

# West Chester University of Pennsylvania

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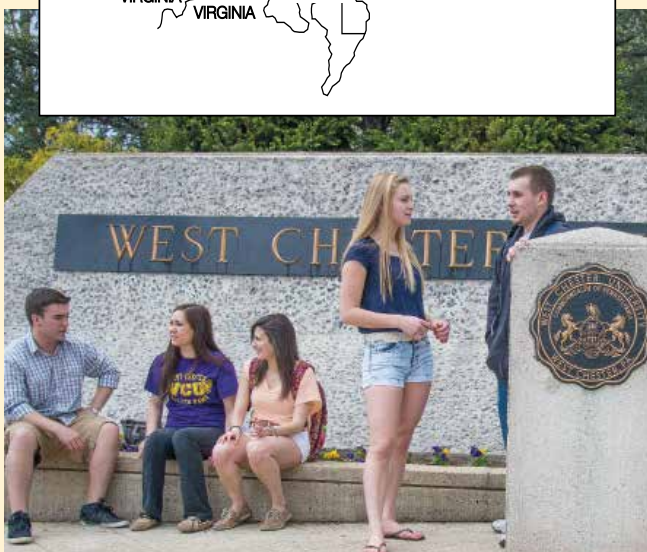
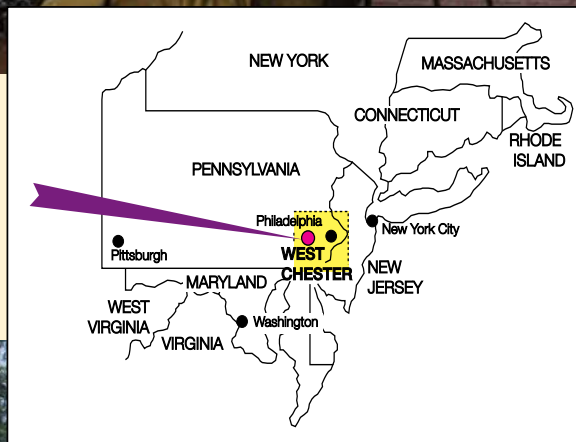
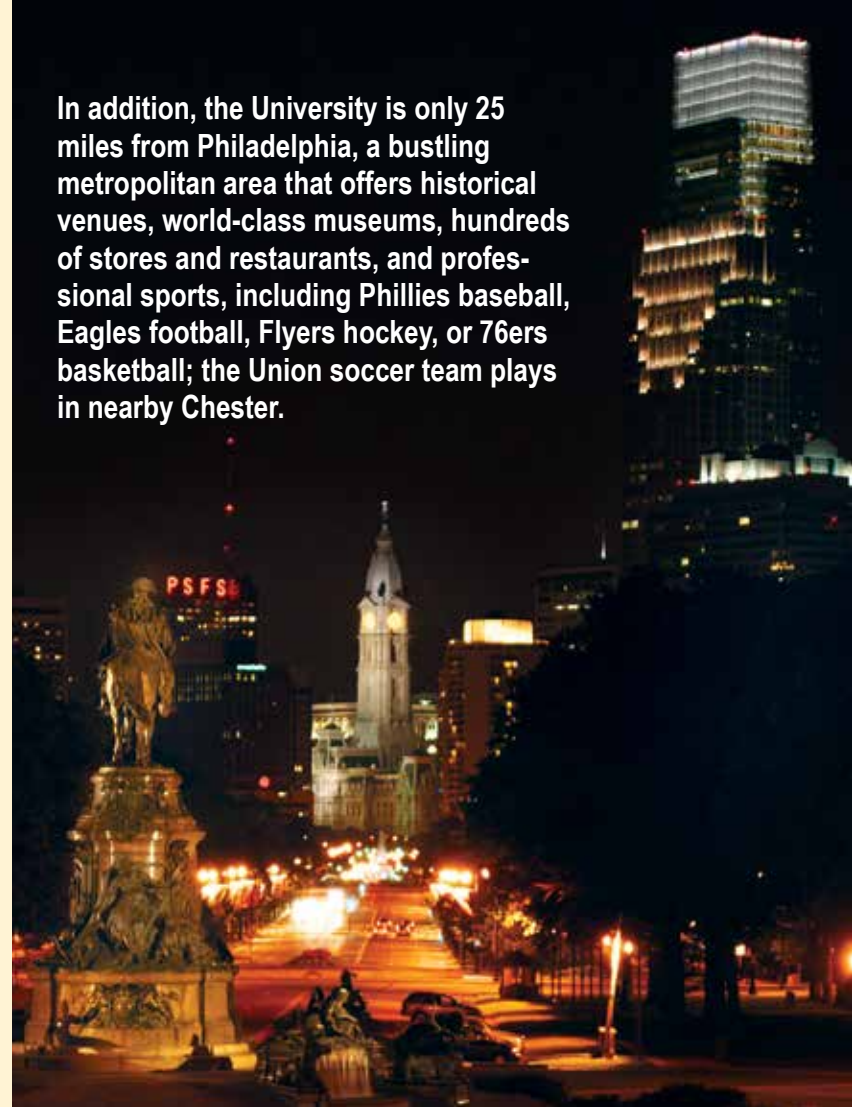
### West Chester University's

406-acre campus combines a beautiful, suburban location with the amenities of a thriving town that is a short 10-minute walk from WCU where students can enjoy a variety of activities – coffee shops, restaurants, shopping, and art galleries. The borough of West Chester is home to approximately 20,000 residents.

The surrounding area includes the King of Prussia Mall – the largest shopping complex on the East Coast – Valley Forge National Park, Brandywine River Museum, Longwood Gardens, and numerous businesses where students often find internships for their programs of study.

While plenty of activities take place on campus, Chester County continues to be one of the fast-growing areas in the state, so there's always something to do off campus as well.





In addition, the University is only 25 miles from Philadelphia, a bustling metropolitan area that offers historical venues, world-class museums, hundreds of stores and restaurants, and professional sports, including Phillies baseball, Eagles football, Flyers hockey, or 76ers basketball; the Union soccer team plays in nearby Chester.





## West Chester University – One of Kiplinger’s Top 100

WCU has ranked as one of the best values in public colleges, according to *Kiplinger’s Personal Finance* magazine, for quality, academics, and affordability from a pool of more than 500 public, four-year colleges and universities.



### The Students

15,845 total enrollment  
13,711 undergraduate students  
2,134 graduate students  
93% of freshmen live on campus

### The Faculty and Staff

887 full- and part-time faculty  
18:1 student/faculty ratio  
768 full-time noninstructional staff  
All classes are taught by regular faculty, not graduate assistants.



## The History

- ◆ In 1871 West Chester was established as a Normal School designed to train teachers.
- ◆ In 1913 it became West Chester State Normal School when it was purchased by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and became state certified.
- ◆ In 1927 when Pennsylvania initiated a four-year program for teacher education leading to the bachelor's degree, it was renamed West Chester State Teachers College.
- ◆ In 1960 when the Commonwealth inaugurated liberal arts programs and graduate degrees, the name changed to West Chester State College.
- ◆ In 1983 West Chester State College became West Chester University of Pennsylvania as one of the 14 institutions in the State System of Higher Education



Laptops are available for loan to students at the Computer Center in Anderson Hall.

