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.

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 sustaining diversity is a key value at Wilkes University. All students are dedicated to providing mentorship and support to all Wilkes students to help ensure them to meet their full potential and to help ensure student academic and personal success.

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

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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 level, 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 hiking 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 City and Philadelphia, and just about four hours to New York City and Philadelphia. Regular bus service also provides students with easy access to major metropolitan areas.

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.

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

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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

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