit www.ucdenver.edu/admissions for admission requirements and application procedures.

Can I apply for WUE if I completed a bachelor's degree already? No. Regardless of your educational objectives, WUE is only available to students who have not yet earned a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution in the United States or a comparable foreign institution.

How do I apply for WUE? If applying on-line, indicate your request for the WUE tuition rate in the personal statement section of the application. If filing a paper application, write "Request WUE" across the top or include the request in a letter enclosed with the application. If you have already applied for admission, you can request the WUE benefit up until the Friday before classes begin by contacting the Office of Admissions (see contact information below). Once the request for WUE is received, a formal application to verify WUE eligibility will be sent to you.

Can I apply for WUE after classes begin? No. After classes begin, the WUE benefit is no longer available for the current or any future semester.

Can I receive the WUE benefit and later become a Colorado resident for tuition purposes?

No. Initial WUE awards and continued eligibility are based upon a legal/home domicile in a WUE member state other than Colorado. If you wish to change your legal domicile to any other state including Colorado, you must notify the WUE contact in the Office of Admissions. Domicile changes may result in loss of WUE eligibility. If receiving the WUE benefit, you may not establish domicile for tuition purposes in Colorado.

What are the conditions for retaining WUE benefits?

To continue to receive WUE benefits, you must enroll as a full-time student each fall and spring semester, *completing* at least 12 semester credit hours. Enrollment in summer is optional, but to receive WUE you must enroll in at least 12 credit hours. You must remain in good academic standing, achieving at least a 2.0 gpa each semester. Duration of the WUE benefit is four years or completion of your bachelor's degree, whichever comes first.

Located in an urban environment, the University of Colorado Denver Downtown Campus is a co-educational institution which operates on a semester calendar and requires first-time freshmen to live in our adjacent housing complex.

Visit www.ucdenver.edu for additional information and to apply for admission.