



West Chester UNIVERSITY



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Welcome to the hardest working,
fastest moving, most amazing
four years of your life.

You've got the freedom to set
your own schedule ...

the opportunity to meet
people from around the world
and around the corner ...

your passport to travel anywhere ...
and the knowledge that the
best is yet to come.

If you're ready, your journey
begins right here as a
West Chester University
Golden Ram.

At **West Chester University**, our academic programs are at the center of what we do and who we are. We have passionate faculty, state of the art classroom spaces, and more than **90 majors** — so even if you enter undeclared, there's plenty to explore!

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| Accounting BS (Pre-Business) | Economics/Finance BS (Pre-Business) | Health Science: Respiratory Care BS |
| Anthropology BA | English BA- Literature | History BA |
| Biology- Cell and Molecular BS | English BA- Writings | History BA (Elective Social Studies Certification) |
| Biology- Ecology and Conservation BS | English BSED- Literature | International Business BS (Pre-Business) |
| Biology- Integrative Biology BS | English BSED- Writings | Languages and Cultures, French BA |
| Biology- Marine Science | Environmental Health BS | Languages and Cultures, German BA |
| Biology- Medical Technology BS | Exercise Science BS | Languages and Cultures, Russian BA |
| Biology- Microbiology BS | Exercise Science: Pre-Chiropractic BS | Languages and Cultures, Spanish BA |
| Biology BSED | Exercise Science: Pre-Occupational Therapy BS | Languages and Cultures, French BA (Elective K-12 Certification) |
| Chemistry BS | Exercise Science: Pre-Physical Therapy BS | Languages and Cultures, German BA (Elective K-12 Certification) |
| Chemistry BSED | Forensic & Toxicological Chemistry BS | Languages and Cultures, Russian BA (Elective K-12 Certification) |
| Chemistry-Biology BS | Geography BA | Languages and Cultures, Spanish BA (Elective K-12 Certification) |
| Communication Sciences and Disorders BA | Geography BA (Elective Social Studies Certification) | Liberal Studies, Arts and Sciences BA (transfers only) |
| Communication Studies BA | Geoscience- Earth Systems BS | Liberal Studies, Professional Studies BS (transfers only) |
| Computer Science BS | Geoscience- Geology BS | Liberal Studies, Science and Mathematics BS (transfers only) |
| Criminal Justice BS | Graphic +Interactive Design BFA | |
| Criminal Justice Accelerated BS/MS (Philadelphia campus; transfers only) | Health and Physical Education BS | |
| Early Grades Preparation PK-4/Special Education PK-8 BSED | Health Science: General - Sports Medicine Studies Concentration B.S./M.S. Athletic Training | |
| Early Grades Preparation PK-4 BSED | Health Science: General BS (transfers only) | |
| Earth-Space Science BSED | | |



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 Management BS (Pre-Business)

 Marketing BS (Pre-Business)

 Mathematics BA

 Mathematics: Actuarial Science BS

 Mathematics: Applied & Computational BS

 Mathematics: Finance BS

 Mathematics: Pure Mathematics BS

 Mathematics: Statistics BS

 Mathematics BSED

 Middle Grades Preparation 4-8/Special
 Education PK-8 BSED

 Middle Grades Preparation 4-8 BSED

 Music Education BM

 Music History BM

 Music Performance BM

 Music Performance and Education BM

 Music Theory & Composition BM

 Music with Elective Studies in an
 Outside Field BM

 Nursing RN to BSN (RN license required)

 Nursing BSN

 Nursing Advance 2 BSN
 (Bachelor's degree required)

 Nutrition and Dietetics BS

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 Pharmaceutical Product Development BS

 Philosophy BA

 Philosophy: Religious Studies BA

 Physics BS

 Physics BSED

 Physics-Engineering BS (freshman only)

 Political Science- Applied Public Policy BA

 Political Science- Government and Politics BA

 Political Science- International Relations BA

 Political Science BA
 (Elective Social Studies Certification)

 Pre-Medical Program

 Psychology BA

 Public Health- Health Promotion BS

 Social Work BSW

 Sociology BA

 Special Education Grades 7-12 BSED

 Studio Art BFA

 Theatre Arts- Design, Technology and
 Management BA

 Theatre Arts- Musical Theatre BA

 Theatre Arts- Performance BA

 Undeclared

 Urban and Environmental Planning BS

 Women's and Gender Studies BA

Undeclared

Nervous about applying to WCU as an undeclared student? Don't be! At WCU we call it Pre Major and nearly 25% of students enroll at WCU without specific majors in mind.

As an undeclared student, you'll:

- Have access to classes across campus
- Take a more interdisciplinary approach to your education
- Work with pre-major advisors to pursue your interests
- Learn more about your strengths through assessments and advising
- Complete many of your general education requirements early on
- Have until the end of your sophomore year to declare your major



Here are just a few examples of what our alumni are doing now:

Afghanistan Country Coordinator,
U.S. Department of State/USAid
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Associate User Experience Designer,
Moody's Analytics
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CEO, Bringing Hope Home
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Communication and Program Manager,
Insomnia Cookies
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Creative Director, Google
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Director of External Affairs, The Food Trust
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Director of Operations, Philadelphia Soul
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Director of Special Events,
Philadelphia Media Network
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International Tourism Professional
and Copywriter, Trivago
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Production Assistant, NFL Films
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Professor of Theatre, Utah State University
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VP Digital Sales Performance,
ABC Disney Television

Internships include:

Anthropologie
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Beasley Broadcast Group
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Bentley Systems
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Disney College Program
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Eastern Communication Association
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Fox News
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Magnet Magazine
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Philadelphia Style magazine
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Philadelphia Union
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QVC
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SAP
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TED Conferences
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Urbn Inc.
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Urban Outfitters
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WSFS Bank



COLLEGE OF ARTS *and* HUMANITIES

The **College of Arts and Humanities** is the University's cultural hub. From the performing arts to languages, the College offers a variety of programs to engage your thoughts, creativity, and expression. Whether you're pondering what it means to exist or answering the call of the stage, you'll find a home here.

Highlights include:

- State-of-the-art Mac lab with an extensive font library for both print and interactive media
- Ceramics, drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, and 3D printing studios
- Scene and costume shop
- State-of-the-art classrooms
- Poetry Center, which sponsors the country's largest poetry conference
- Home of the PA Writing and Literature Project
- Hands-on television experience through WCU Weekly
- Hosted WCU's first Spanish-language film festival
- An English faculty member was selected for inclusion in the O. Henry Prize Stories anthology
- Two Women's and Gender Studies majors were selected to present their project at an undergraduate research conference at the State Capitol
- A Philosophy student recently presented at the East-West Philosopher's Conference in Hawaii
- Graphic + Interactive Design majors have won a total of 39 awards and publications in the last five semesters, including Best in Show at the AIGA Flux competition
- A faculty member was nominated for three Barrymore Awards For Excellence in Theatre
- Hosted 2016 Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival

MAJORS

COMMUNICATION STUDIES • ENGLISH • HISTORY
GRAPHIC + INTERACTIVE DESIGN • LANGUAGES AND CULTURES
PHILOSOPHY • RELIGIOUS STUDIES
STUDIO ART • THEATRE • WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES



James

Hometown: Phoenixville, PA
Major: Communication Studies
Class: 2018

"Don't create barriers for yourself. Get involved in everything and anything you can."

James was all set to attend a private college in Connecticut...until he got his first tuition bill. Although he received financial aid and a scholarship, he knew that making tuition work would be difficult. A friend suggested WCU and the rest is history. A Communication Studies major with concentrations in mass media and sportscasting, James isn't shy about building his skills in front of the camera. James has his own sports show on local cable, is a cohost and field reporter for RamCenter covering all of WCU's sporting events, and even pitched an idea for a segment to focus on athletes dealing with diversity off the field. His passion for sportscasting drives him, and James hopes to change the culture of communications as he joins the field. From the close knit Communications community to the great people he has met along his journey, James could not imagine himself anywhere else.





PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

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Cantari Donne
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Chamber Choir Vocal Jazz
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Chamber Orchestra
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Chamber Winds
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Concert Band
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Concert Choir
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Criteria Jazz Ensemble
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Double Reed Ensemble
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Flute Ensemble
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Golden Rams Marching Band
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Guitar Ensemble
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Harp Ensemble
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Latin Jazz Ensemble
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Liberty Youth Wind Symphony
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Liberty Wind Symphony
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Mastersingers
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Men's Chorus
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New Music Ensemble
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Opera Theatre
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Percussion Ensemble
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Statesmen Jazz Ensemble
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Symphonic Wind Symphony
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Symphony Orchestra
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Tuba Ensemble
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Wind Ensemble
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Women's Chorus

SCHOOL OF MUSIC

The **School of Music** boasts world-class facilities, extraordinary faculty, amazing students, and hundreds of opportunities to take the stage. The SOM is the epicenter of music performance on campus, preparing students to excel as talented, creative individuals.

Highlights include:

- Accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)
- All Steinway School
- More than 50 student practice rooms
- Instrument rental office
- Presser Music Library located in Swope Music Building and Performing Arts Center
- The Chamber Winds ensemble performed in Munich, Germany as part of a 10-day trip
- WCU Incomparable Golden Rams Marching Band performed the pre-game and halftime show at the 2017 Pittsburgh Steelers Home Opener
- Apple Authorized Training Center for Music Education
- Artistic and educational partnerships with the Xi'an Conservatory and the Foshan Liu Shi-Kun Music and Art School, China; and the University of Ulsan in South Korea
- Partnership with Philadelphia Orchestra
- Regional, national, and international performance opportunities
- 100 School of Music scholarships available to music majors
- Home of the Criteria Jazz Ensemble, the oldest Collegiate Jazz Ensemble in the United States
- Weekly studio hour featuring visiting master clinicians
- The only School of Music in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education
- Paid opportunities for students to teach in the Community Music School at WCU

MAJORS

BACHELOR OF MUSIC: CONCENTRATION IN COMPOSITION, HISTORY, OR THEORY

**BACHELOR OF MUSIC: ELECTIVE STUDIES WITH AN OUTSIDE FIELD
(BUSINESS, MUSIC THERAPY, OR AREA OF INTEREST)**

**BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION:
INSTRUMENT, KEYBOARD, OR VOICE**

**BACHELOR OF MUSIC PERFORMANCE:
INSTRUMENT, JAZZ, KEYBOARD, OR VOICE**

**BACHELOR OF MUSIC PERFORMANCE AND EDUCATION:
INSTRUMENT, KEYBOARD, OR VOICE**

**BACHELOR OF MUSIC THEORY & COMPOSITION
(AVAILABLE WITH CONCENTRATION IN HISTORY)**



Mike

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Hometown: Montrose, PA
Major: Dual degree in Music Education and Music Theory Composition for Voice; minor in Theatre Arts
Class: 2018

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“Make friends with upper classmen, they’re great resources. And remember that professors are here to help—don’t underestimate what they can do for you.”
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As a high school senior, Mike was excited to move to a new town and to be on his tour for the first time. He scheduled his tour and when he got to campus, he just knew. While Mike chose to attend WCU because of the beautiful campus, it’s everything else that kept him here. Mike found his perfect fit as a sophomore when he auditioned for music and was accepted into the Music Education program. Since then, Mike has become very involved on campus. He’s the public relations officer for the High Street Harmonix (the University’s all-male capella competition group), a School of Music Mentor and Ambassador, a performer in Theatre Department productions and the Mastersingers ensemble, has a work study position, is active in campus ministry, and he performs external service for his church. Mike is making the most of his time at WCU!



Here are just a few examples of what our alumni are doing now:

Certified Public Accountant, PwC, KPMG, Ernst & Young, Deloitte, Kreisler Miller, IRS, FBI
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CEO, Brandywine Asset Management
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Detective, NYPD
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Financial Crimes Investigator, Citi Security
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Judge, Northampton County Court
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Partner, KPMG
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President and CEO of The Americas, Volvo Car Financial Services
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Securities Lending Associate, BlackRock
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Senior Analyst Investor Relations & Finance, Sunoco LP
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Senior Associate Corporate Treasury, JP Morgan Chase & Co
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Senior GIS Analyst, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Vice President Approvals & Acquisitions, Westrum Development Company

Internships include:

BNY Mellon
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Delaware County Planning Department
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Fairmount Park Conservancy
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Frontier Communications
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JP Morgan Chase & Co
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KPMG
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PECO Energy
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Philadelphia Eagles
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SAP
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Spring International

TE Connectivity
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Vanguard
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Wegmans



COLLEGE OF BUSINESS *and* PUBLIC MANAGEMENT

The College of Business and Public Management prepares students for diverse careers in multiple fields. The College focuses on academic innovation, globalization, sustainability, and community partnerships while being impactful, inspiring, interdisciplinary, innovative, and inclusive.

Highlights include:

- Twenty-one students presented at the Eastern Economic Association and the Omicron Delta Epsilon Undergraduate Economics Conference
- A team of WCU students were finalists in the national Formula 5 Marketing Competition, beating out dozens of teams from across the country
- Crime & Justice Lecture Series
- One of the first academic criminal justice programs on the East Coast
- Annual Business Idea Competition
- Annual student trips to Peru to explore current research findings about criminal activities among youth
- Annual International GIS Day
- Global Entrepreneur Week

Faculty members are:

- Published authors, consultants, journal reviewers, and award, grant, and scholarship winners
- *ComputerWorld* Smithsonian Laureate honoree
- U.S. Professor of the Year nominee
- Lead researcher for United Nation's Environmental Programme Finance Initiative

MAJORS

ACCOUNTING • CRIMINAL JUSTICE • ECONOMICS
FINANCE • GEOGRAPHY • INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS
MANAGEMENT • MARKETING • URBAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING



Nicole

Hometown: Nazareth, PA

Major: Dual degree in Business Management and Marketing; minor in Economics

Class: 2019

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“There’s something about this University that makes students want to achieve their fullest potential. I love meeting people who have similar goals and knowing that we can help each other become leaders, grow as people, and make a difference in the world when we graduate.”

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From the time Nicole started her college search she knew she wanted to start her own business. That realization led her to the College of Business and Public Management at WCU where she is majoring in Business Management and Marketing with a minor in Economics. The current junior couldn't be happier about her choice, and says she eats, sleeps, and breathes West Chester. That's obvious through Nicole's involvement on campus which includes being the secretary for the Student Government Association; an undergraduate research assistant; a student worker in the Cottrell Entrepreneurial Leadership Center; a member of Sigma Iota Epsilon, the management honor fraternity; and a member of the economics and finance society. Nicole once heard that WCU produces leaders; today she believes it.



