
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Parent,

Welcome to West Chester University. Families are a vital part of each student's success, and you are very important to our academic community. Thank you for the encouragement you provide, which helps students find their WCU years highly rewarding. With their families' support, our students look forward to a bright future that reflects their interests, talents, and goals. West Chester University is committed to excellence, to the comprehensive career preparation and outstanding liberal arts and sciences that are crucial in today's society. Our graduates communicate and think effectively, so as the world changes, they are prepared for continuing success. We provide students with up-to-date skills and knowledge and integrate new technology into our curricula. Our faculty are widely respected for their scholarship; exciting and innovative learning experiences await their classes.

This handbook is designed to answer the questions that WCU family members most frequently ask. Of course, no publication can anticipate every question, and so I encourage you to contact the appropriate campus office for further assistance. University faculty and staff are eager to do their best for your student and you, to provide the personal attention and guidance that can help each student excel.

An additional way to stay informed about University events and news is to read the *West Chester University Magazine*, which is published three times a year. In addition, the University's Web site (<http://www.wcupa.edu>) includes resources for parents and provides a wealth of other information, such as arts, athletics, and academic calendars. I hope you will be able to attend the many wonderful cultural and athletic events held on campus throughout the year.

Best wishes to you and your student for satisfying and rewarding years ahead. I look forward to seeing you on campus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Greg R. Weisenstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Greg R. Weisenstein
President

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HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY

Although its founding year is 1871, the University in fact has deeper roots tracing from the West Chester Academy, a private, state-aided school which existed from 1812 to 1869. The academy enjoyed strong support from the highly intellectual Chester County Cabinet of the Natural Sciences of the pre-Civil War decades. It was recognized as one of Pennsylvania's leading preparatory schools, and its experience in teacher training laid the groundwork for the normal school years that were to follow.

As the state began to take increasing responsibility for public education, the academy was transformed into West Chester Normal School, still privately owned but state certified. The normal school admitted its first class of 160 students on September 25, 1871. In 1913, West Chester became the first of the normal schools to be owned outright by the Commonwealth. West Chester became West Chester State Teachers College in 1927 when Pennsylvania initiated a four-year program of teacher education. In 1960, as the Commonwealth paved the way for liberal arts programs in its college system, West Chester was renamed West Chester State College, and two years later introduced the liberal arts program that turned the one-time academy into a comprehensive college.

In recognition of the historic merit of the campus, in 1981 the West Chester State College Quadrangle Historic District was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The buildings included in the historic district are Philips Memorial Building, Ruby Jones Hall, Recitation Hall, and the Old Library. Except for Philips, these buildings are all constructed of native Chester County serpentine stone.

West Chester State reached another major milestone with passage of the State System of Higher Education bill. West Chester became one of the 14 universities in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education on July 1, 1983. Along with its new name — West Chester University of Pennsylvania — the institution acquired a new system of governance and the opportunity to expand its degree programs.



GENERAL INFORMATION



Nondiscrimination/Affirmative Action Policy

West Chester University is committed to providing leadership in extending equal opportunities to all individuals. Accordingly, the University will continue to make every effort to provide these rights to all persons regardless of sex, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, or veteran status. This policy applies to all members of the University community including students, faculty, staff and administrators. It also applies to all applicants for admission or employment and all participants in University-sponsored activities.

This policy is in compliance with federal and state laws, including Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendment of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and Executive Order of the Governor of Pennsylvania.

Any individual having suggestions, problems, complaints, or grievances with regard to equal opportunity or affirmative action, or to request a translation of this publication into a language other than English, is encouraged to contact the director, Office of Social Equity, at 13/15 University Ave., 610-436-2433.

University Information Publications

Following is a list of forms, pamphlets, and other publications that provide more detailed information on specific topics. Requests for these publications should be addressed to the office indicated; to complete the address, include "West Chester University, West Chester, PA 19383."

SSI E-Z Pay (Pre-Paid Bookstore Account)

S.S.I. Business Office, Sykes Union Room 259..... 610-436-2955

Health Insurance Information

Student Health Center, Wayne Hall..... 610-436-2509

Your Safety Is Our Concern

Department of Public Safety, Peoples Building..... 610-436-3311

West Chester University Magazine

The magazine is published three times a year for the alumni, friends, and family of West Chester University by the Office of Public Relations and Marketing, 13/15 University Avenue.

Office Hours:

All offices are open from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday during September-May and close at 4 p.m. in June, July, and August. Some offices have some variation.

General University information may be obtained by calling the Information Switchboard at 610-436-1000.

Weather Alert Notification:

When adverse weather conditions affect the routine operation of the University, information regarding class cancellations, delayed openings, and/or University closings will be publicized several ways: 1) text messages to WCU Alert subscribers through the e2campus service which sends text messages with WCU announcements, including class cancellations, delayed openings or closings, or on-campus emergencies; 2) mass e-mails to students, faculty, and staff; 3) postings on WCU's homepage at <http://www.wcupa.edu>; 4) recorded message on WCU's Information Line, 610-436-1000, and broadcastings on many radio and TV stations. Some radio and TV stations use a system of code numbers rather than school names for cancellations and announcements. West Chester University's code numbers are **853 for cancellation of day classes and 2853 for evening classes, and at <http://www.wcupa.edu/dps/emergency/WeatherEmergency.asp/>.**

CAMPUS DIRECTORY

QUESTION	WHERE TO GO	PHONE
Absence from Class (prolonged)	Registrar, 25 University Avenue	610-436-3541
Academic Advising	Academic Department or Pre-Major (Undeclared) Academic Advising Center, 250 Lawrence Center	610-436-3505
Academic Policies and Procedures	Academic Department or Office of the Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, 25 University Avenue	610-436-3551
Academic Development Program	Academic Programs and Services, 222 Lawrence Center	610-436-3274
Athletics and Sports	Athletic Office, Sturzebecker Health Sciences Center	610-436-3555
Billing	Bursar's Office, 25 University Avenue	610-436-2552
Career Planning and Placement Services	Twardowski Career Development Center, 229 Lawrence Center	610-436-2501
Closing/Storm Policy	Information Desk	610-436-1000
Co-Curricular Programs and Campus Activities	Student Programming, 236 Sykes Union	610-436-2983/3037
Counseling Services	Counseling and Psychological Services, 234 Lawrence Center	610-436-2301
Drug and Alcohol Education Information	Wellness Center, Wayne Hall	610-436-3276
Emergency Contact with Students	Public Safety Department, 22 Peoples Building	610-436-3311
Enrollment Status Certification	Registrar, 25 University Avenue	610-436-3541
Fees/Refunds	Bursar's Office, 25 University Avenue	610-436-2552
Financial Aid	Financial Aid Office, 25 University Avenue	610-436-2627
Food Services	Lawrence Center	610-436-2730
Fraternities and Sororities	Greek Life and Student Organizations, 238 Sykes Union	610-436-2117
Grades	Registrar, 25 University Avenue	610-436-3541
Handicapped Services	Office of Services for Students with Disabilities, 223 Lawrence Center	610-436-3217
Health Services	Student Health Center, Wayne Hall	610-436-2509
Honors College	Honors College, 703 S. High St.	610-436-2996
Information Switchboard	Philips Memorial Building	610-436-1000
International Students	McKelvie Hall	610-436-3515
Library	Francis Harvey Green Library	610-436-2946
Multicultural Affairs	Student Affairs, 003 Sykes Union	610-436-3273
Musical Organizations	School of Music, Swope Music Building and the E.O. Bull Performing Arts Center	610-436-2739
Off-Campus and Commuter Services	Off-Campus and Commuter Services, 116 Sykes Union Information Desk	610-436-2984
Orientation	New Student Programs, 202 Lawrence Center	610-436-3305
Parking	Public Safety Department, 22 Peoples Building	610-436-3311
Post Office	887 S. Matlack Street	610-436-2744
President's Office	Philips Memorial Building	610-436-2471
Press Releases	Public Relations Office, 13/15 University Avenue	610-436-3383
Privacy of Information Act	Registrar, 25 University Avenue	610-436-3541
Recreational Activities	Campus Recreation, Student Recreation Center (opening August 2012)	610-436-2133
Registration and Scheduling	Registrar, 25 University Avenue	610-436-3541
Residence Life and Housing Services (traditional residence halls on North Campus, South Campus Apartments, and College Arms Apartments)	Residence Life and Housing Services, 202 Lawrence Center	610-436-3307
Student Affairs Information	Vice President for Student Affairs, 238 Sykes Union	610-436-3301
Student Development	Assistant Dean for Student Involvement, 202 Lawrence Center	610-436-3307
Student Government Association	S.G.A. Office, 217 Sykes Union	610-436-2956
Student Organizations	Greek Life and Student Organizations, 238 Sykes Union	610-436-2117
Student Services, Inc. (SSI)	259 Sykes Union	610-436-2955
Student Standards/Discipline	Director of Judicial Affairs, 238 Sykes Union	610-436-3511
Student Union Information	116 Sykes Union	610-436-2984
Textbooks/Supplies	Bookstore, Sykes Union	610-436-2242
Tutorial Services	Learning Assistance and Resource Center, 223 Lawrence Center	610-436-2535
University Student Housing (affiliated housing on North Campus-Allegheny, Brandywine, and University Halls; and The Village at WCU on South Campus)	University Student Housing, Leasing Center in University Hall	610-692-7456
Veterans' Affairs	Veterans Center, 624 S. High Street	610-436-2862
Withdrawal from School	Registrar, 25 University Avenue	610-436-3541
Women's Programs	Women's Center, 220 Lawrence Center	610-436-2122

