VISITING a class at IWU

When visiting Illinois Wesleyan, you are welcome to attend a class or two in order to gain a better sense of the academic experience at IWU. If you are interested, please let us know when scheduling your visit at least two weeks in advance. Priority will be given to seniors and transfer candidates. Below are answers to a few common questions as well as some facts and figures about courses at IWU.

FAQs

Q: How do I find the classroom?
A: Please stop by the Admissions Office, located in the Minor Myers, jr. Welcome Center (pictured above), at least 10 minutes before the class. A student tour guide or Admissions staff member will walk you to the classroom.

Q: Where do I sit?
A: You may sit wherever there is an empty seat.

Q: Should I participate?
A: You are welcome to participate in the classroom discussion, but there is no expectation for you to do so. Please observe common courtesy by paying attention and avoiding distractions such as cell phone usage.

Q: What if I need to leave early?
A: It is expected that you will be able to stay for the entirety of the class. If this is not possible, please let an Admissions staff member know ahead of time.

Q: Can my parents sit in on the class?
A: Due to possible space limitations, parents are not able to sit in on classes. However, parents are welcome to sit in on meetings with faculty or coaches.

Did You Know?...

• Every class at Illinois Wesleyan is taught by a professor (as opposed to a teaching or graduate assistant), and 92 percent of our full-time faculty hold a Ph.D. or terminal degree.

• The average class size is 16 students and the average lab size is 11 students.

• Of the 476 unique courses offered last year, only nine had 40 or more students enrolled and only four of those courses had 50 or more students: General Chemistry (two sections), General Biology and Human Biology. However, these classes are still much smaller than comparable classes at large universities where sizes may range from 800 to 1,500 students.

• In addition to teaching classes, professors are required to observe a minimum of five office hours each week.