Computer Center offers free printing to students.

200 computers are accessible for students until 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday in Anderson Hall.

Every residence hall room has either wireless connectivity or an Internet/network connection – one port per person.

More than 700 faculty members use Desire 2 Learn, WCU's course management system.

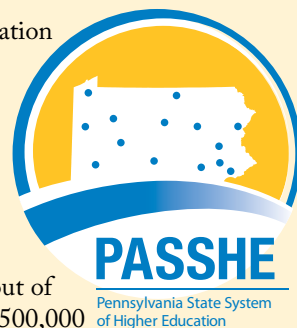
Wireless/hotspots are located throughout campus in popular study areas.

The entire North Campus outdoor area is wireless and ready for connectivity.

## Learn More About the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education

The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE), of which West Chester University is the largest institution, is the biggest provider of higher education in the state with 14 universities. As a system of public institutions, PASSHE's influence reaches far beyond the universities' campuses. The 14 universities enroll approximately 100,000 students, with 90% of them in-state residents. After graduation, four out of five will remain in Pennsylvania; approximately 500,000 live in the Commonwealth. PASSHE is the 13th largest employer in the state with approximately 12,150 professional and support staff.

PASSHE universities are Bloomsburg, California, Cheyney, Clarion, East Stroudsburg, Edinboro, Indiana, Kutztown, Lock Haven, Mansfield, Millersville, Shippensburg, Slippery Rock, and West Chester. For more information on PASSHE or any of the universities, visit [www.passhe.edu/](http://www.passhe.edu/).







The College of Arts and Sciences offers degree programs in the humanities, sciences, social sciences, and the liberal arts – the academic disciplines that have traditionally defined the well-educated person. These majors give students the analytical and communication skills expected of every professional, providing excellent preparation for careers in medicine, science, communication, business, government, law, and many other fields.



*I chose West Chester University because not many colleges and universities offer forensic chemistry as a major. It was clear to me as a prospective student on Preview Day that the WCU staff's number one priority was to prepare us for the real world, and that was attractive when I was choosing a school. I also loved the area surrounding West Chester and how safe it felt. If I had to choose a college all over again, I would choose WCU in heartbeat.*

**Marissa DeMichele**  
Junior  
Forensic Chemistry and Toxicology



## Departments within the College of Arts and Sciences

*See the back cover for specific programs of study.*

Anthropology and Sociology

Biology

Chemistry

Communication Studies

Computer Science

English

Geology and Astronomy

History

Interdisciplinary Studies

Languages and Cultures

Liberal Studies

Mathematics

Pharmaceutical Product Development

Philosophy

Physics and Pre-Engineering

Pre-Medical Program

Psychology

Women's and Gender Studies







## College Highlights

- ◆ The placement rate into medical schools for pre-med students who meet the program's standards over the past 35 years is 95 percent.
- ◆ The nationally known Poetry Center sponsors visiting poets, the annual WCU Poetry Conference, and poetry events.
- ◆ The Department of Languages and Cultures offers study abroad programs in Argentina, Costa Rica, Cuba, France, Germany, Japan, and Spain.
- ◆ The Department of Geology and Astronomy, together with the Department of Physics, operates a Geology Museum, an astronomical observatory, and the recently renovated Mather Planetarium.
- ◆ The Department of Communication Studies runs West Chester Borough's public television station, providing students with hands-on experience in all aspects of television production.

## Internships/Career Paths

Communications students have done internships at area radio and TV stations, the National Kidney Foundation, Philadelphia Zoo, Pittsburgh Film Office, and Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs baseball team. Science students have completed internships at Absorption Systems, American Geosciences Institute, Endo, GeoCorps America, ICON Clinical Research, Merck, Progentra, Shire, and ViroPharma. English majors have been placed interns at local NBC stations, the Philadelphia Flyers, and regional/national magazines.

The college's alumni have held, or are currently holding, the following positions:

- Aerospace engineer – Boeing Company
- Archeologist – Dean & Barbour Association, Inc.
- Attorney – The Vanguard Group; U.S. Department of Energy; Blank Rome LLP
- Editor-in-chief – *New York Law Journal*
- Japanese lecturer – Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Linguist – U.S. Department of Defense
- Medical physicist – Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
- Optical physicist – Brandywine Photonics
- Planetarium specialist – Franklin Institute Science Museum
- President – Art Institute of Philadelphia
- Producer – ESPN
- Radio DJ – WMMR (Philadelphia)
- Senior nuclear engineer – Exelon Generation
- Sports writer – *Philadelphia Inquirer*
- Systems operator – Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station





Undergraduate programs in the College of Business and Public Affairs offer knowledge, skills, and values that prepare students to work in a dynamic, global community.

## Departments within the College of Business and Public Affairs

*See the back cover for specific programs of study.*

Accounting	Management
Criminal Justice	Marketing
Economics and Finance	Political Science
Geography and Planning	Social Work

*I chose marketing because it's a great mix of logic and creativity. I look forward to entering the corporate world upon graduation, but I also enjoy being able to use my imaginative side as well. Marketing is a great balance of the two aspects. Most of my professors have spent time in the corporate world, so it's great to learn from real-life examples.*

**Kevin Weick**  
Sophomore  
Marketing





## College Highlights

- ◆ Our business programs are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). The social work program is accredited by the Council for Social Work Education (CSWE).
- ◆ More than 600 students per year participate in internships, practicums, and field experiences with governmental agencies, nonprofits, and businesses.
- ◆ Over the past couple of years, 85% of the graduates of the accounting program found employment shortly after graduation.
- ◆ The University is raising funds for a new Business and Public Affairs Center to be located across from the Sharpless Parking Structure.
- ◆ Regional businesses and community organizations rely on the college as a resource, using the services of the GIS and Spatial Analysis Laboratory and the Dr. Edwin Cottrell Entrepreneurial Center.