RESIDENCE HALL PHONE NUMBERS (Main Desk)

Allegheny.....	610-430-4040	Tyson.....	610-436-2412
Brandywine.....	610-430-4030	Wayne.....	610-436-2558
Goshen.....	610-436-2206	South Campus Apartments.....	610-436-3440
Killinger.....	610-436-2422	University Hall.....	610-692-7391
McCarthy.....	610-436-2510	The Village at WCU.....	610-436-2368

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

General Education Requirements

A broad education must encompass experiences in oral and written communication skills; mathematics; the social, behavioral, and natural sciences; and the arts. Therefore, all students are required to take a liberal arts core called general education requirements. This requirement allows students freedom of choice within educationally sound limits and enables them to leave West Chester University with a well-rounded and comprehensive education. A complete review of the general education requirements is contained in the Undergraduate Catalog.

Academic Classification of Students

Your student's class designation is determined by the number of semester hours of credit earned:

Freshman	0-29.5 semester hours of credit
Sophomore	30-59.5 semester hours of credit
Junior	60-89.5 semester hours of credit
Senior	90 or more semester hours of credit

Grading

After each semester a report of each student's semester grades is available on myWCU. This can also be accessed through the University's Web site (www.wcupa.edu) and requires the student's username and password. The following grading system is used:

Grading System

Grade	Quality Points	Percent Equivalents	Interpretation
A	4.00	93-100	Excellent
A-	3.67	90-92	
B+	3.33	87-89	Superior
B	3.00	83-86	
B-	2.67	80-82	
C+	2.33	77-79	Average
C	2.00	73-76	
C-	1.67	70-72	
D+	1.33	67-69	Below Average
D	1.00	63-66	
D-	0.67	60-62	
F	0.00	59 or lower	Failure
*NG			No Grade
*W			Withdrawal
*Z			Failure due to nonattendance
*Y			Administrative Withdrawal
*AU			Audit

To compute the grade point average, divide the total quality points earned by the total credit hours attempted. A student's scholastic standing at the University is indicated by his or her cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA). Three categories of academic standing have been established: good academic standing, probation, and dismissal. A student remains in good academic standing as long as he or she maintains a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 for all work taken at the University. Probation and dismissal are actions taken by the University when a student's GPA falls below an acceptable level at the end of a semester. Note that certain departments may have higher minimum GPA requirements to remain enrolled in a particular major. Specific information regarding probation and dismissal can be found in the Undergraduate Catalog.

*Please refer to the Undergraduate Catalog for a more detailed explanation.

Undergraduate Studies and Student Support Services (USSSS)

Academic Development Program – Lawrence 222

The Academic Development Program is designed to provide an opportunity for college education at WCU to selected students who do not meet current admission requirements but who, nevertheless, show evidence of having the ability to succeed in college.

Features of the program include the following:

- A five-week summer bridge session
- Developmental courses and assigned tutoring to enhance skills in reading, writing, speaking, mathematics, and critical thinking
- Professional and peer counseling
- Individual advising

For more information, contact 610-436-3274 or adp@wcupa.edu, or visit our Web site at www.wcupa.edu/ussss/adp/.

Learning Assistance and Resource Center – Lawrence 223

The Learning Assistance and Resource Center (LARC) provides quality academic support services that help students become independent and active learners who achieve academic success.

The LARC offers **tutoring** services in most 100- and 200-level general education courses such as mathematics, biology, chemistry, physics, social sciences, languages, and business.

Supplemental Instruction sessions are available in several "high-risk" math, biology, and chemistry courses.

Academic Success Workshops: The Academic Success Workshop (ASW) is a program designed to teach students general study skills, class participation, and time management methods which are applicable to all courses and programs of study. It consists of four one-hour workshops offered at various times over the course of each semester.

Praxis Review Workshops: The LARC offers review workshops to prepare for the Pre-Professional Skills Test (Praxis I) necessary for Formal Admission to Teacher Education. Reviews for the reading, writing, and math portions of the Praxis I test are offered by experienced tutors. Sessions during the academic year are ten weeks long. Cumulatively, the sessions cover the skills, material, and techniques that will enable students to take and pass the test.

For more information, contact 610-436-2535 or larc@wcupa.edu, or visit our Web site at www.wcupa.edu/ussss/larc/.

Freshman Interest Groups

The first-year experience, only better: Freshman Interest Groups (FIGs) gather students into small living/learning groups that share two common courses and reside in one wing of Tyson Hall for students living in traditional housing and Brandywine Hall for students living in affiliated housing. Commuter students can also participate in the Freshman Interest Groups. Freshman Interest Groups foster close relations among peers, faculty, and staff through cross-disciplinary studies and special activities. The aim of the FIG is to ease transition into the University, assist in student's development as intellectuals, and encourage connectedness to various professional and social communities.

For more information, contact 610-436-2857 or FIGs@wcupa.edu, or visit our Web site at www.wcupa.edu/ussss/figs/.

Office of Services for Students with Disabilities – Lawrence 223

The Office of Services for Students with Disabilities (OSSD) offers services for students with physical and learning disabilities. The OSSD is designed to assist students to make a successful transition to the University and provide services to support their success. Services offered through the OSSD may include the following:

- Academic coaching and academic advising
- Special summer orientation
- Optional comprehensive needs assessment
- Advocacy with faculty
- Referrals for LD testing
- Alternative test-taking arrangements
- Priority registration

For more information, contact 610-436-2564 or ossd@wcupa.edu, or visit our Web site at www.wcupa.edu/ussss/ossd/.

Pre-Major Academic Advising Center – Lawrence 262

The Pre-Major Academic Advising Center offers the following services to assist students who have not yet declared a major to explore their fields of interest before entering a degree program:

- Advice in regard to selection of courses;
- Assistance in establishing academic and career objectives;
- Information regarding various programs offered by the University;
- Advising students in academic difficulty;
- Referral to other appropriate support services;
- Guidance in and instruction for declaring a major; and
- Interpretation of University, school, and department regulations, rules, and requirements.

For more information, contact 610-436-3505 or advising@wcupa.edu, or visit our Web site at www.wcupa.edu/ussss/pmaa/.

