

UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY



WUE & Residency Comparison



	WUE (Western Undergraduate Exchange)	Residency
How can I qualify?	Must be a resident of a WUE state or territory, with a valid state-issued ID.	Must hold granted U.S. citizenship, permanent residency, or asylum/refugee status.
When does the program take effect?	WUE can be utilized immediately (first term of freshman year.)	Residency can be achieved after 12 months of physical presence in Utah plus completion of all requirements.
How do I apply?	WUE has its own separate application. Applications for Fall are open January 1 – July 1. Applications for Spring are open October 1 – December 1. Must have at least a 2.5 unweighted GPA.	The Residency Reclassification Application must be submitted, along with all required documentation by the specified deadlines for the requested term of residency.
How do I maintain my program status?	WUE requires maintaining a 2.5 or higher GPA, and full-time enrollment (at least 12 credits per term.)	Residency requires maintaining Utah ties and independence on federal tax returns.
How long does it last?	WUE can be utilized for 5 years/10 terms, if renewal requirements are met.	Residency lasts through the end of the current academic program and is reevaluated with new admissions applications.
What if I want to change my status?	Students on WUE must remain out of state and cannot receive Utah residency during their WUE years. WUE cannot be retroactively canceled for a term that has ended.	Time spent on WUE cannot be used towards residency requirements students must relinquish WUE for at least 12 continuous months prior to becoming residents of Utah.

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What will my tuition be?	WUE ensures that students pay no more than 150% of the standard resident tuition rate.	Once granted, residency ensures that a student is billed at the resident tuition rate.
Are there options for graduate school?	WUE is not available for graduate programs, but WRGP (Western Regional Graduate Program) may be an option.	Residency can be applied for prior to graduate enrollment using any policy, or during graduate enrollment using the Graduate Policy.

More information:

uvu.edu/admissions/residency

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uvu.edu/financialaid/scholarships

This guide gives a general overview of the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) verses Residency Reclassification. Please note that residency reclassification is not guaranteed and requires application and required documentation submission and evaluation. Varying documentation may be required. Visit our site or contact our office for details on other policies and more information.