Here are just a few examples of what our alumni are doing now:

Child Welfare Specialist, Temple University

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Co-Director, Center for Social Policy and Community Development, Temple University

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Director of Community-based Programming, Center for Grieving Children

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Director of Curriculum, Phoenixville School District

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Director of Experimental Education, Bryn Athyn College

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Director of Quality Control, A. Duie Pyle

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Manager of Organizational Development, VILLA

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Owner and Manager, Rockland Speech and Hearing

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Program Director and Parent Liaison, Gladwyne Montessori

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Referee, National Basketball Association

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State Representative, Pennsylvania

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Veterans Justice Outreach Social Worker, VA Clinic

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Internships include:

Chester County Human Services

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Department of Children, Youth, and Families

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Department of Aging

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Department of Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities

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Domestic Violence Center

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Family Services of Chester County

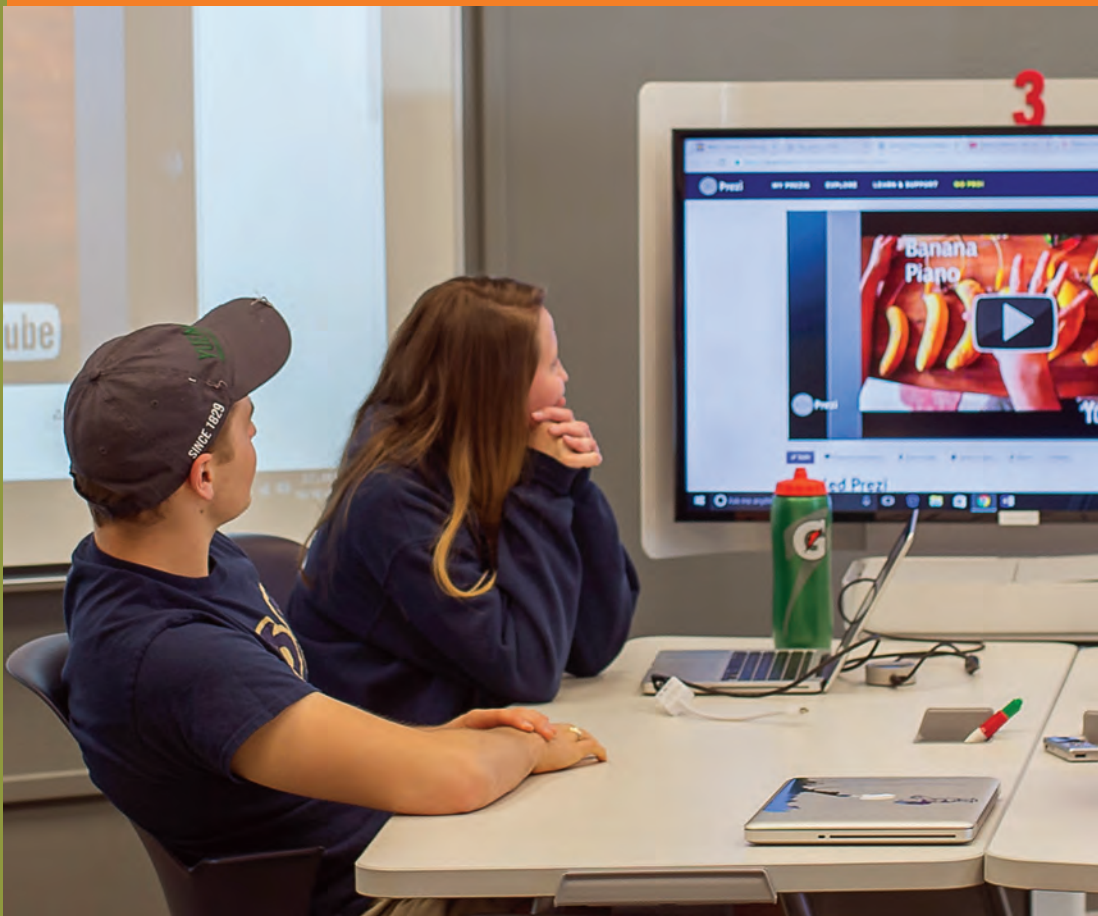
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School Districts across PA



MAJORS

EARLY AND MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATIONS AND POLICY STUDIES
SOCIAL WORK • SPECIAL EDUCATION



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION *and* SOCIAL WORK

West Chester University was founded as a teacher's college in 1871 and remains the largest educator of teachers in Pennsylvania. To say that education is at the heart of what we do at WCU would be an understatement. **The College of Education and Social Work** takes pride in creating hands-on opportunities for students and in preparing them for careers through field placements and classroom instruction.

Highlights include:

- Recognition by nearly a dozen national boards for excellence in teaching
- Partnerships with more than 60 school districts
- 100% pass rate on major subject area assessments over last five years
- Opportunities for research and publication
- Professional Testing Center for Praxis CORE and Praxis II
- Member of the prestigious 5+ Club for physics teachers
- Student teaching opportunities in the Bahamas, Ireland, England, Costa Rica, and Belize
- Partnership with Mary Immaculate College in Limerick, Ireland
- Student article "3 Reasons Why I Am Out of the Closet About Recovery" published on *HuffPost Impact*
- Partnership in Cuernavaca, Mexico with Augsburg College
- Global World Social Work Day
- Faculty members are published authors, current practitioners, and conference presenters and are active in the social work and teaching communities, where they often hold leadership roles in state-wide associations

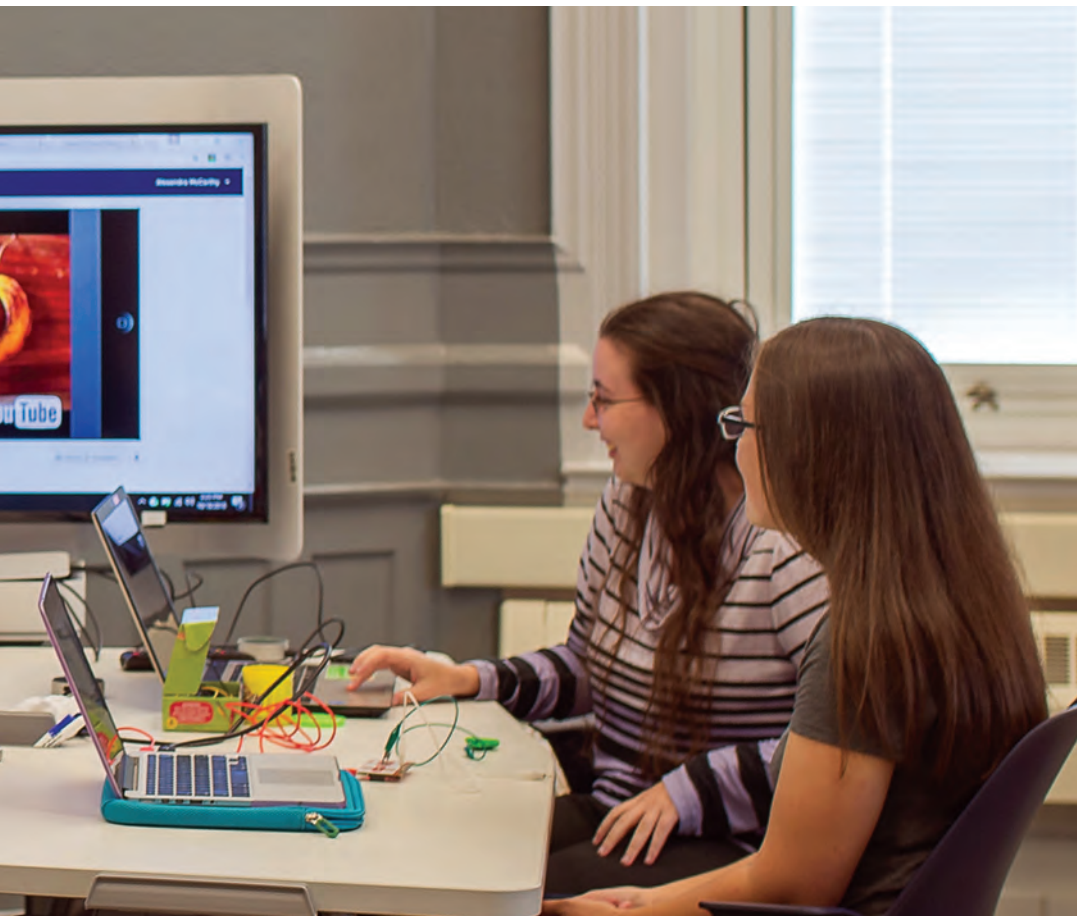


Kelly

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Hometown: Easthampton Township, NJ
Major: Early Grades & Special Education;
minor in Deaf Studies
Class: 2019

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*"I love all of my professors
and the support they give
me. I'm not just a student in
a classroom; each professor
knows my name and wants
to get to know me."*
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Kelly was in her freshman year at a different college when she decided she wanted a fresh start. She was so confident in the fit that she only looked at WCU. Flash forward and Kelly is involved in just about everything on campus. She's a sister of Alpha Delta Pi, is on the Council for Exceptional Children, and serves as a transfer ambassador. Kelly also regularly attends events through the Student Activities Council, including Flyers games and a campus-wide favorite, Banana Day. Kelly's favorite part about WCU? Her major! Within her first two education classes at WCU, she knew she made the right choices—in major and in transferring. Kelly always dreamed of being a teacher when she was a little girl. Today, she's making her dream a reality right here at WCU.