Early Alert Program – 25 University Ave. Room 004

Early detection of academic difficulties allows the university to offer the student access to the appropriate support systems. The Early Alert Program helps to ease the new student's transition into the college environment by providing early identification of those students who may be academically at risk or who may be having difficulties in the classroom. Students are referred by their instructors; program staff meet with referred students to assist them in identifying resources for academic or social support.

For more information, contact 610-436-2535 or earlyalert@wcupa.edu, or visit our Web site at <http://www.wcupa.edu/ussss/earlyalert/>.

Army ROTC (Delta Company) – Anderson Hall Room 331A

Army ROTC provides college-trained officers for both the active component (U.S. Army) and the reserve components (U.S. Army Reserve and the National Guard). As the largest single source of Army officers, ROTC fulfills a vital role in providing mature young men and women for leadership and management positions in an increasingly technical Army. Army ROTC classes, labs, and physical training are conducted on West Chester's campus. The West Chester Army ROTC program (D Company) falls under the supervision of the Freedom

Battalion based out of Widener University in Chester, Pa.

For more information contact Jon Peterson, campus officer-in-charge, or SFC Robinson Paniagua at 610-430-4403, or e-mail jpeterson@wcupa.edu.

FEES

All fees and expenses are subject to change without notice. Tuition and fees can be paid by check, electronic check (e-check), money order, or cash. The University does not accept credit cards for tuition and fee payment. However, the University recognizes the convenience of credit card use and has partnered with a third party vendor to allow secure credit card payments through our Web-based **QuikPAY** system. If the student chooses to pay via credit card, a fee will be assessed for this service. Refer to the Office of the Bursar's Web page for payment instructions.

Bill Payment

All students are expected to pay their tuition bills by their due date or their schedules will be canceled. Fall semester bills are due in early/mid-August, and spring semester bills are due in mid-December. Students will receive one tuition bill mailed to their home address at the beginning of each semester. However, all mid-semester statements, including those for the partial payment plan, will only be sent electronically to the student's WCU e-mail address. Students will be required to check their WCU e-mail often for important dates and deadlines. **For students who rely on parents/guardians to pay their bills, it is highly recommended that students select parents/guardians as authorized payers through the Web-based QuikPAY system. Doing so will ensure that both students and parents/guardians will receive notification e-mails when new bills/statements are available.** For those experiencing financial difficulty, the partial payment plan (see below) is a viable option. Any concerns or questions regarding bill payment can be addressed to your personal counselor in the Office of the Bursar. For last names beginning:

A to G call 610-436-3078
H to O call 610-436-3079
P to Z call 610-436-3080

Partial Payment Plan

All students are eligible for the partial payment plan. *If your anticipated financial aid (including bank loans) will not be available by the bill's due date, we urge you to use the payment plan to avoid cancellation of your schedule.* The plan allows you to make four payments on your semester bill. There is a nonrefundable fee of \$35 per semester for this service, and you can sign up via a check-off box on your semester bill. Your initial payment should be 25 percent of your balance due plus the \$35 fee. Subsequent partial payment statements will only be sent electronically to the student's WCU e-mail address and authorized user's e-mail address.

Basic Undergraduate Tuition for Legal Residents of Pennsylvania (based on -2011-2012 academic year rate)

Full-time students (between 12 – 18 semester hours)
..... \$ 3,120.00 per semester

Part-time students (11 credits or less), or per credit for each credit over 18 \$ 260.00 per credit
 Basic Undergraduate Tuition for Out-of-State Students (based on 2011-2012 academic year rate)
 Full-time students (between 12 - 18 semester hours)\$ 7,800.00 per semester
 Full-time students (11 credits or less), or per credit for each credit over 18 \$ 650.00 per credit

Housing Fee (actual fees for 2012-2013)

North Campus Residence Hall for students living in any of the traditional residence halls \$2,424.00 per semester, double occupancy, except for Goshen hall which will be \$2,574.00 per semester, double occupancy, air-conditioned.

South Campus Apartment Complex - students reside in a four- or five-person apartment with bedroom occupancy as stated; rates are per semester.

Single Occupancy Bedroom \$3,064.00

Double Occupancy Bedroom (per person) \$ 2,816.00

North Campus suite-style housing for students living in any of the affiliated housing properties (University Student Housing):

Brandywine and Allegheny rates range from \$3,900.00 to \$4,600.00 per semester.

University Hall rates range from \$3,825.00 to \$4,225.00 per semester.

The Village on South Campus (apartment-style affiliated housing) has a rate of \$4,410.00 per semester.

Meal Plan Fees (actual fees for 2012-2013)

All North Campus residents are required to select one of the following four meal plan options:

The Ram Ultimate Plan - unlimited daily access to Lawrence Hall - Up to Three Meal Cash Credit (MCC) swipes daily, with \$250 flex dollars - \$1,537.00

Ram Gold Plan - Any Fourteen (14) meals per week, with \$250 flex dollars - \$1,247.00

Ram Purple Plan - Any Twelve (12) meals per week, with \$250 flex dollars - \$1,219.00

The WCU Plan - Any Nine (9) meals per week, with \$250 flex dollars - \$1,147.00

Commuter and Off-Campus Students

You may select from any of the plans listed above or College Arms, South Campus residents and commuters may choose the Off Campus Plan; any seven (7) meals per week, with \$250 flex dollars - \$1,084.00.

Instructional Technology Fee (based on 2011-2012 academic year rate)

Full-time in-state \$ 174.00 per semester

Full-time out-of-state \$ 263.00 per semester

Part-time in-state (1-11 credits)..... \$ 15.00 per per credit hour

Part-time out-of-state undergraduate (1-11 credits)..... \$ 23.00 per per credit hour

General Fee (based on 2011-2012 academic year rate)

The following fees are incorporated into the general fee:

- Community Center
- Health Center
- Student Services, Inc.
- Educational Services

- Student Union Expansion
- Parking Improvement

The fee implementation schedule is as follows:

Full-time students \$ 774.65 per semester

Part-time students..... \$ 64.55 per credit hour

Student Recreation Center Fee

This fee will support the construction and operation of a new fitness facility being built on campus and scheduled to open fall 2012.

Full-time students \$ 133.00 per semester

Part-time students..... \$ 11.08 per credit

Privacy of Information in University Records

The confidentiality of a student's record is guaranteed by both state and federal laws and regulations. Basically, access to confidential information may be granted only to the student. Mailings are addressed locally or at home, depending on where the student is expected to be when the mailing occurs.

FINANCIAL AID

The purpose of financial aid at West Chester is to provide financial assistance to those who can benefit from further education but cannot attend college without assistance. Financial aid is a supplement to family contributions for educational costs. In addition to counseling on the various types of aid available, the office staff can assist in planning a budget, and in completing financial aid applications. Parents are welcome to contact the office for information.

Specific information concerning financial aid programs is available in the Office of Financial Aid or in the Financial Aid section of the University's Web site. You might also want to check and see if you are eligible for any of the scholarships and awards listed online at the WCU Foundation's Web site, www.wcufoundation.org/. In order to receive financial aid, you must be enrolled as a degree student and maintain satisfactory academic progress. Specific guidelines concerning academic progress are available online or from the Office of Financial Aid at 610-436-2627.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Throughout the many departments in the Division of Student Affairs, you will find caring and experienced professional staff members who are dedicated to helping our students succeed at West Chester University. As a complement and support to the academic mission of the University, a wide array of co-curricular services, programs, and activities are offered. Student Affairs departments encourage students to become involved in campus life through educational and social programs, leadership and personal development offerings, student organization membership, athletic and recreational activities, community service, and on-campus employment opportunities. Engagement in "life outside-of-the-classroom" is an important

part of the overall college experience, and we take great pride in serving students in a variety of ways, defined by our common goal of graduation and student success. General questions regarding the Division of Student Affairs area can be directed to Dr. Matthew Bricketto, vice president for student affairs and dean of students (610-436-3301); Ms. Diane DeVestern, assistant vice president for student affairs (610-436-3511); Dr. Thomas Purce, assistant vice president for student affairs (610-436-3307); Ms. Mary Ann Hammond, assistant dean of students (610-436-2509); Mr. Peter Galloway, assistant dean for student involvement (610-436-3307); or the appropriate office listed in this section.

