A virtual university for the real world.

Long distance learning.

How do you get the education you want? Hey, you tell us.

Credit where credit is due.

A word about life on a cyber-campus.

Your first class: Modern History of WGU.

A brief wrap-up.
But then again, who ever wanted to be average?
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Western Governors University is based on a simple idea. An idea that, in the real world, people have jobs and lives and responsibilities that don't always allow them to sit in a university classroom. In the past, these undeniable realities of life presented a significant barrier for people seeking higher education. Fortunately, we don't live in the past.

**Education made accessible.**

With today's technology, making time to visit a university classroom isn't the only way to earn your degree or continue a lifetime of learning.

By utilizing the World Wide Web, closed-circuit cable television, audio tapes, video tapes, video-conferencing, satellite broadcasts, e-mail, voice mail and even the good old U.S. mail, WGU makes it possible for students to enroll in courses and programs from dozens of affiliated colleges, universities and corporations.

**Choices. Choices. Choices.**

WGU puts different courses and programs from many education providers and corporations together in one place. That means WGU can offer you many more choices than a single institution. It also means that WGU students enjoy the rare opportunity to work toward their educational goals by taking courses from several different institutions at the same time.

No matter where you live or what your schedule, WGU offers you the opportunity to learn what you want, when you want, in a manner that's convenient for you.

Simply put, your real life no longer stands in the way of a real education.
Long distance learning.

WGU's courses are designed to allow learning to take place even when teacher and student are hundreds or even thousands of miles apart.

This concept is called Distance Learning. It's an approach to teaching that allows you to choose the time, place and pace for your course of study without compromising the quality of the education you receive.

WGU offers three distinct roads you can take to reach your educational goals:
- Individual interest courses.
- Degree or certificate earning programs provided by participating colleges, universities and corporations.
- Degree or certificate earning competency-based programs provided exclusively by WGU.

Which road you choose depends on your individual goals, dreams and interests.

Individual interest courses allow you to explore and learn about almost any subject that appeals to you. Courses such as these are also utilized by corporations to provide advanced training and job skill development for their employees.

Programs provided by our partner colleges, universities and corporations allow you to earn an associate's, bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree in dozens of fields of study through a traditional credit-based system.

You can also take part in specialized certification programs from leading schools and corporations.

But, perhaps the most exciting option offered by WGU is our competency-based degree programs.

A simple truth: The University of Life may have already taught you a few things. The way we see things, if you already know it, there's no need to teach it to you again.

Enroll in WGU's competency-based program, and you'll get recognition for the things you already know. Consequently, you'll also get a head-start on earning your degree or certificate. It's only right. And it's only at WGU.
A word about life on a cyber-campus.

Part of college is learning from and interacting with the people you meet there. And while you probably won’t be attending WGU football games or hanging out at campus night spots, you will find the student life you want and the important services you need in WGU’s on-line student union.

With just a couple of clicks, you can buy books, supplies and memorabilia from our bookstore, talk over your goals with a mentor on-line, apply for scholarships in our financial aid office or even chat with friends and special guests in our student lounge.

Sure, you’ll be doing a lot of hard work on your own. But it’s nice to know, you’ll have the friends, mentors and resources you need to make the work easier and the challenge more enjoyable.

WGU was founded by a cooperative effort between state governors to make higher education more accessible, more practical and more affordable. The governors recognized an opportunity existed to combine forces in a new joint venture that would utilize today’s information technologies to serve more students than ever before.

In 1996, WGU began to take shape. WGU’s first two degree and certificate programs were opened to students in the fall of 1998. New programs will be added throughout the year.

WGU has been designed with you, the student, in mind. From our exciting competency-based degree programs to a wealth of on-line resources to an unparalleled variety of courses and programs, WGU truly is a university without walls offering education without boundaries. We hope you’ll join us.
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