Academic Overview

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Purpose of Higher Education

- Acquisition of Knowledge and Skills
- Personal Development
- Preparation for Careers & Professions
- Research & Innovation
- Social & Cultural Development
Purpose of Higher Education at UIW

- To educate those who will become concerned and enlightened citizens within the global community.

- Educational excellence in a context of faith in Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word of God. Thus, through a liberal education² the university cultivates the development of the whole person and values of life-long learning.

- To that end, faculty and students support each other in the search for and communication of truth, thoughtful innovation, care of the environment, community service, and social justice.³

- The University of the Incarnate Word is a Catholic institution that welcomes to its community persons of diverse backgrounds, in the belief that their respectful interaction advances the discovery of truth, mutual understanding, self-realization, and the common good.
UIW Value Proposition

- Academic Excellence
- Personalized Education
- Faith-Based Education
- Community Engagement
- Global Perspective
- People / Personnel / Community*
Lifetime Earnings (median)
- Bachelor’s degree typically earns $1.2 million more than a worker with no more than a high school diploma
- Associates degree typically earns a lifetime boost of $400,000
- Some college (no degree), typically earns a boost of $300,000

Source: Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce analysis of the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS), 2009–2019. Note: The figure is based on data for 25- to 64-year-olds working full-time, full-year.
UIW Academic Overview

- **8,000 Students / 100+ Programs**
  - Baccalaureate, Masters, Doctoral levels

- **11 College / Schools**
  - College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences
  - Dreeben School of Education
  - Feik School of Pharmacy*
  - H-E-B School of Business and Administration
  - Ila Faye Miller School of Nursing*
  - Rosenberg School of Optometry*
  - School of Mathematics, Science and Engineering
  - School of Media and Design
  - School of Osteopathic Medicine*
  - School of Physical Therapy*
  - School of Professional Studies (Online & Adult)

*Health Professions Schools
UIW Academic Overview

- **Academic Strengths**
  - Brand Identify

- **Quality of Instruction**
  - Core Learning Outcomes
  - Student Engagement
  - Service Learning
  - Mentoring
  - Pathways

- **Accreditations**
  - Regional – SACSCOC
  - Discipline – 30 (thus far)

- **Division I Athletics**
  - 10 Men’s Teams
  - 13 Women’s Teams
Degree Structure-Bachelor’s

- Completion of a minimum of 120 hours
- Attainment of a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher
- Completion of all requirements for the Core, the major, minor, concentration, and/or teaching fields, including
Degree Structure-Bachelor’s

- Composition (typical)
  - Core (43)
  - Major (45) [will vary based on program]
  - Minor (12-15)
  - Electives (20) [will vary based on program]

- Options to Consider
  - Interdisciplinary Concentrations (6)
  - 2nd Minor
  - Advanced Language Study
  - 2nd Foreign Language
  - Additional courses in Major
Degree Structure-Core

- The Core Curriculum is an integrated and sequenced course of study dictated by the traditional concept of liberal arts education.

- It includes a carefully devised study of rhetoric (intelligent reading and correct writing), philosophy, theology, literature and the arts, mathematics and the natural sciences, history, the behavioral and social sciences, language, and wellness.
Institutional Student Learning Outcomes

• Critical and Creative Thinking
• Effective Communication
• Media/Technology
• Research
• Global and Historical Consciousness
• Aesthetic Engagement
• Quantitative/Scientific Analysis
• Social Justice
• Professionalism
• Integration/Spirituality
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Faculty

- Experts in their respective disciplines as scholars and educators
- Diverse experiences and perspectives
- Dedication to student success
- Availability to mentor and advise students
  - Dedicated weekly office hours
  - Flexibility to meet with students as needed
Student Success: Academic Support Offices

- University Advising
- Tutoring Services
- Writing & Learning Center
- Student Testing Center
- Student Disability Services
Residence Life & Campus Engagement

- First Year Engagement Office
- Campus Life
- Residence Life
- Student Advocacy & Accountability
- Career Services
Health Services

- Health Services Clinic
- Behavioral Health Services
- Sports and Wellness
Office of International Affairs

- International Student Services / Globalization of Campus

- Study Abroad
  - Semester Abroad
  - Faculty Led Trips (short)

- Location, Location, Location
  - Academic Sites: Mexico City and Irapuato, Mexico
  - European Study Center: Strasbourg, France
  - Sister School Agreements: 123 universities in 40 countries.

- Community Service opportunities both locally and internationally