Here are just a few examples of what our alumni are doing now:

Anesthesiology Physician,
Johns Hopkins University
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Associate Athletic Director,
Villanova University
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Athletic Trainer, Philadelphia Phillies
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Audiology Resident, Princeton Eye and Ear
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CEO, Aspen Physical Therapy
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Director, Compliance & Operations –
Vaccines Global Portfolio, Pfizer
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Exercise Physiologist,
AREUFIT Health Services
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Operations Supervisor,
Kraft Heinz Company
.....

Owner, MGayle Outdoor Adventures
.....

Registered Nurse Practitioner,
University of Pennsylvania
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Spokesperson and Fitness Expert,
Fitness RX
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Strength and Conditioning Coach/Owner,
Ignite Performance Training

Internships Include:

Bryn Mawr Hospital
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Campbell Soup Company
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Chestnut Hill Balance
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Crozer Hospital
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Hahnemann Hospital
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Kinetic Physical Therapy
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Premier Rehabilitation
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Swarthmore College
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Villanova University
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Widener University



COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

From state-of-the-art labs and simulation rooms to student-centered organizations and opportunities for research, the **College of Health Sciences** is the University's hub for all health-related studies.

Highlights include:

- Accelerated program options in Athletic Training, Nutrition and Dietetics, and Public Health
- Sports Nutrition Practice Group provides nutrition information to collegiate and professional athletes
- A 3-year average pass rate of 85% on the athletic training Board of Certification exam
- A placement rate of nearly 100% for athletic training students in either graduate school or employment post-graduation
- Gold Level Chapter Honors for Chapter of National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association
- Opportunities for co-authoring papers, articles, and research with faculty members as well as conference attendance and presentations
- One of the longest running university-based speech and hearing clinics in the country
- International opportunities and partnerships
- 1st place winner in national Share the Health video contest
- Expert faculty who are committed to intensive career and academic advisement, and who have won awards and grants from a variety of boards and associations



Lauren

Hometown: Ewing, NJ
Major: Athletic Training
Class: 2017

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“Knowing that the Sports Medicine faculty truly cared about my education and success was a constant reminder that I chose the right school and the right career.”
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Lauren was always passionate about helping others and finding ways to improve their lives. When it came time to decide on a major, she wanted to pair that passion with her love of athletics. The Athletic Training program at WCU was a perfect fit! Lauren worked as a student athletic trainer, including clinical rotations around the region, which taught her to be a confident, competent, healthcare professional. Lauren was also involved outside the classroom with organizations like the WCU chapter of Bringing Hope Home, WCU's Athletic Training Club, WCU's Catholic Newman Center, and as a peer tutor. Today, Lauren is pursuing her Master of Kinesiology degree with a concentration in Sport and Recreation Leadership at James Madison University. Lauren is pursuing her passion thanks to WCU.

MAJORS

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS • ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH EXERCISE SCIENCE* • HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION • HEALTH SCIENCE HEALTH SCIENCE: RESPIRATORY CARE • HEALTH SCIENCE: SPORTS MEDICINE STUDIES NURSING • NUTRITION AND DIETETICS • PUBLIC HEALTH
* PRE-PROGRAMS: CHIROPRACTIC, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, PHYSICAL THERAPY



Here are just a few examples of what our alumni are doing now:

Chief Technology Officer, Imagine Communications
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Director of Bioinformatics, Pfizer
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Foreign Affairs Officer,
U.S. Department of State
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Physicist and Electro Optical Engineer,
Brandywine Photonics
.....

Postdoctoral Fellow, The Children's Hospital
of Philadelphia
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President and Principal Hydrogeologist,
Quinn Environmental Strategies
.....

Research Physicist, Naval Research
Laboratory
.....

Senior Engineer, Office of U.S. Secretary
of Defense
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Senior Vice President, MacDougall
Biomedical Communications
.....

Sociology Instructor, Albright College
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Staff Geologist, Brownfield Science and
Technology, Inc.
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Vice President and Senior Legal Counsel,
HSBC
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Vice President IT Corporate Systems, Ellucian

Internships include:

Amazon
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Center for Urban Health
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Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
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GlaxoSmithKline
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Johns Hopkins University
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Lockheed Martin
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Merck
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NASA
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Pennsylvania House of Representatives
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Philadelphia Youth Media Collaborative
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QVC
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Stryker Orthobiologics
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U.S. House of Representatives
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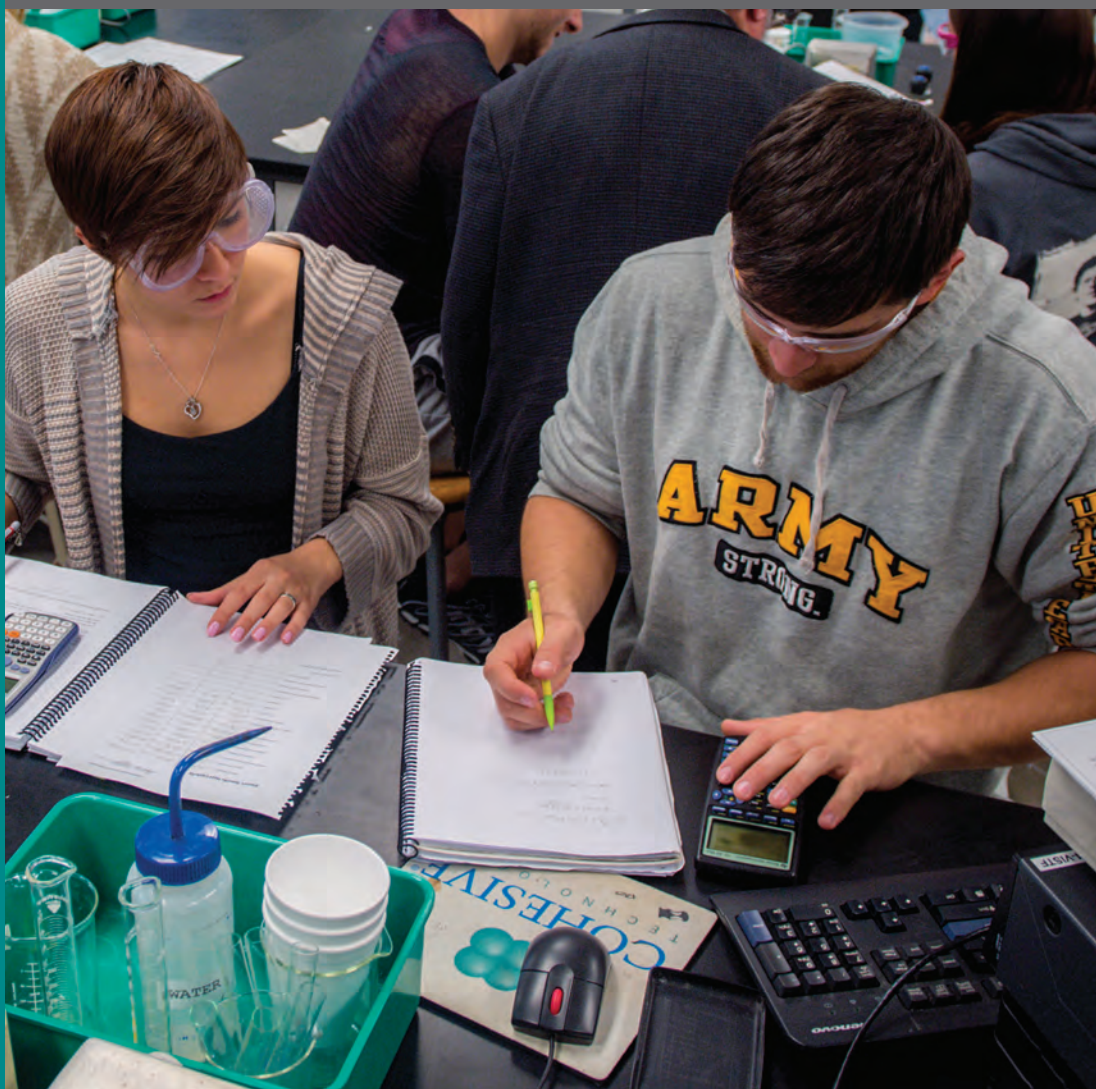
World Resources Institute
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World Health Organization