## Internships/Career Paths

Students have done internships at these locations:

- Accounting – PricewaterhouseCoopers; Ernst & Young; Deloitte; and KPMG
- Criminal justice – U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement; U.S. Marshals Office (Philadelphia); Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms (N.J.); Delaware County Detectives; New Jersey Attorney General's Office; and Camden County Prosecutor's Office
- Economics and finance – State Farm Insurance; Scottrade; uFinancial; Lockheed Martin; SEI; Sunoco; and Merrill Lynch
- Geography and planning – Oracle Corp.; Navteq; Natural Lands Trust; Chester County Planning Commission; Philadelphia Department of Parks and Recreation; Pennsylvania Power and Light
- Management/marketing – Bank of New York Mellon; Bristol Myers Squibb; Chester County Hospital; Enterprise Rent-a-Car; Philadelphia Phillies; QVC; Shire Pharmaceuticals; and Target
- Political science – The Harrisburg Internship Semester (THIS); The Washington Center Internships; The Pennsylvania House of Representatives Legislative Fellowship Program
- Social work – Chester County Human Services Department of Children, Youth, and Families; Department of Aging; Department of Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities; and Family Services of Chester County

Many alumni have found jobs as accountants, analysts, CPA's, business/finance managers, law enforcement officers, attorneys, and social workers. Here are a few positions that our alumni have previously or are currently holding:

- Controller – Johnson & Johnson; Shire Pharmaceuticals
- Director of Government Affairs – Exelon Generation LLC
- Executive director – Sierra Club
- Geographer/cartographer – U.S. Geological Survey
- Manager of safety programs – Walt Disney World
- Marketing director – Auntie Anne's Pretzels; *Philadelphia Business Journal*; Yahoo!
- President – Hershey Financial Advisers; United Way of Chester County; National Multiple Sclerosis Society
- Vice president – University of Pennsylvania Hospital; QVC; Smith Barney; Philadelphia Phillies





# Learn More About Becoming a Teacher

Educator preparation has been a primary mission of West Chester University from its beginning, and today nearly one out of three University students is an education major. The education programs are approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), fully accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), and nationally recognized by 12 different specialized professional associations. Our programs feature best practices in education and extensive field experience. As a teacher education major, you will gain the professional knowledge, skills, and dispositions you will need to be effective in the 21st century classrooms of Pennsylvania and beyond. For more information about these programs of study, please see the College of Education website at [www.wcupa.edu/\\_academics/coed/](http://www.wcupa.edu/_academics/coed/).



*I am an early grades education major, and I chose it because I have always wanted to work with children and be in a field where I can help them and make a big impact on their lives. Being a teacher is the perfect fit. I get experience working with children in the classroom when we practice how to teach and do observations, as well as outside class by working at a day care center. I love learning about children.*

**Desiree Jackson**  
Sophomore  
Early Grades Education





## College Highlights

- ◆ West Chester began in 1871 as one of Pennsylvania's normal schools for the purpose of training teachers; education continues to be the most popular major in degrees granted as a university.
- ◆ All candidates pursuing Pennsylvania teaching certification must pass a specified series of assessments, as determined by the PDE in basic skills and in their major subject area. Over the past five years the pass rate on basic skills tests by our candidates has been 100%. During the same period, the pass rate in the academic content areas averaged 99%.
- ◆ In order to provide for strong early field and student teaching experiences, the WCU Office of Field Placement and Student Teaching collaborates with approximately 60 school districts in Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Bucks, Lancaster, and Philadelphia counties, as well as in the Delaware and Chester County Intermediate Units. In addition, several specialized placements were secured in Pennsylvania-approved private schools in the greater Philadelphia area.

## Departments within the College of Education

*See the back cover for specific programs of study.*

Counselor Education

Early and Middle Grades Education

Literacy

Professional and Secondary Education

Special Education



## Career Paths for Alumni

In addition to the thousands of teachers, principals, and education administrators who have graduated from the college, our alumni have held, or are currently holding, the following positions:

- Artist and gallery owner, Heaven Blue Rose Gallery
- Author of more than 80 books and retired professor of English from Penn State University
- National Basketball Association referee
- Owner/manager, Shooting Stars
- State representative, Pennsylvania's 156th Legislative District
- Writer/novelist/publisher – Harbor Lights Press





# Learn More About the Health Sciences

The College of Health Sciences offers the bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, master of arts, master of education, master of science, and doctor of nursing practice. Professional certifications are offered in several of the departments, such as teaching and athletic training.

*I love a lot of things about my major, but I especially like the level of professor-to-student interaction we receive in and out of the classroom. The faculty is always giving us encouragement and opportunities to continue our learning, whether it's using resources at our on-campus clinic, sending information via our monthly newsletter, or helping during office hours. In addition to having professors' support, we also have a strong unity among our peers, whether we are studying, finishing homework, volunteering, or fundraising through our chapter of NSSHLA — you can always find a peer to help you out!*

**Kelsey Turczmanovicz**  
Junior  
Communication Sciences and Disorders

## Departments within the College of Health Sciences

*See the back cover for specific programs of study.*

Communication Sciences and Disorders  
Health  
Kinesiology  
Nursing  
Nutrition  
Sports Medicine







## College Highlights

- ◆ All programs involve comprehensive learning opportunities through simulation and practical experience. Examples of these on-campus learning experiences occur in the nursing lab (innovative technology with Sim-Man, a life-like, computer-controlled mannequin), athletic training room (practical contact with athletes and sports teams), nutrition lab (food preparation), high ropes course (experiential education), speech and hearing clinic (evaluation and therapy of individuals), and Gordon Natural Area (environmental health). Off-campus experiences include internships in businesses, corporations, health organizations, rehabilitation and fitness centers; clinical rotations in hospitals, schools, or with athletic teams; and student teaching.
- ◆ All academic programs have accreditation where it is available from a total of 12 accrediting bodies.
- ◆ The college houses the H.E.A.T. Institute, Center for Contemplative Studies, Speech and Hearing Clinic, Center for Healthy Schools, Spring Health Conference, and Sturzebecker Hall of Fame.
- ◆ CHS annually awards over \$50,000 in scholarships and collaborative research grants to more than 30 students.



## Educational Opportunities/ Career Paths

Student educational and internship opportunities are available in nursing and respiratory therapy, and hospitals, including Bryn Mawr, Chester County, Crozer-Chester, A.I. DuPont, and Hahnemann. Sports medicine students receive athletic training experience at local high schools (West Chester, Downingtown) and colleges (Swarthmore, Ursinus, Widener). Kinesiology students do internships at local physical therapy centers (Kinetic, Strive, Optimum, Excel, and Premier Rehabilitation), as well as hospitals and fitness companies (Planet Fitness and Chestnut Hill Balance).



Nutrition students have internship opportunities with the Campbell Soup Company. Graduates are prepared to work in health-related fields as registered nurses, environmental scientists, athletic trainers, respiratory therapists, physical education teachers, or community health agents. Other students are prepared for graduate-level study in speech clinician programs, dietetic internships, chiropractic programs, and physical and occupational therapy programs.

CHS alumni have held positions the following positions:

- Anesthesiology physician – Johns Hopkins University
- Audiologist – U.S. Veterans Administration
- CEO of organizations, including the American Academy of Nursing, Aspen Physical Therapy, Endo Pharmaceuticals, YMCA
- Coaches and athletic administrators on all levels, including the NFL
- Congressional and state representatives, as well as senators
- Director – Chester County Health Department
- Director of operations – Reading Phillies
- Regional sales director – Nike USA



The College of Visual and Performing Arts is home to the School of Music, Department of Art + Design, and Department of Theatre and Dance, which brings a wide variety of cultural events to the community: student concerts from various music groups as well as faculty recitals; art exhibits presented by students, faculty, and regional artists; and plays, musicals, and dance production.



