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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 college 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 college's instructional programs are organized and administered through five schools: the Honors College, the School of Arts and Sciences; the Bill and Vieve Gore School of Business; the School of Education; 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 five schools are of utmost importance to the college in assisting its students.

Each school is directed by a dean and has its own faculty. Instructional programs and procedures are recommended by the faculty members of each school and approved by the entire college faculty. The five academic deans and the provost and 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 a four-week May Term, the annual commencement exercise, and a summer term.

During 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 college faculty. Additions, deletions, or changes effected since the publication of this academic catalog are on file in the Office of the Registrar.

Schools

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

Programs

- [McNair Scholars Program](#)
- [ROTC](#)