MAJORS

ANTHROPOLOGY • BIOLOGY • CHEMISTRY • COMPUTER SCIENCE
EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCES • FORENSIC AND TOXICOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY
GEOSCIENCE • MATHEMATICS • PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT
PHYSICS • POLITICAL SCIENCE • PSYCHOLOGY • SOCIOLOGY
PRE-PROGRAMS: ENGINEERING AND MEDICINE



COLLEGE OF THE SCIENCES *and* MATHEMATICS

The College of the Sciences and Mathematics is the center of scientific and analytical study at WCU. Students learn critical thinking and problem solving skills and develop evidence-based arguments to test their research. The academically rigorous programs within the College of the Sciences and Mathematics will test your limits and awaken your inner scholar on your quest for answers.

Highlights Include:

- Home of nation's first undergraduate pharmaceutical product development program
- Acceptance rates to medical and professional schools for pre-med students is over 90%
- Chemistry student have an 84% placement rate in chemistry-related fields or graduate/professional schools
- Accelerated programs (bachelor's/master's in five years) available
- Research opportunities with world renowned faculty members on numerous externally funded (NSF, EPA, US Navy, US Army) projects
- State-of-art instrumentation including electron and atomic force microscopes, optical neuroimaging, gene sequencers, nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy, recombinant nucleic acid manipulation hardware and software
- Weather station, seismograph, astronomical observatory, and planetarium
- Opportunities for co-authorship on numerous published research papers and grants
- Study abroad opportunities in the forests of Rwanda, rural regions of Ghana, or in Europe studying US-EU Transatlantic Relations
- Home of the Internet Safety, Ethics Education, and Knowledge Institute, and the Information Security Center
- Designated a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education
- Named a best school for cybersecurity by Ponemon Institute
- Gordon Natural Area for Environmental Studies – site for many endangered plant species and the ecologically unique serpentine barrens
- Actuarial Science majors successfully pass up to three preliminary exams of the Society of Actuaries
- Anthropology Department maintains an archaeological collection representing approximately 10,000 years of human occupation in southeastern Pennsylvania and surrounding areas.



Denston

Hometown: Trevoze, PA

Major: Cell and Molecular Biology; minor in Psychology

Class: 2017

"I saw West Chester as a fresh start and put my all into academics. It doesn't matter where you're starting—when you come here, you can do what you want to do."

Although Denston began his WCU career on a reduced course load, he decided that he was going to medical school and wouldn't let anything get in his way. Denston co-founded Minorities in Medicine on campus, spent a summer in the Jefferson Step-Up Program in Philadelphia, another summer doing research in the neuro-biology lab at Boston University, volunteered as a medical transporter at Chester County Hospital, performed research with WCU psychology faculty, and recently received the 2017 Outstanding Student Award for the College of the Sciences and Mathematics. Think Denston's resume is impressive? So did Harvard University, the University of Pennsylvania, and Columbia University, among others, who each offered Denston admission into their medical schools. This fall, Denston will be attending Harvard University School of Medicine with all expenses paid.



HONORS COLLEGE



Service learning and research trip to South Africa

At West Chester University, our best and brightest students are invited to apply to the **Honors College**. The Honors College prepares students to become a force for positive change both on campus and in the broader community. Students are encouraged to be active, contributing members of society and are prepared to become leaders for the 21st century.

Highlights include:

- Community service opportunities
- Specialized general education courses built around community investment and leadership development
- Living Learning Community located in Allegheny Hall, guaranteed for all four years
- Additional faculty advisors
- Membership in the Honors Student Association
- Senior project linked to community-based internship
- Preferred course registration

Additional opportunities open exclusively to Honors College students:

- Service learning and research trip to South Africa
- Affiliation with National Collegiate Honors Council
- Participation in PASSHE summer honors programs
- Executive board and committee chairperson positions
- Qualification for honors scholarship awards and additional special recognition

Many of our alumni go on to pursue graduate and professional studies at distinguished institutions, including: Yale University, Johns Hopkins University, Princeton University, University of Rochester, and the University of Pennsylvania.

VETERANS *Center*

The **Greg and Sandra Weisenstein Veterans Center** at WCU is dedicated to current and former members of the nation's Armed Forces as well as their families and friends. The Center has created a culture of understanding, acceptance, and success for all military-affiliated students. At the Center, you'll find:

- Standing Strong Support Group
- Veterans Support Group
- Soldiers to Scholars
- Troops to Teachers
- New kitchen
- Computer room
- Lounge with tv, cable, video games, & dvds

WCU is also dedicated to recruiting and retaining talented young men and women for ROTC programs. Through partnerships with St. Joseph's University and Widener University, WCU is proud to offer both Army and Air Force ROTC training.

LEARN MORE:

wcupa.edu/ussss/rotc wcupa.edu/veteranscenter





STUDENT SUPPORT *Services*

College is an amazing opportunity to be on your own, but it's also nice to know that, thanks to our **student support services**, you've got help any time you need it...

The Office of Services for Students with Disabilities (OSSD) helps students with physical, psychological, and learning disabilities transition to college life.

The Learning Assistance and Resource Center (LARC) provides academic support services to help students become independent, active learners.

The Academic Development Program (ADP) is a special five-week summer program to develop academic skills in reading, writing, and mathematics.

Pre-Major Academic Advising (PMAA) will help you explore majors and make sure you're on the path to success through course selection and grade requirements.

The Early Alert Program (EAP) provides early intervention for students identified as needing additional academic and social support.

Counseling and Psychological Services offers individual problem-solving sessions, group therapy, individual vocational sessions, psychiatric services, consultations, drug and alcohol counseling and awareness training, and even crisis intervention.

Additional Resources:

Therapy dogs are a mainstay on campus during exams. (They even have their own Twitter feed!)

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The Center for Contemplative Studies offers courses in yoga, mindfulness meditation, and T'ai Chi Ch'uan to keep you grounded and stress-free.

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Student Health Services provides information about nutrition, wellness, and substance abuse.

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The mentoring program through the Office of Multicultural Affairs will introduce you to positive role models, get you settled, and help teach you the ropes.





CAMPUS *Life*

At West Chester University,

what you do outside the classroom is just as important as what you do in the classroom, and we've got hundreds of ways to keep you busy. From Sykes After Dark and athletic events to an impressive speaker series and hundreds of clubs and organizations, **the only question is: how will you choose?**

280+

CLUBS &
ORGANIZATIONS

670

STUDY ABROAD
OPPORTUNITIES
IN 40 COUNTRIES

50

RADIO SHOWS
ON OUR OWN
STATION 91.7

200

EVENTS
ON CAMPUS
EACH YEAR

20+ FITNESS
CLASSES EACH
WEEK

2-STORY
CLIMBING
WALL

34

FRATERNITIES
AND SORORITIES

No one ever said they were
involved in **too many clubs**
or had **too many friends** on campus.