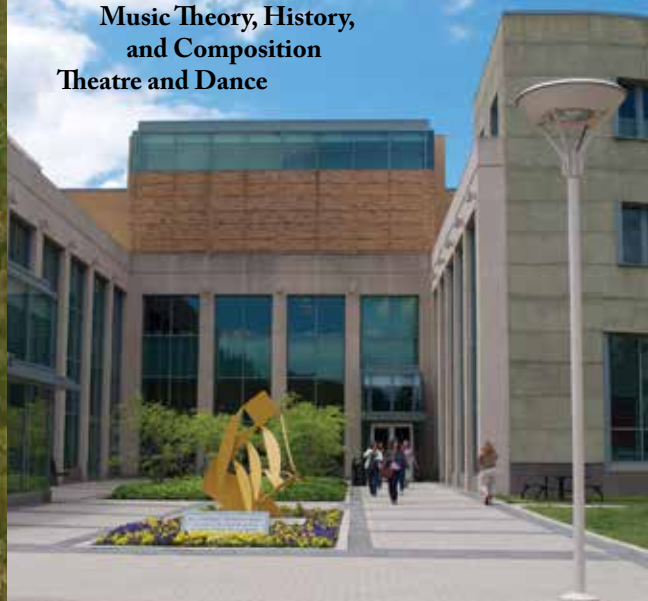
*I chose piano performance because it's what I love to do, and I wanted to immerse myself in studying music. I love my classes and the homework, as well as practicing for hours every day surrounded by other students that are doing the same thing. My professors are incredibly prestigious, and I look forward to learning from them every day.*

**Danielle Pfeiffer**  
Applied Music –  
Piano Performance

## Departments within the College of Visual and Performing Arts

*See back cover for specific programs of study.*

Art + Design  
School of Music  
Applied Music  
Music Education  
Music Theory, History,  
and Composition  
Theatre and Dance





## College Highlights

- ◆ WCU has the only School of Music in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education and is fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music. Music has been offered since 1871, producing some of the region's best music teachers, and WCU is among a small number of prestigious All Steinway Schools worldwide.
- ◆ The college participates in international summer travel abroad programs that incorporate art, music, and global culture.
- ◆ The School of Music is an Apple Authorized Training Center in Music Education.
- ◆ The Department of Theatre and Dance, which is an accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Theatre, offers concentrations in performance; musical theatre; and design, technology, and management within its degree program.
- ◆ The Department of Theatre and Dance annually offers five major theatrical productions and two major dance concerts, as well as the student-produced benefit for the Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS which raises significant funds each year.
- ◆ The Department of Art + Design is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD), and offers concentrations in graphic design, painting and drawing, and sculpture and ceramics within its degree program.
- ◆ The Department of Art + Design annually hosts 12 to 15 international, national, and local art exhibitions, including the graduating senior art show, in the Knauer and E.O. Bull Center for the Arts galleries.



## Internships/Career Paths

In addition to student teaching experiences for music education majors, graphic arts students have done internships with 2010 Solutions, Anthropologie, Gecko Group, *Philadelphia Style* magazine, QVC, and Vanguard. Theatre/dance students have the option to do internships; most recently some did apprenticeships at the Walnut Street Theatre and Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company, as well as the Disney College Program and Mike Lemon Casting.

West Chester has graduated many music teachers over its long history, as well as professional singers and musicians, artists, graphic artists, actors, and theatre production employees (make-up, costumes, lighting, sound, set design/construction). Other graduates have been, or are currently, employed as the following:

- Audio engineer – Trump Taj Mahal
- Director of education and marketing – Palm Beach Zoo
- Entertainment director – Dover Downs Casino Racetrack
- Music producer – B Jolly Music, Inc.
- Producer – Channel 6 WPVI TV (Philadelphia); Tim Burton Productions
- Publisher/designer – Boeing Company
- Writer/contributing editor – *Vogue* magazine





## Pre-Major Program

### Are you undecided about a major?

If you are undecided about an academic field, you can enter the pre-major program to explore your areas of interest before entering a degree program. During the first two years, you are encouraged to complete your general education requirements as well as explore courses in a wide range of disciplines that could lead to your declared major. You will be assigned to an academic adviser in the Pre-Major Academic Advising Center to help you plan a course of study and help you choose a major and a career. Go to [www.wcupa.edu/ussss](http://www.wcupa.edu/ussss) for more information.

Benefit from these special programs that will not only enrich your life and add to the quality of your education, but also enhance career opportunities.



## Pre-Professional Programs

Many students decide to further their education after West Chester University. As a result, we have advisers and societies for the following professions: pre-medical, which prepares students for application to the health professional schools of medicine, dentistry, optometry, podiatry, veterinary medicine, and biomedical research; engineering, through our Department of Physics' affiliated programs with Penn State University and Philadelphia University; and pre-law, in which students receive assistance with their application package. Please go online for more information at [www.wcupa.edu/](http://www.wcupa.edu/).



## Academic Development Program

ADP is a special program for select applicants from Pennsylvania. These students demonstrate potential for college success but would benefit from supportive services and enhanced preparation in basic skills. The program begins with an intensive, five-week summer experience and provides academic advising, mentoring, tutoring, counseling, referrals, financial aid assistance, and cultural enrichment throughout the academic year and beyond. Visit [www.wcupa.edu/ussss/adp](http://www.wcupa.edu/ussss/adp) for more information.





