



“Big-time education
With the beauty of a small, close-knit community.”

Founded in 1933, Wilkes University is an independent, nondenominational, four-year college with programs in the arts, sciences, and a number of professional fields, as well as a full program of extracurricular activities. It includes the Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership and Nesbitt School of Pharmacy. Wilkes offers 36 undergraduate majors and 10 graduate programs.

Wilkes is home to about 2,400 full-time undergraduate students from 27 states and 10 countries. The compact campus sits on 27 acres in downtown Wilkes-Barre and comprises a variety of stately mansions and state-of-art classroom buildings.

When you are not studying, make the most of your free time with lots of extracurricular options. More than 70 student organizations cater to career or leisure interests. Through varsity and intramural sports, concerts, dances and many more activities, you can meet new friends, develop leadership skills and broaden your horizons.



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An Inclusive Community
Wilkes University welcomes and supports a diverse campus community. As acknowledged in our motto, “Unity Amidst Diversity,” we encourage students of all races, religions, ethnic backgrounds and other diverse backgrounds to join the Wilkes Family. Creating and nurturing diversity is a key value at Wilkes University. We are dedicated to providing mentorship and support to all Wilkes students to help empower them to meet their full potential and to help assure student academic and personal success.

Wilkes University is an independent institution committed to supporting its students academically, professionally and personally.





THE IEP PROGRAM

Wilkes University's Intensive English Program offers international students the opportunity to immerse themselves in the English language and American culture. Attend intensive English classes six hours a day, five days a week. Live with American students on a compact campus located in a small, safe city that offers easy access to major metropolitan areas. The University's Center for Global Education and Diversity offers support and access to many cultural activities.

Choose a 15-week program during the University's fall or spring semester, or a 10-week program offered in summer. Two hours each day are available for independent study in a computer lab. The IEP curriculum can prepare international students to study at American universities. The approach is rigorous, and academic English is strongly emphasized. A majority of graduating students continue their studies at Wilkes.

"The program gives me the opportunity to get a better education here. I like it here very much. Everything is very nice. Teachers support me, and I can improve my English here. I plan to finish my MBA at Wilkes."

Xiu Chen, China



THE CURRICULUM

IEP classes are divided into five levels: beginning, low intermediate, intermediate, high intermediate and advanced. Enjoy small classes and individual attention from certified IEP instructors.

Reading – At the beginner levels, students develop ability to read and write words, phrases and sentences. As they progress toward the advanced level, students become proficient in skills required for academic studies with continued emphasis on vocabulary development and analytical comprehension.

Writing – Students undergo intensive writing courses. Focus is on academic language skills needed for entrance into English 101 and for university studies.

Grammar – Courses provide students with clear and understandable information about English grammar (theory and function), utilizing a communicative and four-skills approach. Grammar is studied as a formal subject and is also integrated throughout the curriculum.

Listening and Speaking – Students develop a variety of listening strategies and oral communication skills. Courses use modern topics presented in a variety of academic formats.

Extensive Reading 1, 2, 3 – Multi-level courses use the Extensive reading approach. Focus is on meeting the academic reading needs of university-bound IEP students.

TOEFL – The overall objective of these courses is for students to significantly improve their TOEFL iBT scores. Available at only high-intermediate and advanced levels.

Study Skills – These courses are designed to support development of reading, writing, listening and speaking skills essential for a student's success in a university environment.

A student entering the program at the beginner level can complete the program in one and a half years. An advanced student could be ready for university studies in three months.



ABOUT WILKES-BARRE, PA

Wilkes-Barre is a small, industrial city of about 43,000 people in northeastern Pennsylvania. The city is located along the Susquehanna River, about 200 kilometers west of New York City and 160 kilometers northwest of Philadelphia. Residents enjoy a moderate climate, with snow in winter, hot summers, brilliant springs and colorful autumns.

This historic region held the largest anthracite coal field in the United States and helped fuel the industrial revolution. Today, Wilkes-Barre manufactures a variety of products, including clothing, metal products, electronics, perfume and leather goods.

Nearby resorts and parks offer outdoor recreation, from skiing and hiking to biking and white-water rafting. A variety of cultural offerings include symphony, ballet, art galleries, theatrical and musical groups, ethnic and community festivals, and numerous libraries and museums.

The Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport is just 20 minutes from campus. Wilkes-Barre is within a two-and-a-half-hour drive of both New York City and Philadelphia, and just about four hours from Washington, D.C. Bus service provides 31 regularly scheduled daily trips, including eight to New York and eight to Philadelphia.



HOUSING

IEP students live in dormitories with American roommates. Dormitory options at Wilkes include stately mansions and modern apartments.

COSTS

Tuition	US \$5,435 per term
Room and Board	US \$5,340 per term

CALENDAR

The Wilkes Center for ESL Instruction follows the university calendar. Students should plan to arrive on campus no more than three days before classes begin.

Fall 2009

Classes Commence	Monday, August 31
Classes End	Monday, December 14

Spring 2010

Classes Commence	Monday, January 18
Classes End	Wednesday, May 5

Summer 2010

Classes Commence	Monday, June 14
Classes End	Friday, August 20

Fall 2010

Classes Commence	Monday, August 30
Classes End	Monday, December 13

"A small group of us came here from Saudi Arabia. Some universities have a large group, and you never have to meet American students. I spend most of my time with American students, and we speak English among the Saudi students too. I like the city. It's a small city, and we have a lot of entertainment here."

Abdullah Alshaikh, Saudi Arabia