So, do what you love, and love what you do!



Whether you're interested in trying something new or sticking to tried and true, with more than **280** clubs and orgs, there's something for everyone.

Sixth Man Basketball Band

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High Street Harmonix

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Climbing Club

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Entrepreneur Club

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Operation Smile

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Quidditch

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UNICEF

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Cycling Club

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Irish Dance Team

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NAACP

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Habitat for Humanity

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Circle K International

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Improv

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Bollywood Dance Club

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Slow Food

and many others

For a complete list, visit:
wcu.orgsync.com



Emelie

Hometown: Stockholm, Sweden
Major: Marketing
Class: 2019

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“Being a student athlete has given me so much—including my friends who have become like my second family here. Now, when I compete in the classroom and in the pool, I feel like I’m representing the whole school and not just myself.”
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When Emelie began her college search she knew she wanted two things: to continue her swimming career and to attend a university with a business school. WCU checked both of those boxes, and Emelie dove right in, balancing swimming and academics like a pro. Even this far from home, Emelie feels supported at WCU, especially through the Athletics Academic Mentoring Program, which gives athletes a peer mentor to talk to about sports, school, or anything else without being a coach, teammate, or faculty member. Today, Emelie is a marketing major who spends time on her studies but still manages to have fun and get involved on campus. Although she’s far from home, Emelie found a whole new family at WCU.



www.wcupagoldenrams.com

VARSITY TEAMS:

- Baseball (M)
- Basketball (M/W)
- Cross Country (M/W)
- Field Hockey (W)
- Football (M)
- Golf (M/W)
- Gymnastics (W)
- Lacrosse (W)
- Rugby (W)
- Soccer (M/W)
- Softball (W)
- Swimming & Diving (M/W)
- Tennis (M/W)
- Track & Field (M/W)
- Volleyball (W)

IN 2016-2017 WCU HAD:

- 1 National NCAA Championship team
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- 3 PSAC
Regular-Season Champions
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- 3 PSAC Tournament Champions
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- 9 teams +
16 individual athletes
who made NCAA Appearances
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- 5 Coach of the Year Awards
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- 1 individual national champion
in two events
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- 7 Player of the Year Awards
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- 22 All-American Selections
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- 4 Rookie of the Year Awards



GOING for GOLD

This spring
WCU's baseball team
won its 2nd
NCAA DII National
Championship in
six years.

Not sure
about being a varsity
athlete? WCU has 20 club
sports and intramural teams.
So, whether you're in it for the
trophy or just the t-shirt,
WCU has something
for you.

With **24** varsity sports, WCU is home to one of the largest **NCAA Division II** athletics programs in the country, and we have the **facilities, fans, and championships** to prove it.

If you're a freshman, you'll most likely be housed on North Campus; here's a quick breakdown of the differences between the housing options:

University-owned housing:

- Traditional dormitory style
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- Double occupancy rooms
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- Shared bathrooms
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- Computer room
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- Television lounge
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- Game room
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- Laundry room
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- Kitchenette per building

University-affiliated housing (USH):

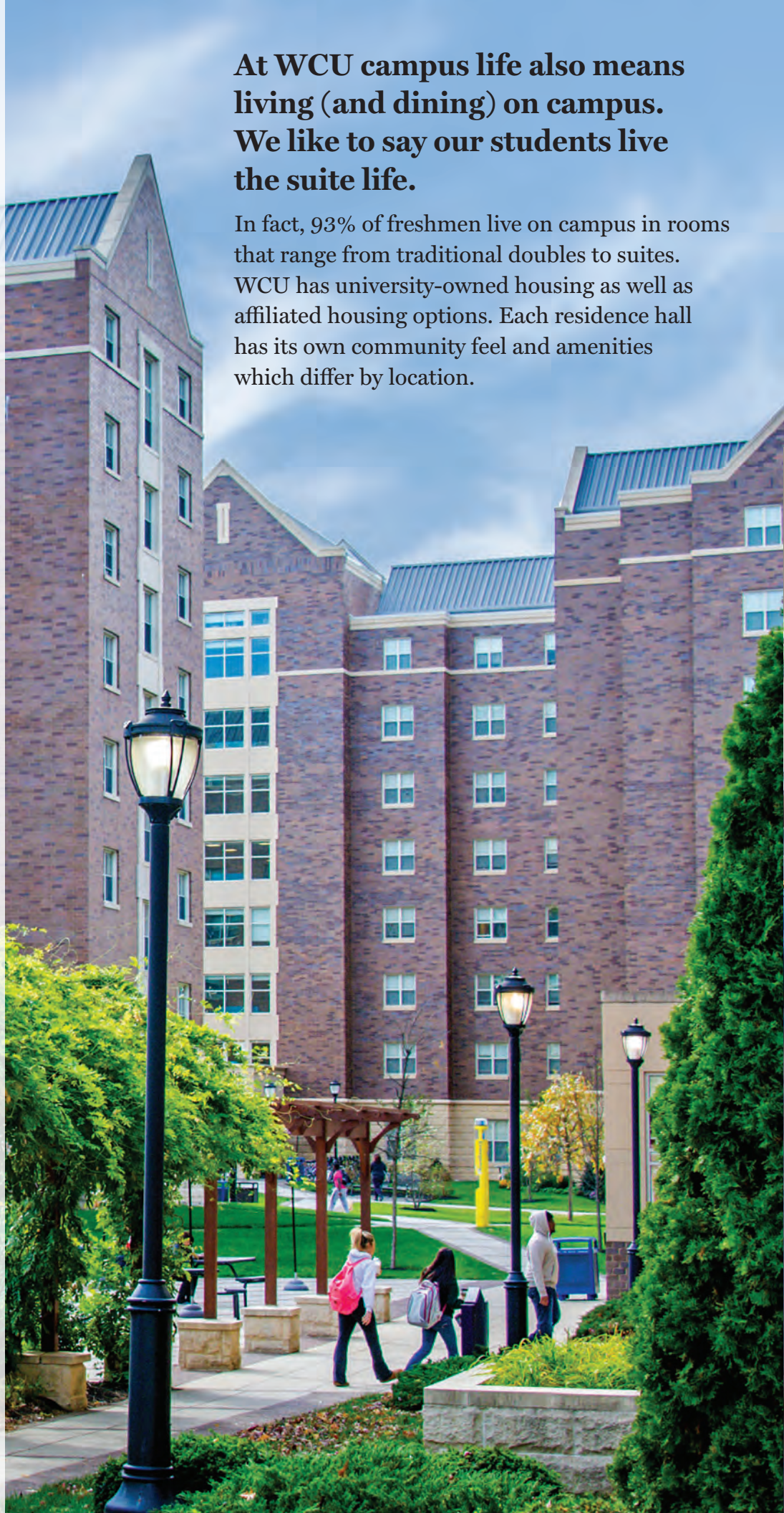
- Suite style rooms accommodate 2 to 6 students
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- En suite bathrooms
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- Computer room
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- Separate social and study lounges
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- Theatre/Media room
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- Fitness room/yoga space
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- Laundry room
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- Central heat/air conditioning
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- Full kitchen per building

Which one is right for you? You'll have to tour them all!

After your freshman year, you have even more options, including the College Arms Apartments, South Campus Apartments, the Village and East Village Apartments, or moving off campus into the West Chester Borough community.

At WCU campus life also means living (and dining) on campus. We like to say our students live the suite life.