Career Development Center (610-436-2501)

The Twardowski Career Development Center is a comprehensive career planning and employment resource center, conveniently located in 225 Lawrence Center. Students receive assistance with self-assessment, major/career exploration and planning, resume writing, interview techniques, and job-search strategies through the delivery of various programs, services, and individual appointments. A career resource library, career decision-making programs, job opportunities, and career fairs are open to alumni as well as currently enrolled students. Access to thousands of regional and national jobs and participation in an online resume database are available. Visit our Web site, <http://www.wcupa.edu/cdc/>.

Counseling and Psychological Services (610-436-2301)

The Department of Counseling and Psychological Services (The Counseling Center) is located on the second floor of the Lawrence Center. Services are available to all currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students. The Counseling Center includes licensed psychologists, consulting psychiatrists, graduate-level trainees and a drug/alcohol counselor. Confidential information shared in the Counseling Center is protected by both state law and professional ethics.

Counseling Services

Since the Counseling Center provides services for a wide range of concerns, each student's experience will be tailored to his or her needs. Students may wish to improve their interpersonal skills, resolve personal conflicts, or clarify their educational or vocational choices. Any of the following approaches may be implemented to address a student's concerns:

- 1) **Individual Psychological Counseling** consists of a one-to-one experience with the focus on resolving personal or interpersonal conflicts.
- 2) **Group Counseling** consists of a small number of students who meet weekly with a leader or co-leaders. Groups are especially helpful for students who wish to share their concerns with peers and enhance their social skills in a therapeutic setting.
- 3) **Career Counseling** is typically a one-to-one experience with the focus on clarifying the student's career path. Career choice is most solid when it is the outgrowth of understanding oneself. Several assessment instruments are available to aid the student in exploring values, interests and abilities.
- 4) **Psychiatric Services** are provided on a limited basis. Students in need of a psychiatric assessment or medication must be

in treatment with a Counseling Center therapist. There is a nominal fee for psychiatric services.

- 5) **Testing/Assessment** may include psychological batteries or vocational assessment tools. Assessment is an adjunct to counseling, typically providing direction or assisting with a course of action.
- 6) **Consultation services** are provided to individuals who seek guidance, direction, or education. For example, faculty members who are concerned about the well-being of a student may consult on the best way to approach a student in distress. A Referral Guide is also maintained by the Counseling Center for those requesting the names/numbers of mental health providers in the area.
- 7) **Outreach Presentations** are given, upon request, by counselors throughout the year for students in residence halls, classes, student organizations, and special interest groups.

For more information, go to www.wcupa.edu/counselingcenter.

Greek Life (610-436-2117)

Greek Life coordinates the inter/national fraternity and sorority community at West Chester University which includes the activities of the three Greek governing councils and programming board. The Greek Life Office works with and mentors the members of West Chester's 25 fraternities and sororities on their service projects, community activities, recruitment and new member education programs, and educational programming. For more information, please check our Web site <http://iws.wcupa.edu/wcugreeks/>.

Judicial Affairs and Student Assistance (610-436-3511)

As stated in the University Mission and Values Statements, West Chester University is committed to providing a sound education environment for intellectual pursuits. In addition, the University is concerned with developing socially responsible citizens, ensuring the welfare and freedom of all members of the University community, and protecting individual rights. The University is thus concerned with the quality of student conduct and has adopted rules and behavioral standards for its students. Disciplinary action may be imposed when a student engages in behavior, on or off campus, that is not consistent with University community standards as defined by the West Chester University "Student Code of Conduct" found in Section III of the *Ram's Eye View*. The Office of Judicial Affairs and Student Assistance also provides a service to students who may miss three consecutive class days due to illness or personal or family emergencies. Upon notification, the office will circulate a note to the student's professors regarding the student's absence. The student must notify the professor to obtain any missed work. The Office of Judicial Affairs and Student Assistance is located in 238 Sykes Union.

Multicultural Affairs (610-436-3273)

The Office of Multicultural Affairs is dedicated to the development of multicultural sensitivity, understanding, and appreciation of diversity among members of the University community. The office develops and implements comprehensive programs aimed at addressing the needs and concerns of multicultural students. It also serves as a consultant to other University offices and aids in projects

focused on improving the general campus climate, as well as increasing the retention and graduation rates for multicultural students. The office is housed in the Multicultural Center in Room 003 Sykes Student Union. The center serves as a home base for multicultural students and their organizations, and is a gathering place and resource/programming center for all students and other members of the University community.

New Student Programs (610-436-3305)

The Office of New Student Programs coordinates Orientation and outreach programs for first-year students and transfer students. Orientation programs include summer, fall, and January sessions. West Chester's Orientation programs are designed to introduce new students to the University and acquaint them with the academic, student services, and social aspects of college life. Attendance at Orientation is required. Outreach efforts include participation in Weeks of Welcome, coordination of Family Weekend, publishing the parent handbook, and co-coordinating the Freshman Interest Groups (FIGs). For more information, please check our Web site: www.wcupa.edu/orientation.

Off-Campus and Commuter Services (610-436-2984)

Off-Campus and Commuter Service's mission is to meet the needs of the off-campus and commuter student population by providing a set of services and co-curricular programs. The approaches are appropriate for a diverse population that includes traditional and nontraditional students, including those who live at home or in close proximity to the University. The services provided for off-campus students include tenant rights information, campus event information, and a partnered company, Places4Students.com, that specializes in providing off-campus housing solutions. This service is free for all students to use as an effective method of finding roommates and a place to live off campus. The Off-Campus and Commuter Association (OCCA) is a student organization that is also dedicated to meeting the needs of those living off campus. Services provided by OCCA include free legal aid service for students, social activities, and representation on campus committees. For more information, please refer to the Web site, www.wcupa.edu/och/.

Office of Student Leadership and Involvement (610-436-2117)

Providing services to more than 240 clubs and organizations, the Office of Student Leadership and Involvement serves as the main campus resource for student leaders and their groups. In conjunction with the Student Leadership Project Team, the office creates and implements multidimensional programs aimed at developing and fostering students' leadership capabilities. Check us out at <http://wcu.orgsync.com/>.

Campus Recreation (610-436-2133/2131)

The Department of Campus Recreation, located in the Student Recreation Center, provides leisure-time activities for students with proper WCU ID. Recognizing that the needs of individuals differ, the office provides activities in 11 program areas:

Intramural Sports: This component affords students the opportunity to participate in individual or team competitive activities. The intramural sports program promotes health, wellness, and physical fitness, as well as encourages the worthy use of leisure time. Regardless of ability level, every individual may experience successful participation in a variety

of individual or team recreational sporting events. We offer men's, women's, and co-recreational leagues. We also provide tournaments for those individuals/teams that cannot commit to a semester playing schedule.

Sport Clubs: This program is provided for students who are either skilled athletically or merely interested in participating in a club sport for sheer enjoyment of the activity. There are over 700 registered students. Becoming a member of a club provides opportunities for instruction, coaching, socialization, competition, and fun. Physical education majors receive a sports credit through participation in a club program. Currently, West Chester University provides 21 sports clubs: bowling, equestrian, fencing, women's field hockey, men's ice hockey, women's ice hockey, men's lacrosse, women's lacrosse, men's roller hockey, men's rugby, shotokan karate, snowboarding, skiing, women's soccer, men's soccer, men's volleyball, women's volleyball, outdoor club, tae kwon do, ultimate frisbee, women's water polo, and men's wrestling.

Special Events: This program provides a variety of different trips and one-day activities for students throughout the year, such as Dorney Park, Sixers, Phillies, Phantoms, and Wings games, as well as skiing, ice skating, and hiking.

