

# West Chester University

## Off Campus and Commuter Services

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### How We Work With New Students

The Office of Off Campus and Commuter Services (OCCS) provides information and services to students living off campus. We connect off campus and commuter students with the University by ensuring equitable access to co-curricular experiences, University resources, and leadership and service opportunities.

#### Fast Facts

- 1) About 70% of the student body are off campus or commuter students. We make sure that these students receive the same services as residential students.
- 2) We provide information to students about parking, transportation, off campus housing and campus connections. We also host daytime programming for our off campus and commuter students and employ peer mentors called Rambassadors.
- 3) We oversee the free legal service available to all enrolled students. You can make an appointment for our service while classes are in session.

#### Key Takeaways

Parents and students should make an effort to stay up to date on campus events and activities, including evening and weekend events. Students can reach out to our office, the student Rambassadors, and other campus departments for help with connecting to the University.

- How can off campus and commuter students meet other students and make friends on campus?
  - Many offices and departments host events on campus that will help you meet other students. Some examples are commuter orientation, welcome week, and commuter appreciation week. You can find more events on our website and social media.
- Who are the Rambassadors and how do they help new students?
  - Rambassadors are students who work with our office to help create a sense of community between residential and off campus students. They hold office hours, plan social events, and do much more! Each new commuter student is paired with a Rambassador to assist in their transition.
- What are the commuting options for new students?
  - Our students live anywhere from one block off of campus to towns away. We offer free shuttle buses between our campuses and into Exton and King of Prussia, SEPTA transit, a bike-share program, and a ChesCo Bus line from Oxford. We also provide parking support.
- What is the free legal service and why might students need it?
  - Enrolled students can make an appointment with a lawyer to provide guidance on a variety of concerns. These could include landlord disputes, review of leases and citations.

#### Acronyms and Definitions

**OCCA** - Off Campus and Commuter Association student organization

**Off Campus Student** - any student living off campus but within approximately five blocks of campus

**Commuter Student** - any student who lives off campus and does not commute to campus by walking

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