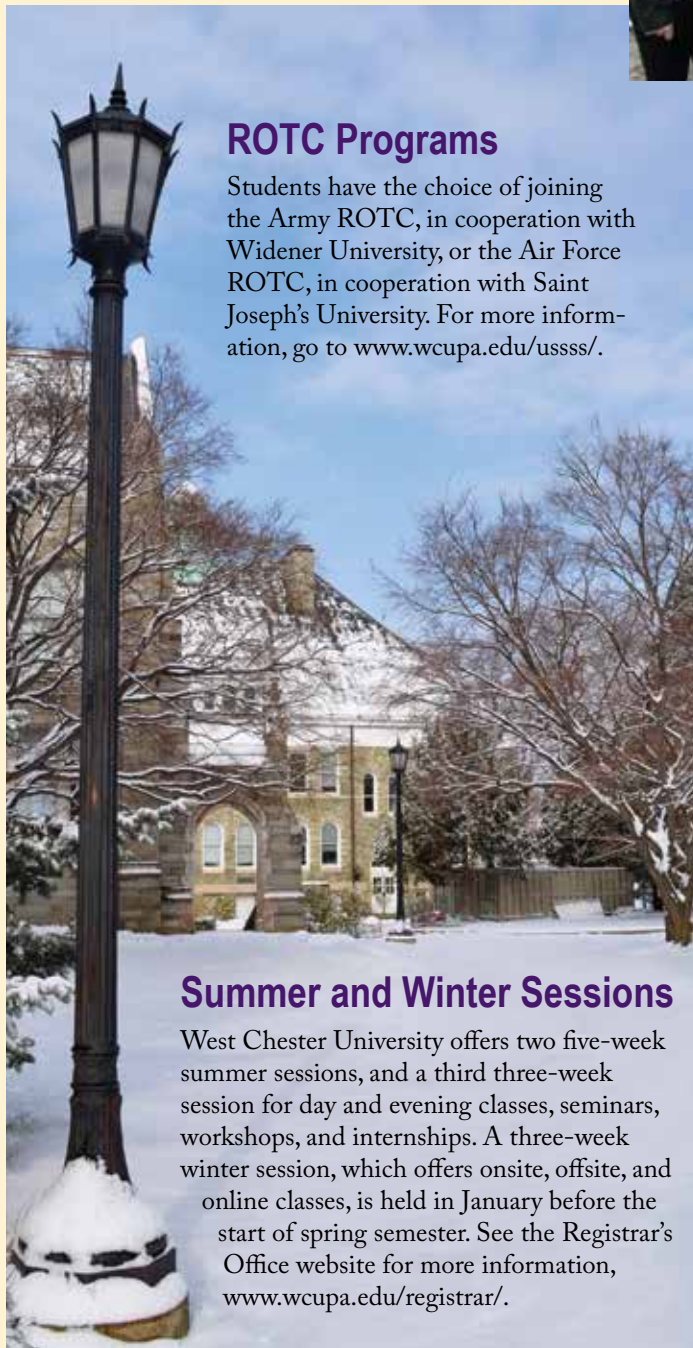
## Study Abroad Programs

The Center for International Programs (CIP) is responsible for coordinating study abroad programs, international faculty exchanges, and international programs for the campus and the broader community. CIP administers over 600 programs in more than 40 countries around the world. Recent education abroad learning experiences for WCU students have included travel to Brazil, China, Costa Rica, England, France, Ghana, Greece, Italy, Mexico, Peru, South Africa, and Spain. For more information, see [www.wcupa.edu/\\_admissions/sch\\_dgr/international/](http://www.wcupa.edu/_admissions/sch_dgr/international/).



## ROTC Programs

Students have the choice of joining the Army ROTC, in cooperation with Widener University, or the Air Force ROTC, in cooperation with Saint Joseph's University. For more information, go to [www.wcupa.edu/ussss/](http://www.wcupa.edu/ussss/).



## Summer and Winter Sessions

West Chester University offers two five-week summer sessions, and a third three-week session for day and evening classes, seminars, workshops, and internships. A three-week winter session, which offers onsite, offsite, and online classes, is held in January before the start of spring semester. See the Registrar's Office website for more information, [www.wcupa.edu/registrar/](http://www.wcupa.edu/registrar/).

## Honors College

The WCU Honors College achieves the theme of leadership development through service by providing an exciting environment for academically gifted and highly motivated students to interact in a learning community of peers, faculty, and administrators that will challenge and enrich the students' college experience. Grounded in the liberal arts tradition, the honors program seeks cross-disciplinary connections to develop students' natural intellectual abilities and challenge them to employ those gifts on behalf of the larger community. A benefit of honors participation is the designated honors housing in Allegheny Hall, one of the newest residence halls. In addition, seven groups of WCU students, faculty, and staff have traveled to South Africa since 1998 to participate in community-needs assessment projects. For more information on the Honors College and selection process, visit [www.wcupa.edu/honors/](http://www.wcupa.edu/honors/).







Take advantage of the different services WCU provides to ensure your success.

## Career Development Center

The Twardowski Career Development Center offers a variety of services and resources to assist students and alumni as they start and then advance their careers. Specifically, the CDC provides help with identifying majors, exploring career options, searching job databases, writing resumes, and interviewing advice. The CDC also schedules on-campus interviews and job fairs with potential employers. Additional details are available at [www.wcupa.edu/cdc/](http://www.wcupa.edu/cdc/).







## Services for Students with Disabilities

The Office of Services for Students with Disabilities offers assistance for students with physical and learning disabilities. The OSSD is designed to help students make a successful transition to college life. A comprehensive assessment of needs is recommended. OSSD provides advocacy with faculty for classroom accommodations, among other services. The Handbook on Disabilities is available on the OSSD website, [www.wcupa.edu/ussss/ossd/](http://www.wcupa.edu/ussss/ossd/).

## Learning Assistance and Resource Center (LARC)

LARC provides academic support services to help students achieve success through tutoring, supplemental instruction, refresher seminars to aid education majors prepare for state tests, and workshops to assist with learning strategies such as stress management, test anxiety reduction, and improving concentration. More information is available at [www.wcupa.edu/larc/](http://www.wcupa.edu/larc/).

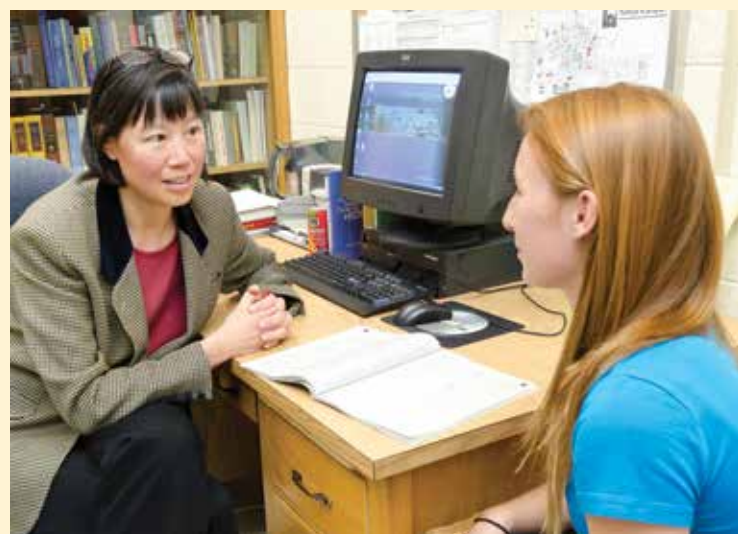
## Counseling Center

The Counseling Center provides services for students covering a wide range of issues, including improving interpersonal skills, resolving personal conflicts, or clarifying educational or vocational choices. Each student's experience will be tailored to meet his or her needs, using the following approaches: individual psychological counseling, group counseling, individual career counseling, and psychological or vocational-interest testing.

## Additional Services

Specific information also is available on the University's web page, [www.wcupa.edu](http://www.wcupa.edu), about the following services:

- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Ally (LGBTQA) Services
- Off-Campus and Commuter Students
- Office of Multicultural Affairs
- Public Safety
- Student Health Services





# Learn More About Life Outside the Classroom



WCU offers a variety of activities in which students can participate, from community service and clubs to concerts, movies, lectures, and sporting events. Find the perfect fit for you! For a list of all 260 clubs and organizations, visit [wcu.orgsync.com/](http://wcu.orgsync.com/).

WCU students are active. More than 9,000 students volunteered through organizations, education, and service-learning courses for a total of 408,665 hours that raised more than \$100,000. How will you get involved?