Open Recreation: This component provides days, times, and facilities in which students may participate in an informal recreational activity. The semester calendar lists scheduled days and times for utilizing the following: swimming pools, indoor track, outdoor tennis courts, and gymnasiums for basketball play.

Group Fitness: The group fitness program is one of the most popular and successful activities offered. Over 400 students participate in more than 50 different aerobic sessions offered during the week. There is a nominal fee for all participants.

Fitness: The fitness area in the Student Recreation Center gives students a professional setting for exercise and weight training. Exercise equipment includes a complete circuit of Cybex-selectorized equipment, cardiovascular equipment, and plate loading and Olympic free weights.

Residence Life and Housing Services (610-436-3307)

Affiliated Housing – University Student Housing (610-692-7391)

West Chester University believes that living in University housing facilities is an integral part of a student's educational experience and provides opportunities for both personal and social growth. The University houses approximately 2,200 students on the North Campus in six traditional residence halls. Various types of lifestyles are offered to the student, including coeducational, single-gender living, and 24-hour quiet floors. All of our residence halls and apartment facilities are nonsmoking. Most rooms are double occupancy with the exception of temporary extended housing at the beginning of each semester. The University also provides housing for approximately 500 students in the South Campus apartment complex. Each apartment is fully furnished and houses four or five students, with bedrooms having single or double occupancy. The apartments are available to current students beyond their first year and to incoming transfer students. Arrangements for these housing options are made for the academic year. In addition, the University operates the College Arms Apartments, which has units housing from one to four residents and requires a full calendar year

occupancy commitment. The University, through University Student Housing LLC (USH), a subsidiary of the West Chester University Foundation, also offers other housing options on campus which are referred to as affiliated housing. Allegheny, Brandywine, and University Halls are suite-style residence buildings on North Campus, housing over 1,500 residents. The Village at WCU is a garden-style apartment community situated on WCU's South Campus which accommodates over 500 residents. Each four-person, fully furnished apartment offers private bedrooms and includes complete kitchens, laundry equipment, and living rooms. Allegheny and Brandywine Halls are available to both first year and current students. University Hall and The Village are available to current students beyond their first year and to incoming transfer students on a space-available basis. These facilities offer all the same opportunities found in University-owned housing but are managed through an arrangement with University Student Housing. All USH facilities are also nonsmoking.

Housing Assignments: The Office of Residence Life and Housing Services makes the housing assignments for students living in all University-owned housing. University Student Housing completes housing arrangements for all four affiliated housing communities. All assignments are made without discrimination. Only individuals of the same gender will be assigned as roommates, suite mates, or in the same apartment unit. Each room has basic furnishings for comfortable living, and the students may make it more homelike with their own accessories. During orientation, students are informed about the services and equipment furnished in each facility and those necessities that they must bring themselves. Lounge and recreation areas, television, and a variety of other facilities and conveniences provide a pleasant setting for student life in each residence hall. Services are also available in a central location within the South Campus apartment complexes.

Staffing. Each of our housing facilities is managed by a resident director or a graduate hall director. He or she is a staff member dedicated to overseeing the administrative operations and all activities held in the building or complex. Most residence halls also have a graduate assistant dedicated to aiding the resident director/graduate hall director in the performance of his or her duties. In addition, a student resident assistant (R.A.) resides on each floor or wing of the residence halls or serves two buildings in the apartments to assist students in adjusting to the University and to serve as a resource person.

Facilities and Services. A variety of facilities and services are offered in each of the North Campus residence halls. Lounges and recreational areas are located throughout the buildings. Laundry rooms are supplied with coin-operated washers and dryers, except in Allegheny, Brandywine, and University Halls where laundry equipment use is free. Vending machines are available in a central location for snacks and beverages, and each hall has a common area kitchen. In some locations, students may also use funds on their WCU RAM e-CARD (ID card) for laundry and vending. In addition, each room has basic cable television, and each residence hall has a computer room for students' use (except University Hall). Computer access via the University LAN (Local Area Network) is also available from all bedrooms on campus via hard-wire connections, except in Allegheny and Brandywine Halls, the South Campus Apartment Complex, and the College Arms Apartments, where wireless service is available.

In the South Campus apartment communities, a central services building has an information desk, mailboxes, and recreation areas. At the South Campus Apartments, each complex building has a laundry room with coin-operated washers and dryers. In the Village, laundry facilities are provided in each apartment home. Bus service is provided to North Campus during the academic year, with limited service over the summer. All housing facilities have a full fire suppression system and an upgraded fire detection system.

Student-Supplied Furnishings. All student rooms contain basic furnishings for living and studying (room dimensions are described on our Web page). Closets are large enough for seasonal supplies and clothes; bureaus contain sufficient drawer space for personal belongings. Desks are available to serve as work areas. In the apartment complexes, the living room/dining room area also is furnished and carpeted. Students will need to bring blankets, linens, curtains (blinds are provided), towels, wastebaskets, pillows, hangers, and fans. Only the apartment communities, Allegheny Hall, Brandywine Hall, and University Hall, are central air-conditioned. Every bedroom in Goshen Hall has an air conditioner, although common areas, such as bathrooms and lounges, are not air conditioned. Students in the other traditional residence halls who have a medical need for an air conditioner may have one supplied by the University if proper documentation is provided and an additional fee is paid. Residents may decorate their rooms or apartments by hanging posters and pictures from the special molding attached to the walls. Televisions, stereos, hair dryers, and computers are permitted. Candles and any open flames are prohibited in any housing facility for safety reasons. Cooking appliances other than microwaves (coffeepots, hot plates, etc.) are permitted in the apartment communities only. For health reasons, pets are not allowed in any University-owned housing facility. West Chester University's insurance policy does not include coverage for damage to or theft of students' personal property. Students may have their belongings engraved by contacting the Department of Public Safety. Please be sure that your insurance policy covers your student's property.

When writing to your student, please use the following address:

North Campus:	University Hall only:
Name	Name
Room Number and Residence Hall	(Suite Number) University Hall
West Chester University	180 University Avenue
West Chester, PA 19383-XXXX*	West Chester University
	West Chester, PA 19383
Allegheny Hall only:	Brandywine Hall only:
Name	Name
(Suite Number) Allegheny Hall	(Suite Number) Brandywine Hall
West Chester University	West Chester University
121 W. Rosedale Avenue	709 S. New Street
West Chester, PA 19383	West Chester, PA 19383

*Please see <http://www.wcupa.edu/services/stu.lif/LivingFacilities/default.htm> for nine-digit zip codes for each hall.

South Campus Apartments:

Name

[Building #] South Campus Dr., Apt. [Apt. Letter] [Room #]

Mailbox Number

West Chester, PA 19382-2401

The Village at WCU:

Name

Building Number (e.g., 183) Carey Drive, Apt. (unit number-

bedroom number [e.g., 11-A])

West Chester, PA 19382-2401

College Arms Apartments:

Name

[Building #] S. High Street, Apt. [Apt. letter and/or number]

West Chester, PA 19382

DINING SERVICES**www.westchester.campusdish.com****Dining Accommodations**

All students residing in a North Campus residence hall must be on a University meal plan as a condition of occupancy. Students with medical issues who cannot meet this requirement may request a meal waiver by contacting the Office of Residence Life and Housing Services or set a meeting with the Executive Chef to develop a personalized menu for the student based on his/her dietary needs. Please contact the Office of Residence Life and Housing Services directly for more information. Residents of the South Campus Apartment Complex, the Village at WCU and College Arms Apartments, as well as off-campus and commuting students, may purchase any meal plan offered or dine in the Lawrence Center Dining Hall at the student casual meal rate. Additionally, all on-campus dining locations accept cash, credit cards (Visa and MasterCard), Flex dollars, and Ram Bucks.

All meal plans are weekly plans that guarantee a set number of meals per week throughout the entire semester based on the plan that is chosen. The meal week runs from Saturday brunch through Friday late night. With these plans, the meal plan holders can choose to use as many or as few of the meals they have every week. Any unused meals rollover into the next week's allotment throughout the semester. However, any unused meals that have accumulated at the end of the semester will be forfeited and will NOT roll over into the following semester. Please see below for a description of meal zones. The following plans are available to all students and the cost for each plan includes \$250.00 in Flex.