In fact, 93% of freshmen live on campus in rooms that range from traditional doubles to suites. WCU has university-owned housing as well as affiliated housing options. Each residence hall has its own community feel and amenities which differ by location.





DINING

Whether you eat to live or live to eat, you'll find something to love at WCU. Between the dining hall and the diner, the food trucks and the food court, we've got you covered.

On campus dining options include:

Lawrence
all-you-care-to-eat
dining hall
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Einstein Brothers Bagels
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Fresh Market Smoothies
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Food trucks on Church Street (everything from coffee and pretzels to Greek and Mexican)
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Java City
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Larry's Market
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P.O.D. (Provisions on Demand) In:

Main Hall
South Campus
Sturzebecker
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Ram's Head Food Court

Bene Pizza
Chik-fil-A
Grille Works
Home Zone
Lindsay's Market
Sandwich Shack
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The Diner
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Starbucks

Hungry for more?
Check out
westchester.campusdish.com
for more information about meal
plans and dining locations –
and even a few menus.



Get out there and explore your world!

If you're thinking about studying abroad, West Chester University has your golden ticket! Whether you're interested in traveling for your major, to learn a new language, or just to see the world—we've got a program for you. West Chester and our affiliate partners offer year-long, semester-long, and even week-long trips over intersessions and breaks.

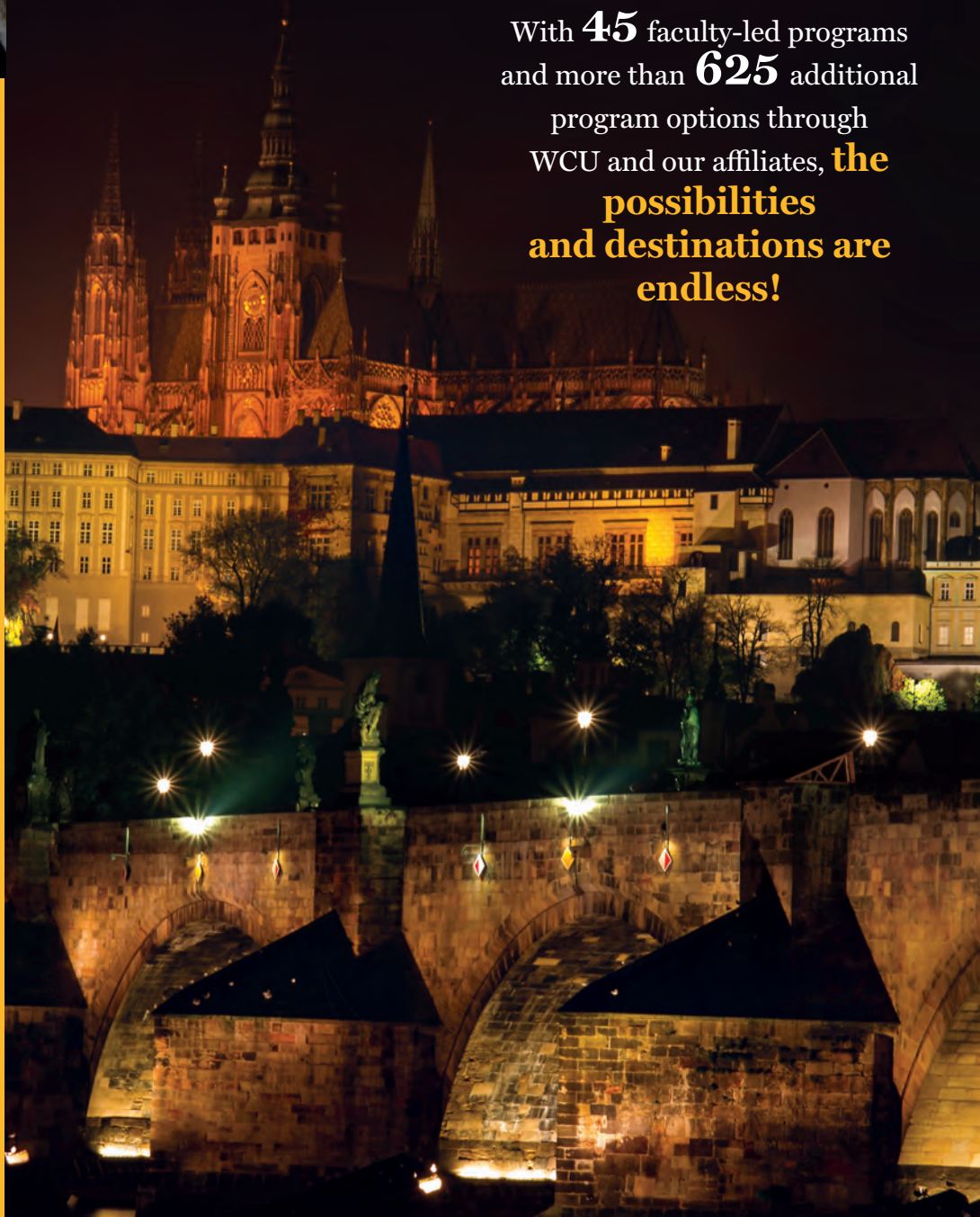
With **45** faculty-led programs and more than **625** additional program options through WCU and our affiliates, **the possibilities and destinations are endless!**

Julie

Hometown: Demarest, NJ
Major: Middle Grades Prep & Special Education; minor in Reading
Class: 2017

"It's important to open yourself up to things and experiences you weren't sure about before; that is what I did by studying abroad."

The best advice Julie can give you as a WCU student? Say yes! An education major, Julie wasn't sure she'd be able to fit study abroad into her curriculum, but just a few meetings, some paperwork, and a passport later, Julie was on her way to Prague in the Czech Republic. Why Prague? Julie thought the Czech Republic would have a different feel to it than some of the more traditional study abroad locations. It turns out—she was right! And Prague was the perfect starting point for all of the adventures and experiences that Julie said yes to. She made new friends and memories every weekend as she traveled—visiting Switzerland, Amsterdam, Dublin, Barcelona, Munich, and Italy's Amalfi Coast. Julie opened herself up to new experiences and had the time of her life.



Along the Vltava River, Prague, Czech Republic



Study Abroad in Vienna



Teaching in the Bahamas



Study Abroad in Norway

Choose from any of our 670 study abroad options including:

- Argentina
- Australia
- Bahamas
- China
- Czech Republic
- England
- France
- Greece
- Italy
- Norway
- South Africa
- Spain
- And so many more

STUDY ABROAD PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS:

- American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS)
- Arcadia University College of Global Studies
- Athena Study Abroad
- CEA Global Education
- CIS Abroad
- Global Semesters
- Institute for American Universities (IAU College)
- International Studies Abroad (ISA)



COMMITMENT *to* community

West Chester University has been a part of the fabric of Pennsylvania since the college's founding in 1871. From service-learning courses to student-faculty research, our students, faculty, and staff have been making a difference in the community every day for more than 140 years.

in
2016-17

alone WCU
students

performed more than
780,000 hours
*of community
service*

through
130
*student
organizations*

and
ran 8 alternative
spring break trips to
international destinations
like Peru, Kenya,
and Honduras.



*Then there's commitment
to the wider community.*

Since 2010, WCU has invested in projects that are truly making an environmental impact, including:

Heating and cooling 50% of campus buildings with geothermal energy

Installing rain gardens and catch basins to improve water quality and reduce storm water runoff

Creating green roofs on the Merion Science Center and Green Library to reduce water runoff and cooling costs

Planting a demonstration garden to attract natural pollinators to our campus

Dedicating even more space to the Robert B. Gordon natural area, now a 135-acre nature preserve

Opening the South Campus community garden to encourage gardening, learning where and how food grows, and even composting and bee-keeping techniques

WCU is also a Level II ArbNet certified Arboretum and has been recognized by Tree Campus USA for the last several years

7,663
students
participated in
119
service learning
courses

and
raised nearly
\$250,000
for
*community
organizations*



Location, Location, Location

If you haven't been on a tour yet, it's hard to even begin to describe West Chester's location. There's the campus itself which is beautiful, with a grassy academic quad, Adirondack chairs under the trees, and buildings that date from the turn of the last century.