- Academic professional organizations
- Honor societies
- Multicultural Student Recruitment Team
- Musical and performing arts groups
- Religious organizations
- Service organizations
- Student government





## Sports Highlights

The West Chester University Golden Rams continue to excel in Division II:

- ◆ WCU qualified three teams for the national semifinals in their respective sports during the 2013–14 season (football, women's rugby, softball).
- ◆ WCU won the Dixon Trophy, handed out to the top athletic program in the PSAC, for the first time in school history in 2012–13.
- ◆ A total of 23 of West Chester's 24 intercollegiate programs qualified for their respective conference postseason tournaments during the 2012–13 seasons with four bringing home the PSAC championship (field hockey, men's and women's swimming, women's lacrosse).
- ◆ A total of 15 different athletes were named All-America.

## Sports Clubs and Intramurals

WCU offers more than 20 sports clubs and 10 intramural sports in which students can participate. For more information, visit [www.wcupa.edu/\\_services/campusrec/](http://www.wcupa.edu/_services/campusrec/) and [www.wcupa.edu/\\_services/stu.lif/ramseyview/activities/rec\\_programs.asp/](http://www.wcupa.edu/_services/stu.lif/ramseyview/activities/rec_programs.asp/).



## New State-of-the-Art Student Recreation Center

The new Student Recreation Center, which opened in 2012, features

- two-level fitness center with cardio and strength-training equipment
- elevated walking/jogging track
- two court gyms for basketball, badminton, and volleyball
- racquetball/squash courts
- three-story rock-climbing wall
- snack bar and social lounge

## Varsity Sports

West Chester University's outstanding intercollegiate athletic tradition includes the following 24 NCAA Division II teams:

- Baseball – Men
- Basketball – Men/Women
- Cross Country – Men/Women
- Field Hockey – Women
- Football – Men
- Golf – Men/Women
- Gymnastics – Women
- Lacrosse – Women
- Rugby – Women
- Soccer – Men/Women
- Softball – Women
- Swimming and Diving – Men/Women
- Tennis – Men/Women
- Indoor/Outdoor Track and Field – Men/Women
- Volleyball – Women



*I am a member of the Fencing Club here on campus and have held the position of treasurer. I also like to go to the men's tennis matches since one of my friends from my floor is on the team. I have served as a tutor for all of the math classes that have tutoring available through the Learning Assistance and Resource Center. I also have been a resident assistant in Brandywine Hall. My favorite memories from my time here have been with my friends from my floor.*

**Francis Reppert**  
Senior  
Secondary Education – Mathematics





# Learn More About Living On Campus



WCU offers its undergraduate students two different types of resident facilities on its North Campus – traditional housing and University Student Housing (USH).

- Traditional housing offers double occupancy rooms with a room air conditioner and a communal bathroom on a long corridor floor and is co-ed either by floor or by wing.
- USH (above) offers suite-style living with a semi-private bathroom and other amenities, including central air conditioning and fitness facilities.



Both types of housing are run by University staff and offer residents social, educational, and service-learning programs throughout the year. These programs are a great way for residents to get to know each other and enjoy their housing experience even more.

South Campus, less than a mile away, offers the South Campus Apartment Complex, The Village Apartments (above inset), and East Village Apartments, which are not open to freshmen.

WCU provides a free bus service that runs every 10 minutes from North Campus to South Campus throughout the academic year, with more limited trips during the summer.





## Dining on Campus

All students residing in a North Campus residence hall must be on a University meal plan. Students have several food options as well as flex dollars that can be used to supplement their number of meals per week. Meal plans can be used at the Lawrence Dining Hall, the Diner, the Ram's Head Food Court, Java City, and campus convenience stores, as well as at national franchises such as Chick-fil-A, Einstein's Bagels, and Starbucks.

In addition, students can use their official WCU ID card to make off-campus purchases. Visit [www.wcupa.edu/\\_services/stu.lif/ramseyreview/](http://www.wcupa.edu/_services/stu.lif/ramseyreview/) for more information on the Ram-e-Card.



## Other Facilities

### Libraries

The main Francis Harvey Green Library and the Presser Music Library are outstanding resources for students to study or conduct research. In addition to printed and audio-visual materials, the library has millions of Internet-accessible resources, as well as those available through free interlibrary loan.

### Sykes Student Union

Designed to operate as the center of activity, Sykes Student Union is the place where the campus community can come together to grab a bite to eat in the Ram's Head Food Court, use the computer lab, or attend Sykes After Dark events. The building also features a 350-seat theater, Student Services Inc. Bookstore, SSI Service Center, Multicultural Center, large multipurpose ballroom, and study lounges and meeting rooms.





# *Learn More* About Admissions and Financial Aid



West Chester University welcomes students to apply early in their senior year and typically receives more than 15,000 first-year applications for a freshman class of approximately 2,300 students. While freshman admission is competitive, the Admissions Committee uses a holistic review of each application to ensure a diverse, well-rounded student population. Each aspect of a student's file is considered, including his/her academic record, standardized test scores, personal statement, selected program of study, and qualification for any special admissions programs.

See our website, [www.wcupa.edu/admissions](http://www.wcupa.edu/admissions), for more information.





## WCU Admissions Policy

The Office of Admissions at West Chester University completes a preliminary evaluation of applications once all information has been received and processed. Every application is reviewed individually and each aspect of a student's file is considered: academic record, standardized test scores, personal statement, and selected program of study.

The admissions committee prioritizes applicants with the strongest academic credentials during the review process and notifies them of its decision as quickly as possible upon the completion of their file. Other candidates may be required to submit additional information or will be referred to the committee for a second review.

*Applying to WCU is easy.* Simply complete the online application, pay the application fee, and submit a personal statement. All applicants also are required to submit their official high school transcript and SAT/ACT scores.

## Transfer Admission

Transfer students are welcome at WCU; however, not unlike freshman admission, transfer admission also is competitive. Students who wish to apply to WCU as a transfer student may find more information by visiting [www.wcupa.edu/transfer/](http://www.wcupa.edu/transfer/).

## Financial Aid

The Office of Financial Aid provides assistance to students who would be unable to attend college without such aid. More than 70% of WCU students receive some form of financial assistance through grants and scholarships, which do not require repayment; student employment; and loans that must be repaid with interest.

*Applying for financial aid is easy.* Apply online by submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by **March 1** of the senior year. For more information, see the FAFSA website, [www.fafsa.ed.gov/](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/).