- The Ram Ultimate Meal Plan: Includes unlimited access to Lawrence Dining Hall and up to three Meal Cash Credits (MCC) swipes per day.
- The Gold Plan: Includes 14 meals per week and no meal zones.
- The Purple Plan: Includes 12 meals per week and no meal zones.
- The WCU Plan: Includes 9 meals per week and no meal zones.
- The following meal plans are only available to WCU students residing either off-campus, in the South Campus Apartment Complex, in the Village at WCU, or in College Arms Apartments.

- The Off Campus Plan: Includes 7 meals per week and no meal zones.
- The Flex-Only Plan: (\$150 minimum is required to open an account and additional flex dollars can be added in \$25 increments). Flex dollars will carry over from year to year but will be forfeited upon graduation or if the meal plan holder leaves the University.

Additional Information:

- The Ultimate Plan is the only plan that has meal zones applied to it. The student can use the plan for unlimited access in Lawrence Dining Hall
- Meal Cash Credit (or MCC) is a part of all the plans so that students can get the full value of their meal plans while experiencing all their dining membership has to offer. MCC is a \$4.85 value that is used in place of a standard meal and applied toward the purchase cost of items in our retail locations. For example, if you are visiting our food court and your total comes to \$5.50, you can use a MCC (thus subtracting one meal from your allotted amount) and pay the remaining \$0.65 from your Flex Dollars or other payment options. You can use up to 2 MCC's per transaction in our retail dining facilities. Certain products cannot be purchased with MCC (see the location for specifics).
- Rollover: We have two rollover programs for meal plans.
 1. Flex Rollover: Any unused Flex does rollover from semester to semester AND year to year. However, any Flex remaining on the student's account will be forfeited upon graduation or if the meal plan holder leaves the University.
 2. Meal Rollover: Any unused meals will rollover from week to week, but meals DO NOT carry over from semester to semester. Also, any unused meals remaining on the student's account at the end of the semester will be forfeited.
- All Meal Plans come with 5 Guest Meals per semester, which the student can use to treat someone to a meal at Lawrence Dining Hall. Guest meals are not redeemable at any retail locations and must be used in the semester they are assigned.
- If the student's Flex dollars are running low, additional Flex can be added to the student's account in \$25 increments by visiting the Bursar's Office at 25 University Avenue, which accepts cash, check, or money orders.
- Meals may be used in the following locations: Lawrence Center Dining Hall, the Diner, Einstein Bros Bagels, Larry's Market (on specific items), Taco Taco Truck, South Side (on South Campus), Ram's Head Food Court/Java City (on specific items), POD Express locations in Main Hall and Sturzebecker (on specific items) and Starbucks (on specific items). All locations also accept cash, credit cards (Visa and MasterCard), Flex dollars, and Ram Bucks. Students in North Campus residence halls have their meal plan cost included in their University bill. Students not selecting a plan will automatically be assigned the 14-meal plan. Off-campus, commuter, South Campus Apartment/Village, and College Arms students can sign up for a meal plan by applying at the Bursar's Office at 25 University Avenue or online. **Any meal plan changes**

must be submitted within the first two weeks of each semester. After that deadline (Friday of the second week of the semester), the assistant vice president for student affairs, Dr. Tom Purce, must approve any change requests.

Please see our website, www.westchester.campusdish.com, for more information on the Meal Plans, dining locations, a list of meal zones, MCC, Hours of Operation and Frequently Asked Questions.

Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs (610-436-3379)

The Office of Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs is the primary link between our campus and community in providing assistance to faculty who use service-learning as a teaching method and to students and organizations interested in meaningful volunteer experiences. The office works directly with more than 100 local agencies. Throughout the year special events are planned, and the entire campus is invited to participate. The Annual Volunteer Fair, which is open to all, will be held September 12, 2012 in the Sykes Union Ballrooms.

West Chester University is a member of the PA Campus Compact and is proud to be listed on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. In addition, The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has awarded WCU the prestigious Community Engagement Classification. The Office of Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs is located in B-19 Killinger Hall. For more information, go to www.wcupa.edu and click on [Current Students](#) and then [Service-Learning & Volunteer Programs](#).

Student Health Services and Wellness Center

Student Health Services (610-436-2509)

Student Health Services, located on the second floor of Wayne Hall, is staffed by a caring team of physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, a nutritionist, and wellness team who are available to meet students' medical needs. The Health Center staff treats minor illnesses, such as musculoskeletal injuries, urinary tract infections, asthma, respiratory infections, and gastro-intestinal illnesses. The staff also handles routine minor surgical conditions, and provides allergy shots and immunizations. Gynecological services include pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STI) testing and contraceptive counseling. A health service fee is assessed at the beginning of each semester, which is paid with tuition and fees. A \$10 visit fee is charged at each appointment. There is a nominal fee for medications and supplies. All medical records are considered confidential. Student health information for an episode of illness cannot be shared with others without student consent. The Health Center does not provide excuse notes for class absences. The Office of Judicial Affairs and Student Assistance is notified for a student health-related absence of three or more days duration. During the fall and spring semesters, the Health Center is open from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Insurance Programs. Because of the unpredictable nature of medical and surgical emergencies, all students are encouraged to be protected by a health insurance program. All medical charges, including laboratory testing, are the responsibility of the student.

Student Health Form and Immunization Record. Students must provide a record of health history and immunizations as

requested. Some programs also require a record of physical examination. Student Health Services will send information to all new students about this process.

Wellness Center (610-436-3276) and Office of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Programs (610-430-4194)

The WCU Wellness Center is a resource center, responsible for health promotion programs addressing topics such as sleep, stress management, sexual health awareness, and illness prevention. Wellness and health promotion programs are planned and implemented by the Wellness Center professional staff, in conjunction with student peer educators. The Office of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug (ATOD) Programs coordinates prevention and education programs. Student may self-refer for confidential discussions or be referred as a result of a judicial sanction. The ATOD staff will assist with referrals to outside agencies and services as needed.

Student Activities (610-436-3037)

The Office of Student Activities is responsible for organizing and sponsoring a wide variety of concerts, lectures, films, trips, novelty acts, performances, and unique educational experiences tied to a variety of cultural, social, and intellectual events on and off campus. The Student Activities Council (SAC) as well as other organizations play an active leadership role in selecting and planning these events, some of which include Homecoming, Mr. WCU, the annual spring concert, Java Jam, and the Independent Film Series. Programming is subject to change on an annual basis, reflecting the needs of our ever-changing student population through an assessment process.

STUDENT SERVICES, INC.

Student Services, Inc. (SSI Bookstore) has a primary function of providing necessary services to the West Chester University community. Located on the ground level of Sykes Union, the **SSI Bookstore** is the official bookstore of WCU and provides students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents, and visitors with materials to support academic work and to enhance campus life. The SSI Bookstore houses a complete selection of used and new textbooks and reference books, as well as *New York Times* bestsellers. We are also an Authorized Apple Campus Reseller with academic discounts and specials throughout the year. There is also a wide array of supplies available at the bookstore; everything from binders to computer software is available to purchase in aiding students to prepare for class. The bookstore provides products to enhance life on campus including WCU clothing, posters, gifts, greeting cards, edibles, gift cards, and an assortment of essentials for daily living. Purchases can be made by cash, check, all major credit cards, gift card, or with a WCU RAM e-CARD, using Ram Bucks. In addition to regular hours, the bookstore is open to support campus events. Be sure to browse through the official SSI Bookstore Web site at www.click2ssi-bookstore.com.

