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Westminster's instructional programs are characterized by an experienced and available faculty and staff; liberal arts, interdisciplinary and professional programs emphasizing both theoretical and practical learning; an administration committed to academic excellence; a genuine concern for each student's plans and aspirations; small classes that encourage involvement and active learning; and a diverse and friendly student body.

The university welcomes students from all backgrounds and ages, and believes that the knowledge and discipline acquired through the rigors of higher education will lead to new and expanded opportunities.

The university's undergraduate programs are organized and administered through four units: the Westminster College of Arts and Sciences which includes the School of Education, the Honors College; the Bill and Vieve Gore School of Business; and the School of Nursing and Health Sciences. Students choose majors in schools that will best assist them in achieving their academic goals and career interests, and they take courses through the other schools to ensure a balance in their academic endeavors. Close working relationships among the faculty in all the units are of utmost importance to the university in assisting its students.

Each unit is directed by a dean and has its own faculty. Instructional programs and procedures are recommended by the faculty members of each unit and approved by the entire university faculty. The four academic deans and the provost/vice president for academic affairs are responsible for the day-to-day administration of the instructional programs.

Westminster's academic calendar is divided into Fall and Spring semesters, followed by the annual commencement exercise and a 12-week summer term.

During the first four weeks of summer, May Term, undergraduate students concentrate on one or two offerings in a more time-intensive experience than would occur during the rest of the academic year. Some of the May Term courses are offered abroad, with past May Term study experiences including Mexico, Africa, Asia, Australia, France, England, China, Greece, and Italy.

Please refer to the Undergraduate Academic Catalog for detailed information on requirements and course descriptions of Westminster's academic programs. Courses listed are subject to change following normal academic procedures that call for action by each school and by the entire university faculty. Additions, deletions, or changes effected since the publication of this academic catalog are on file in the Office of the Registrar.

Units

- [College of Arts and Sciences](#)
 - [School of Education](#)
- [Bill and Vieve Gore School of Business](#)
- [The Honors College](#)
- [School of Nursing and Health Sciences](#)

Programs

- [International Partnership for Service Learning \(IPSL\)](#)
- [McNair Scholars Program](#)
- [ROTC](#)