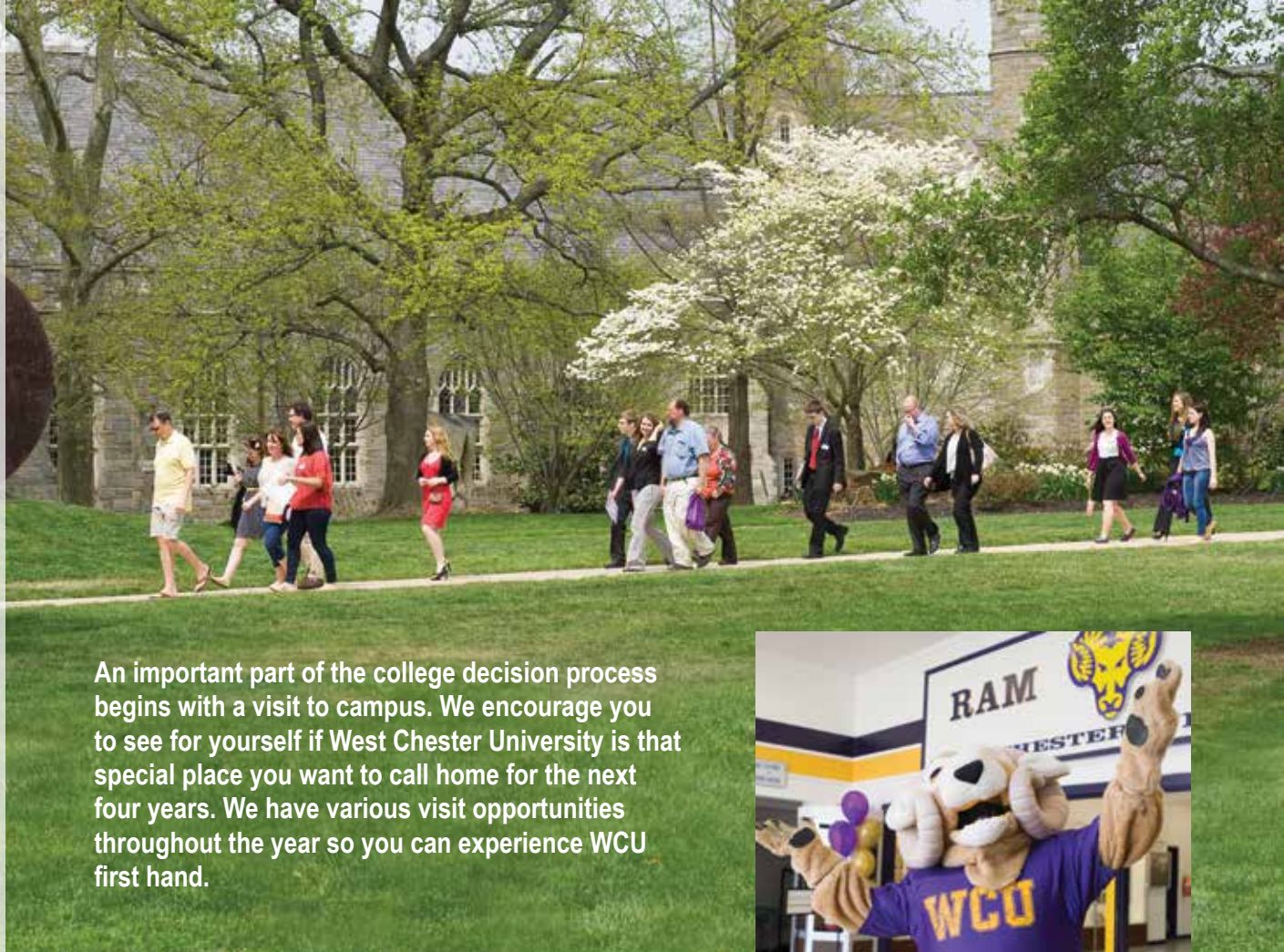
## Merit Scholarships

Incoming freshman scholarship recipients are selected by a committee of University administrators. Students admitted to the University with a minimum combined SAT score of 1200 or better (critical reading and math) and ranked in the top 20% of their high school class will be mailed a scholarship application. Students with a combined SAT score of 1150 may be considered if they rank in the top 15% of their class. Applicants who meet the academic criteria for scholarship consideration are encouraged to apply early in the fall of their senior year.

For additional information on financial aid and scholarships, visit [www.wcupa.edu/\\_services/fin\\_aid/](http://www.wcupa.edu/_services/fin_aid/) or [www.wcupa.edu/giving/scholarships/search.asp/](http://www.wcupa.edu/giving/scholarships/search.asp/).







An important part of the college decision process begins with a visit to campus. We encourage you to see for yourself if West Chester University is that special place you want to call home for the next four years. We have various visit opportunities throughout the year so you can experience WCU first hand.



- Daily Tours
- Information Sessions
- Preview Days for Seniors
- Accepted Student Days
- Junior Information Sessions
- Summer Tours

For more information about our different visitation opportunities and to register for a daily tour or information session, please visit our website, [www.wcupa.edu/visitors/](http://www.wcupa.edu/visitors/). If you cannot come to campus for an in-person visit, you can take a virtual tour on this site. Directions to campus, including public transportation options, and a campus map are available on this site as well.

If you have questions about your upcoming visit to campus, you can e-mail us at [uadmintour@wcupa.edu](mailto:uadmintour@wcupa.edu).

## While you're here...

Make the most of your trip and check out some of the events that are happening on campus through our events calendar, [www.wcupa.edu/\\_information/events/calendar/default.asp/](http://www.wcupa.edu/_information/events/calendar/default.asp/).

Since downtown West Chester is just a few short blocks from campus, feel free to explore the different shops, restaurants, and art galleries. A visitors' guide is available at [www.downtownwestchester.com/](http://www.downtownwestchester.com/).

West Chester is along the Northeast corridor and near major cities as well as other destinations like Philadelphia; Baltimore; Washington, D.C.; New York City; New Jersey and Delaware beaches; and the Pocono Mountains.

## Campus Contacts (610 area code)

Admissions .....	436-3411
Athletics .....	436-3555
Bursar .....	436-2552
Financial Aid .....	436-2627
Honors College .....	436-2996
Residence Life .....	436-3307
New Student Orientation .....	436-3305
Undergraduate Studies and Student Support Services .....	436-3416