The **SSI Service Center** is located on the ground level of Sykes Union, across from the SSI Bookstore. Students with a valid WCU RAM e-CARD can cash personal checks, payroll checks, and money orders. A limit of \$50 is placed on all personal checks and \$250 on payroll checks. There is a \$0.25 check-cashing fee charged for each check cashed. The WCU RAM e-CARD serves a number of services for WCU students; it is not only the student's University ID card, but it also serves as an internal debit card for on-campus purchases and services including vending, some laundry,

bookstore, and food service. Students can deposit money onto their card at the WCU RAM e-CARD Service Center, which is also on the lower level of Sykes. The service center sells tickets to many on-campus events and accepts VISA, MasterCard, and Discover for ticket purchases. The center's other services include postage stamps, SEPTA tokens, notary, AMC and Regal movie tickets, and a fax machine. In addition, students can obtain a replacement WCU RAM e-CARD. An Automatic Teller Machine is located next to the center and allows for expanded hours of service for the student's personal cash needs. There is no service fee for the use of this ATM. The student must refer to his or her own bank regarding ATM fees (fees subject to change without prior notice).

Student Development and Involvement

The Office of Student Development and Involvement oversees the Office of Greek Life, Office of Student Leadership and Involvement, and the Office of Campus Recreation, which offers intramurals activities. The goal of the area is to provide opportunities for WCU students to become actively engaged in the campus community. A variety of programs are offered for students each semester to provide access to leadership development programs and experiences. Information regarding these programs is available on the WCU Web site or by contacting the assistant dean for student involvement at 610-436-3307.

Sykes Union Building (610-436-2984)

The Earl F. Sykes Union first opened in 1975 as the community center for West Chester University. The renovated and expanded facility of approximately 102,000 square feet re-opened in the fall of 1995.

Building highlights include a 350-seat theater for programming and weekend movies, the University bookstore, and Multicultural Center housing the Office of Multicultural Affairs on the ground floor. The first floor features a dining area offering seating for 350, an outdoor dining terrace, a large food court, and the Java City specialty coffee and smoothie cart. Also included on the first floor is a 5,000-square-foot multipurpose room designed for dances, concerts, banquets, and lectures, as well as the Sykes Union Information Center administrative office and the Common Grounds coffee house. The second floor houses the Student Affairs offices of the Vice President, Assistant to the Vice President, Assistant Vice President, Student Leadership and Involvement, Greek Life, and Judicial Affairs and Student Assistance. The Student Services, Inc. business office and Student Activities, along with student clubs and organizations, are also located on this floor. The Frederick Douglass third floor features a computer lab, quiet study lounges, and seminar space. Sixteen meeting rooms are located throughout the building and can accommodate groups from five to 500.

Women's Center (610-436-2122)

The Women's Center promotes a campus community that values the safety, equality, and intellectual advancement of women at West Chester University. Located in Lawrence Center 220, the Women's Center serves the diverse needs of WCU women and their male allies by providing:

- * Confidential support, assistance, and safe space for WCU women in crisis.

- * Educational programs that address a wide range of social justice issues that affect the success, well-being, and empowerment of women worldwide.

- * Leadership and volunteer opportunities for women that build confidence and enhance career goals.

- * Information and referrals about issues that disproportionately impact women such as sexual assault, relationship violence, sexual harassment, unplanned pregnancy, and disordered eating.

- * Special events, workshops, and trainings that promote awareness of the ways in which gender bias intersects with racism, classism, homophobia, and other forms of oppression.

FAMILY WEEKEND

This year the University will present Family Weekend September 14-16. Activities will include a WCU football game, WCU planetarium shows, and a performance by comedy magician Adam Trent (www.adamtrentmagic.com). Please try to make arrangements to visit campus this weekend. For more information, check our Web site, www.wcupa.edu/familyweekend/.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Restaurants

A wide variety of dining options are available for parents, students, and visitors. Fast food restaurants, traditional Philadelphia cheesesteaks and hoagies, candlelight gourmet dinners, and exotic fare can all be found in or near West Chester. Many popular eating spots are described in the *Restaurant and Entertaining Guide* available from the Chester County Conference and Visitors Bureau, 610-719-1730, or www.brandywinevalley.com/.

Historical/Cultural Information

The University's location in West Chester offers students many of the advantages of both the city and the countryside, with nearby attractions such as Independence Hall, Brandywine River Museum, Longwood Gardens, and Valley Forge National Park. Information about area attractions can be found at www.brandywinecvb.org.

Religious Life

The West Chester Community has a number of churches and synagogues representing many religious denominations. Places of worship are included in the yellow pages of the West Chester phone book, and the local newspaper announces weekly services. A complete list of religious student organizations and local community denominations can be found in the Religious Life Directory located under Student Resources on the Student Affairs Division homepage, www.wcupa.edu/_services/stu/.

LODGING

If you are interested in staying overnight in the West Chester area, many accommodations are available within the immediate vicinity, providing easy access to the University. For more information about local accommodations and the surrounding area, contact the Chester County Conference and Visitors Bureau at (610) 719-1730 or go to www.brandywinevalley.com/.

PARKING

Parking on and off campus is at a premium; therefore, the University and the Borough of West Chester have instituted strict parking regulations. Resident first-year students are not allowed to bring their cars to campus. Students are encouraged to leave their vehicles at home unless they have a specific need for them.

On-Campus Parking

All University parking lots require a current University parking permit or pass to be properly displayed on all vehicles. All employees, eligible students, and visitors desiring to use designated parking lots must register their vehicle with the Department of Public Safety and purchase a permit or obtain a temporary pass. Parking permits are nonrefundable and may only be used by the registered purchaser. Permits are not transferable between individuals nor may they be resold. All West Chester University parking permits are the property of West Chester University.

Resident students with 60 credits or more and commuter students with 30 credits or more are eligible to purchase a North Campus permit. Residents of the South Campus apartments are eligible to purchase a permit for that area only. Freshman (students who have fewer than 30 credits prior to the fall semester) residents are not permitted to bring cars to campus. All other students must park at South Campus Q and R Lots. Shuttle bus service is provided between South and North campuses. Specific registration procedures will be announced yearly. A valid student ID, non-suspended operator's license, and vehicle registration card must be presented at the time the vehicle is registered. Any change in the vehicle registration number must be reported to the Department of Public Safety immediately.

Persons in violation of the parking rules and regulations are subject to ticketing and towing.

Parking fines are assessed from \$10 up to \$40 depending on the violation.

Street Parking

A permit must be purchased from the West Chester Borough Parking Enforcement Office, located in the Borough Hall, in order to park on most streets bordering the University.

Visitor Parking

A courteous welcome is extended to visitors on campus. Visitors to the University during regular business hours are asked to park in the Sharpless Street Parking Garage, located at the intersection of Sharpless Street and Church Street. The garage charges \$1 an hour or \$6 for the day. Temporary visitor passes are available under special circumstances at the parking services window in the People's Building, located at 690 South Church Street. Temporary visitor passes should be displayed on the dashboard of the driver's side. These passes are only valid in the designated areas noted on the pass. All visitors must obey posted signs. University personnel and students having visitors to campus should advise them of the parking regulations. For further parking information, copies of the "Motor Vehicle Regulations" are available at Public Safety or on the Public Safety Web site from the WCU home page.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

West Chester University is easily accessible by public transportation from Philadelphia by SEPTA bus routes. For information about schedules and exact routes, contact SEPTA at www.septa.org or 215-580-7800.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall Semester 2012

August 24-26	Residence halls open
August 27	Classes begin at 8 a.m.
September 3	Labor Day (no classes)
September 17	Rosh Hashanah*
September 26	Yom Kippur*
October 8-9	Fall Break (no classes)
October 20	Homecoming Weekend
November 21	Thanksgiving Break begins at 8 a.m.
November 26	Thanksgiving Break ends; classes resume at 8 a.m.
December 8-9	Reading days
December 10	Last day of classes
December 11-15	Examination period
December 16	Undergraduate Commencement
December 17	Graduate Commencement

Spring Semester 2013

January 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (University closed)
January 28	Classes begin at 8 a.m.
March 15	Spring Break begins at 5 p.m.
March 25	Spring Break ends; classes resume at 8 a.m.
March 26	Passover*
March 29	Good Friday*
May 10	Last day of classes
May 13-17	Examination period
May 18	Undergraduate Commencement
May 20	Graduate Commencement

Summer Session 2013

May 28-June 27	First Session
May 27	Memorial Day (no classes)
June 28-29	First Session Final Examinations
July 1-August 1	Second Session
July 4	Independence Day (no classes)
August 2-3	Second Session Final Examination
August 5-22	Third Session
August 23	Third Session Final Examinations

*Although the University will be in session, no examinations are to be administered on these major Christian and Jewish holy days. All members of the academic community are also expected to be considerate of and provide accommodations to students of other faiths when assignments, exams, and other course requirements fall on major holy days of their religions.