Then there's everything else:

West Chester Borough: The Borough has a fantastic downtown with great shops, restaurants, bakeries, and salons just a ten-minute walk from the heart of campus. It's a true college town, and when the University is in session, our students double the population here.

Philadelphia: Just over 30 minutes from campus, Philadelphia is home to tons of restaurants, museums and cultural sites, concerts, and more. And, with more than 450,000 college students in the Philly metro area, there's always someone to meet, something to do, and somewhere to go.

New York City & Washington, D.C.: West Chester University is just a two-hour ride from two of the most influential cities in the country, if not the world. Aside from the obvious landmarks in both cities, you'll also have access to more internship opportunities, fun, and experiences than you could ever imagine!





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When your last exam is finished, your passport is stamped, and your diploma is in hand, you should know that you're not alone. With more than 90,000 alumni around the world, **you'll find the WCU connection EVERYWHERE!**

Our graduates go on to study and work at fantastic institutions and accomplish great things.

Just a few employers who hire WCU grads year after year:

- Aetna
- AstraZeneca
- Bank of America
- Berkshire Hathaway
- Comcast
- GSK
- JP Morgan
- Merck
- QVC
- SAP
- School Districts of Philadelphia, West Chester, and Downingtown
- The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- Vanguard
- Wells Fargo

Some fields alumni work in:

- Accounting
- Arts & Design
- Community and Social Services
- Education
- Entrepreneurship
- Finance
- Healthcare
- Legal
- Marketing
- Media & Communication
- Military & Protective Services
- Product and Project Management

Examples of job titles alumni have:

- Aerospace Engineer, Boeing Company
- Anesthesiology Physician, Johns Hopkins University

- Associate Athletic Director, Villanova University
- Author
- CEO, Aspen Physical Therapy
- CEO and Cofounder, Forge Therapeutics
- Composer
- Coordinator, Pacific Rim, LA Dodgers
- Creative Consultant, MTV Networks
- Director of Coaching, F.C. Revolution Soccer
- Director of Communications and PR, Alex's Lemonade Stand
- Director of Ticketing, NY Giants
- Editor-in-Chief, *New York Law Journal*
- Executive Director, Sierra Club
- Featured Columnist at The Bleacher Report
- Founder and President, ProMetrics
- Game Day Media Relations Specialist, Philadelphia Eagles
- Japanese Lecturer, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Linguist, U.S. Department of Defense
- Magician
- Manager of Football Information, NFL
- News Anchor, CBS affiliate
- President, CHQ Local Food
- President, Oxford Financial Services
- Principal Artist, Washington National Opera
- Producer, ESPN
- Professional Baseball Player
- Radio DJ, WMMR Philadelphia
- Referee, NBA
- Senior Platform Analyst, QVC
- Senior Integrated Media Consultant, CBS Radio
- Senior Vice President of Marketing and Customer Experience, Target
- Songwriter, Capitol CMG
- Sports Anchor, CBS
- State Representative, Pennsylvania
- Vice President, Philadelphia Phillies

- Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, Merck
- Vice President of Digital Sales Performance, Disney ABC Television Group
- Vice President of Development, Meals on Wheels
- Video Production Assistant, Philadelphia Union Soccer
- Voice Over Artist
- Writer/Contributing Editor, *Vogue Magazine*
- YouTube Personality

Some recent Graduate School acceptances:

- Ball State University
- Bowling Green State University
- Bryn Mawr College
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Dartmouth College
- Drexel University
- George Washington University
- Harvard University
- Johns Hopkins University
- La Salle University
- New York University
- Old Dominion University
- Penn State University
- St. Joseph's University
- Stanford University
- Temple University
- Thomas Jefferson School of Law
- University of Maryland
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Pittsburgh
- Villanova University
- West Chester University
- Yale University

Recent internship experiences:

- Campbell Soup Company
- Deloitte
- Disney College Program
- Fox News
- Hahnemann Hospital
- KPMG
- Local high school and college sports teams
- Lockheed Martin
- Merck
- Merrill Lynch
- NBC
- Pennsylvania House of Representatives
- Philadelphia Flyers
- Philadelphia Phillies
- Philadelphia Style* magazine
- Philadelphia Zoo
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- QVC
- The United Nations
- URBN
- U.S. Marshals
- World Health Organization

Whether you're looking for an internship, résumé help, or a job post-graduation, the **Twardowski Career Development Center (CDC)** is the place for you!

Located right on campus in the Lawrence Center, appointments and drop-ins are open to all students and alumni, regardless of graduation year. In fact, if you're unsure about your future plans or academic or career interests, our full-time career counselors will work to get you on the right path—or help you create your own. Already know what you'd like to do? The CDC staff can help with résumés, cover letters, and techniques to make sure that you ace your interview and are career ready.




Sara

Hometown: Stewartstown, PA
Major: Accounting
Class: 2018

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“The more people you talk to, the more opportunities become available to you. Don't be shy!”
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Sara believes in the power of personal relationships and networking. In fact, utilizing her personal network landed her a summer internship at BHS Corrugated headquarters in Weiherhammer, Germany. The Accounting major gained experience in different departments throughout the company including sales, marketing, internal auditing and finally, accounting. It wasn't strictly business while Sara was in Germany—she traveled to Italy, the Czech Republic, Austria, and Brussels—a different location for every weekend. Back on campus, Sara is the vice president of Beta Alpha Psi, the accounting honor society and an RA on campus in Schmidt Hall. She also volunteers with VITA, which is volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and disabled individuals, and at the Chester County SPCA. She plans to complete her five year program in just four years, including a semester off for an internship. Sara is making the most of her opportunities at WCU.



Over **61,000** logins to Ram Career Network

1,000+ students attend career fairs each year

637 drop-ins in the last academic year



170+ employers attend campus and career fairs

95% of employers who held on-campus interviews with students expressed their interest in hiring at least one of the applicants that were interviewed on that day



3,000+ résumés edited annually through the Career Development Center

1,077 appointments last year alone



Nearly **3,400** job and internship postings through the Ram Career Network last year alone

Learn More: www.wcupa.edu/cdc



Scholarships

Visit

www.wcupa.edu/scholarships to learn more about institutional and external scholarship opportunities as well as other forms of financial aid that you may be eligible to receive.

FINANCIAL AID

Your college education is one of the largest investments you'll make in your lifetime.

At WCU, we're here to make your dreams a reality. This year, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is using prior, prior year tax data.

Prior-Prior Year (PPY) refers to a policy enabling students and families to file the FAFSA using tax information from two years ago. The West Chester University priority filing date is February 15.



ADMISSIONS

Now that you know what makes WCU WCU, we want to know what it is that makes you you!

West Chester University practices a holistic admissions process and considers your grades, the strength of your academic record, standardized test scores, and a personal statement as well your requested program of study. Applicants may submit SAT and/or ACT results. For fall and spring 2018 applicants, the Office of Admissions will consider only the new SAT scoring.

Interested in joining our community?

Check out wcupa.edu/admissions to learn more about the admissions process as well as any special admission requirements.

Fall 2017 Enrolled First Year Profile

High School GPA	3.38
Combined SAT <i>(Evidence Based Reading & Writing and Math)</i>	1120
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	566
ACT Composite	24
Class Rank	Top 60%



**Sure, you've read about WCU,
but the best way to truly experience
the University is to come see it for yourself!**

**We have tours all year, and our admission ambassadors
would be happy to show you around.**

Register at wcupa.edu/visitors

Can't make it to campus?

Check out our virtual tour: www.youvisit.com/tour/wcupa



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