

Join Our Community





Kentucky Wesleyan College is a private, four-year liberal arts institution located in the vibrant city of Owensboro. Kentucky Wesleyan College, in partnership with the United Methodist Church, fosters a liberal arts education that nourishes and prepares students intellectually, spiritually, and physically to achieve success in life. Since 1858, we have served students in the liberal arts tradition where they learn to think critically, communicate effectively, and live ethically in a complex, rapidly changing world. The success of every student is our top priority. Inside and outside the classroom, students experience the encouragement of a close-knit community committed to their well-being and long-term success.

Kentucky Wesleyan College has been consistently ranked by U.S. News & World Report as one of the Best Regional Colleges in the South as well as one of the Top Performers in Social Mobility in the South. The Princeton Review has also recognized Wesleyan as a "Best in the Southeast" college for several consecutive years.

Kentucky Wesleyan students can choose from 29 majors and 13 pre-professional curriculums. Classes have a 13-to-1 student-faculty ratio, and 88 percent of the faculty have a Ph.D. or terminal degree. The College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. The Kentucky Wesleyan Panthers compete in NCAA Division II and are charter members of the Great Midwest Athletic Conference comprising teams from Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

The College employs approximately 200 faculty and staff who work together on a single campus. Kentucky Wesleyan provides a challenging and supportive academic experience for students as well as a positive and stimulating work environment for employees.

Kentucky Wesleyan

FAST FACTS

Location: Owensboro, Kentucky

Founded: 1858

Mascot: Wesley N. Panther Colors: Purple & White

Enrollment: 839 (Fall 2023)

States represented: 27

Countries represented: 16

BIPOC students: 23%

First-generation students: 57%

Students living on-campus: 55%

Academic programs: 40+, including 8 online

Academic divisions: Fine Arts & Humanities,

Natural Science & Mathematics, Social Sciences,

Professional Studies

Student-to-faculty ratio: 13:1

Average class size: 12

88% of full-time faculty have earned the highest

degree possible in their area

100% of classes are taught by faculty



An education today must be personalized, developing the heart, soul and mind. We do everything in what we call The Wesleyan Way, four principles that guide that guide our decisions and actions:



We succeed with honor.



We support one another.



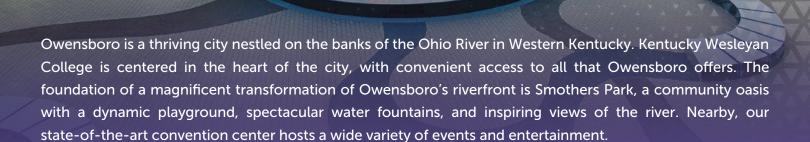
We compete with integrity.



We love one another.

Our students graduate with more than a career. They graduate with a career and a calling.

Welcome to OWENSBORO



Owensboro's park system boasts 25 parks totaling 953 acres, offering opportunities for golfing, hiking, hockey, mountain biking, tennis, swimming, soccer, baseball, swimming, skating, basketball, and more. The 15-mile long Greenbelt Park encircles the city with a paved path for walking, running, or biking.

Owensboro offers a thriving music and arts culture. The Riverpark Center is home to performances by the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra, local theater, and touring shows. Enjoy the renowned collections of the Owensboro Museum of Fine Art or learn about the area's contribution to musical heritage at the Bluegrass Hall of Fame and Museum. Owensboro is known as "Kentucky's Festival City" for its 20-plus annual celebrations, each with its unique charm and exceptional hospitality.

Owensboro offers a high quality of life with affordable housing options, excellent school systems, and an exciting environment for professionals seeking leadership roles in the community.



A Prestigious Academic TRADITION

At Kentucky Wesleyan, students enjoy one-on-one relationships with professors. They will guide students in a rigorous academic setting and help students find and embrace their passions.

Study abroad opportunities, valuable internships, and service learning experiences will help students prepare for lifelong success.



academic offerings

Accounting

Animation (minor)

Art

Art Education

Biology

Business Administration

Marketing

Chemistry

Biochemistry

Environmental Science

Forensic Science

Professional Track

Christian Ministries (minor)

Communication Arts

(on campus and online)

Advertising & Public Relations

Media Studies

Criminal Justice & Criminology

(on campus and online)

Economics (minor)

Elementary Education

Learning & Behavior Disorders

English

Creative Writing

Literature

Entrepreneurship (minor)

Exercise Science

Health & Human Performance

Health & Fitness Leadership

Fitness & Sports Management

Forensic Science (minor)

General Studies (online only)

Graphic Design (on campus and online)

Health (minor)

Health Sciences

History

Legal Studies

Mathematics

Middle Grades Education

English & Communication

Mathematics

Science

Social Studies

Music

Music Education

Music Industry

Music Performance

Vocal

Piano

Instrument

Guitar

Philosophy (minor)

Physical Education P-12

Physics

Political Science

Psychology (on campus and online)

Religion (on campus and online)

Secondary Education (certificate)

Theatre Arts

Zoology

"Wesleyan is special to me because of how students embody the Wesleyan Way where we love,



respect, and honor one another. Even though we are a small school, we support one another in sports, spiritually, and academically."

Adan Cano-Gandarilla '22 Las Vegas, NV

Pre-Professional Programs:

3+4 College of Pharmacy Program partnership*

Early Assurance Program (EAP) College of Medicine*

Medical Technology

Pre-Dentistry

Pre-Engineering

Pre-Law

Pre-Medicine

Pre-Nursing

Pre-Optometry

Pre-Pharmacy

Pre-Physical Therapy

Pre-Physician Assistant

Pre-Veterinary Medicine

*Partnerships with KY based state universities

A Vibrant CAMPUS LIFE



5 Fraternities and Sororities



Commuter Student Organization



Alternative Spring Break Service Trips



Career Preparation



Worship, serve and grow with Campus Ministries



200+ campus events each year



New organizations like Archery Club & Harry Potter Club



Study Abroad Program

Educational Speakers & Spoken Word Artists

Competing with INTEGRITY

Our diverse group of scholar-athletes compete in 13 sports at the NCAA Division II level. The Panthers are members of the Great Midwest Athletic Conference (G-MAC) and have achieved new levels of competitive success.

366

Academic All-Conference Selections (since 2013) 205

All-Conference Selections

(since 2013)

144

All-Midwest Region Selections

92

All-American Individuals 39

Conference Players of the Year 59

Panthers in the Pros All-Time

National Championships

46

NCAA Tournament Appearances Conference Team

Championships

NCAA DIVISION II SPORTS

Men's

Baseball

Basketball

Football

Golf

Soccer

Tennis

Wrestling

Women's

Basketball

Golf

Soccer

Softball

Tennis

Volleyball