Note: Dates are subject to change. Please check the Registrar's Web site at www.wcupa.edu/registrar for the most recent, up-to-date calendar.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Each fall an updated “Student Organizations Directory” is published, which includes the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all presidents and advisers of 240 campus student organizations. For more information on WCU student organizations, contact the Office of Student Leadership and Involvement located in 238 Sykes Union, or visit our Web site at <http://wcu.orgsync.com/>. The following is the official list of all student organizations that were registered during the 2011-2012 academic year:

Student Governing/Campus Programming:

Black & Latino Greek Council
College Panhellenic Council
Graduate Student Association
Interfraternity Council
Off-Campus and Commuter Association (OCCA)
Residence Hall Association
Sports Club Council
Student Government Association
Sykes Union Advisory Board

Academic/Professional Organizations:

Accounting Society
Adapted Physical Education Club
Alchemist Club
American Institute of Graphic Arts
American Marketing Association
Anderson Math Club
Anthropology Club of WCU
Art Club
Athletic Training Club
Chinese Club
Council for Exceptional Children/Special Education
Criminal Justice Association
Darlington Biological Society
Earth and Space Science Club
Economics and Finance Society
English Club
Exercise Science Club
Forensics and Speech Debate Team of WCU
French Club
Gender Studies Club
Geography Club
German Club
Graduate Social Work Student Association
Health and Physical Education Club
History Club
Honors Student Association
Institute of Management Accountants
Italian Club
Military History Club
National Association of Black Accountants
National Council of Teachers of English
National Student Speech, Language and Hearing Association
Philosophy Club
Political Science Club
Pre-Law Society
Pre-Med Club
Psychology Club
Russian Club
Social Work Club
Society of Physics Students
Sociology Club – Delta Alpha Tau
Spanish Club
Student Dietetic Association
Students in Communications
Student Nurses Association of Pennsylvania (S.N.A.P.)
University Dance Company
University Theatre
West Chester Association for the Education of Young Children
Women in Science

Special Interest Organizations:

Active Minds
Anime Club
Astronomy Club
Breakdancing Club: Heavy Reign Crew
Campus Recreation Club
Chess Club
Dance Team
Homecoming
LEAD (Leadership, Empowerment, and Development)
Major Entertainment
Mock Trial Club
Poesis
PRECISE
Public Health Club
Student Activities Council
Student Alumni Leadership Council
Student Veterans of America, WCU
Tai Chi Club

Social Equity/Diversity:

AFRISA (African Student Alliance)
Asian Student Association
Association for Women’s Empowerment
Black Men United

Black Student Union
C.A.L.Y.P.S.O.
Hillel Jewish Student Union
INDO (Indo-American Organization)
LASO (Latino American Student Organization)
LGBTQA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Alliance)
Sisters United

Political/Activism:

The College Democrats
The College Republicans
EARTH (Environmental Association for Repairing the Habitat)
Students for a Sensible Drug Policy
Students for Liberty
Students for Life

Religious Organizations:

Campus Crusade for Christ
Catholic Newman Student Association
Covenant Campus Fellowship
Cross Seekers
Gospel Choir
Hillel Jewish Student Union
International Justice Mission
IMPACT
Lutheran Student Association
Muslim Student Association
Young Life

Service Organizations:

Abbé Society
Alpha Phi Omega
Ashraya Initiative
Best Buddies
Circle K Club
Colleges Against Cancer
Emergency Medical Services
Friars’ Society
Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter
Invisible Children at WCU
Phi Sigma Pi
Rotaract
Student Outreach for Urban Schools
Together Across Generations (TAG)
University Ambassadors

Greek Letter Organizations:

Inter-Greek Council
Sister to Sister (Peer Mentor)

Fraternalities:

Alpha Phi Alpha
Delta Chi
Kappa Alpha Psi
Kappa Delta Rho
Lambda Alpha Upsilon
Phi Beta Sigma
Phi Kappa Sigma
Pi Kappa Phi
Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Sigma Pi
Sigma Phi Epsilon

Sororities:

Alpha Kappa Alpha
Alpha Phi
Alpha Sigma Tau
Alpha Xi Delta
Chi Upsilon Sigma
Delta Phi Epsilon
Delta Sigma Theta
Delta Zeta
Mu Sigma Upsilon
Phi Mu
Phi Sigma Sigma
Sigma Gamma Rho
Sigma Lambda Gamma (Eminence)
Zeta Phi Beta
Zeta Tau Alpha

Publications and Media Organizations:

Daedalus
Media Advisory Board
The Quad
The Serpentine
WCU 97.1 – West Chester University Radio
WCU TV 5 – West Chester Television

Sports Clubs:

Bowling
Equestrian
Fencing

Field Hockey
Ice Hockey – Men
Ice Hockey – Women
Lacrosse – Men
Lacrosse – Women
Outdoor Club
Roller Hockey – Men
Rugby – Men
Shotokan Karate
Ski & Snowboard Club
Soccer – Men
Soccer – Women
Swim Club
Ultimate Frisbee
Volleyball – Men
Volleyball – Women
Water Polo – Women
Wrestling –

Musical Organizations:

American Choral Directors Association
American String Teachers Association
Brass Ensemble
Cantari Donne
Chamber Choir
Chamber Winds Ensemble
Collegium Musicum
Concert Band
Concert Choir
Criteria Jazz Ensemble
Flute Ensemble
GraceNotes
Guitar Ensemble
Kappa Kappa Psi
Marching Band – “Golden Rams”
Master Singers
Men’s Chorus
Music Educators National Conference – Chapter 21 (PCMEA)
Music Teachers National Association – Collegiate Chapter (MTNA)
New Music Society
Opera Theatre Ensemble
Percussion Ensemble
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia
Saxophone Ensemble
SIGMA (Swope Inter-Greek Music Association)
Sigma Alpha Iota
Statesmen Jazz Ensemble
Swope Ensemble Association
Symphonic Band
Symphony Orchestra
Tau Beta Sigma
Trumpet Ensemble
Wind Ensemble
Women’s Choir

Honor Societies:

Accounting – Beta Alpha Psi
Communications – Lambda Pi Eta
Communications Studies – Pi Kappa Delta
Counseling – Chi Sigma Iota
Economics – Omicron Delta Epsilon
Education – Kappa Delta Pi
Educational Services – Chi Alpha Epsilon
English – Sigma Tau Delta
Foreign Languages – Alpha Mu Gamma
Fraternity/Sorority - Order of Omega
Geography – Gamma Theta Upsilon
Geology – Sigma Gamma Epsilon
History – Phi Alpha Theta
Kinesiology – Phi Epsilon Kappa
Leadership – Omicron Delta Kappa
Literacy (Reading) – Alpha Upsilon Alpha
Mathematical Sciences – Pi Mu Epsilon
Music – Pi Kappa Lambda
Nursing – Sigma Theta Tau
Physics – Sigma Pi Sigma
Political Science – Pi Sigma Alpha
Psychology – Psi Chi
Social Science – Pi Gamma Mu
Social Work – Phi Alpha
Sociology – Alpha Kappa Delta
Students with Disabilities – Delta Alpha Pi

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