## Office of Admissions

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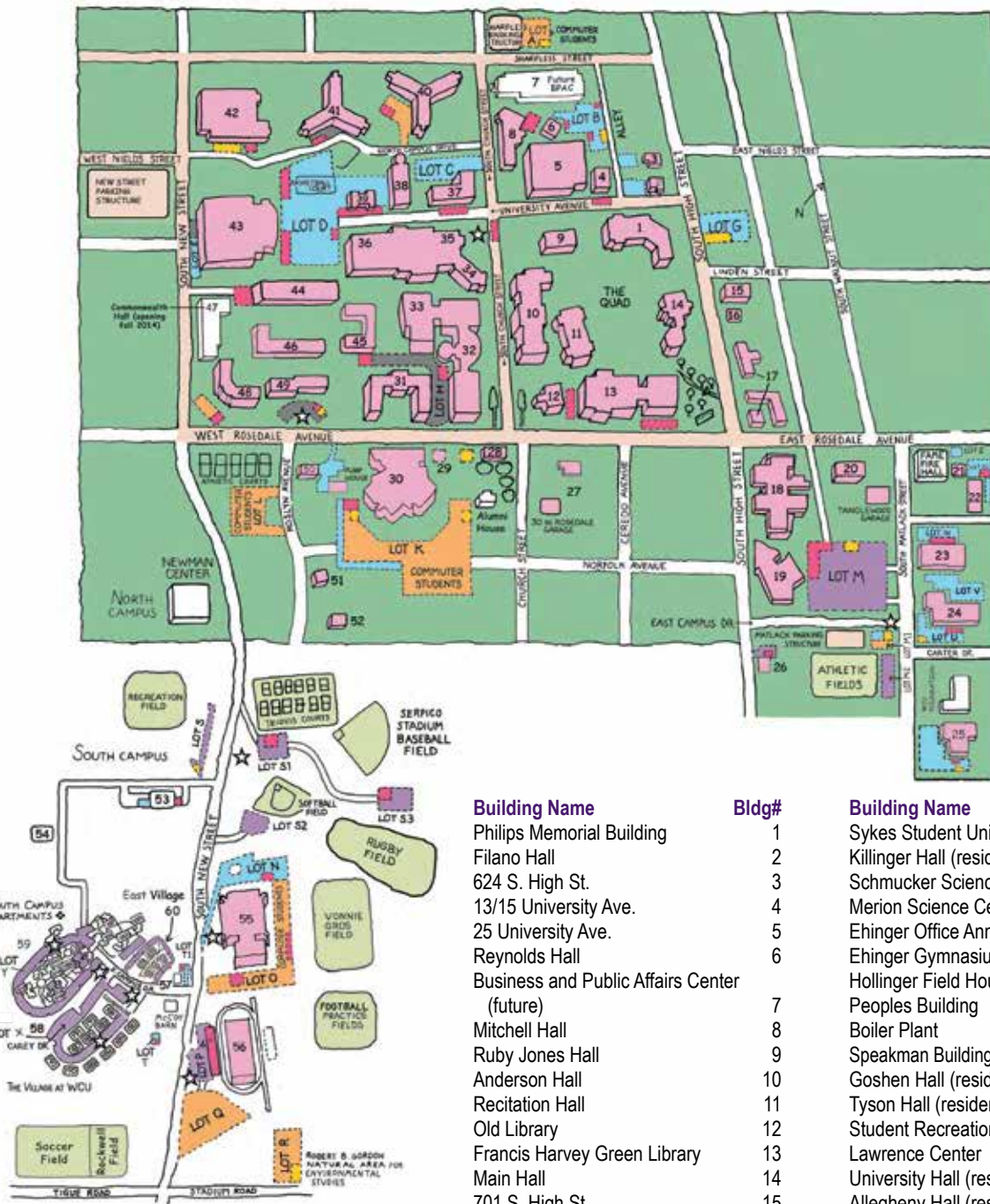
## Stay Connected to WCU!

[www.twitter.com/AdmissionsWCUPA](http://www.twitter.com/AdmissionsWCUPA)  
[www.facebook.com/wcuadmissions](http://www.facebook.com/wcuadmissions)  
[www.youtube.com/user/WCUofPA](http://www.youtube.com/user/WCUofPA)





# Campus Map



## PARKING

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<span style="background-color: tan; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px;"></span>	Borough of West Chester Garage, Meter, or Permit Visitor
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- \*University decal required. Lot restrictions designated by posted signs, which take precedence over published materials.
- ❖ ADA parking available at each apartment building. Signs are clearly marked.
- Parking decals and enforcement subject to change as posted.
- A separate, detailed map for people with disabilities is available at Public Safety in the Peoples Building, the Information Desk in Philips Memorial, and Sykes Student Union.
- ☆ Shuttle Bus Stop

Building Name	Bldg#	Building Name	Bldg#
Philips Memorial Building	1	Sykes Student Union	30
Filano Hall	2	Killinger Hall (residence hall)	31
624 S. High St.	3	Schmucker Science Center	32
13/15 University Ave.	4	Merion Science Center	33
25 University Ave.	5	Ehinger Office Annex	34
Reynolds Hall	6	Ehinger Gymnasium	35
Business and Public Affairs Center (future)	7	Hollinger Field House	36
Mitchell Hall	8	Peoples Building	37
Ruby Jones Hall	9	Boiler Plant	38
Anderson Hall	10	Speakman Building (Housekeeping)	39
Recitation Hall	11	Goshen Hall (residence hall)	40
Old Library	12	Tyson Hall (residence hall)	41
Francis Harvey Green Library	13	Student Recreation Center	42
Main Hall	14	Lawrence Center	43
701 S. High St.	15	University Hall (residence hall)	44
703 S. High St.	16	Allegheny Hall (residence hall)	45
College Arms Apartments (residence hall)	17	Brandywine Hall (residence hall)	46
E. O. Bull Center for the Arts	18	Commonwealth Hall (residence hall)	47
Swope Music Building and the Performing Arts Center	19	Schmidt Hall (residence hall)	48
Tanglewood/Tanglewood Garage	20	Wayne Hall (residence hall)	49
210 E. Rosedale Ave.	21	114 W. Rosedale Ave.	50
220 E. Rosedale Ave.	22	809 Roslyn Ave.	51
Warehouse (Receiving and Logistics)	23	Montemuro House (811 Roslyn Ave.)	52
201 Carter Dr.	24	850 New St.	53
887 S. Matlack St.	25	Glen Echo	54
Poetry Center	26	Sturzebecker Health Science Center	55
30 W. Rosedale Ave./Garage	27	Farrell Stadium	56
Messikomer Hall (Admissions)	28	McCoy Farmhouse	57
McKelvie Hall (Graduate Studies)	29	The Village at WCU (residence hall)	58
		South Campus Apartment Complex (residence hall)	59
		East Village (residence hall)	60



# Academic Offerings and Degrees at West Chester

**Students may enroll at West Chester University in programs leading to the following degrees or certifications:**

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)  
 Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.)  
 Bachelor of Music (B.M.)  
 Bachelor of Science (B.S.)  
 Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S.Ed.)

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.)  
 Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.)

## **Programs of Study**

Accounting B.S. (must apply Pre-Business)  
 Anthropology B.A.  
 Art (Studio) B.F.A.  
 Athletic Training B.S. (freshmen only)  
 Biology B.S.  
 Biology B.S.Ed.  
 Biology – Cell and Molecular B.S.  
 Biology – Ecology and Conservation B.S.  
 Biology – Medical Technology B.S.  
 Biology – Marine Science B.S.  
 Biology – Microbiology B.S.  
 Chemistry B.S.  
 Chemistry B.S.Ed.  
 Chemistry-Biology B.S. (Pre-Medical Program)  
 Communication Studies B.A.  
 Communicative Disorders B.A.  
 Computer Science B.S.  
 Criminal Justice B.S.  
 Early Grades Preparation, PreK–Grade 4 B.S.Ed.  
 Earth-Space Science B.S.Ed.  
 Economics B.S. (must apply Pre-Business)  
 English B.A.  
 English B.S.Ed.  
 Environmental Health, B.S.  
 Exercise Science, B.S.  
 Finance B.S. (must apply Pre-Business)  
 Forensic and Toxicological Chemistry B.S.  
 French B.A.  
 French B.A. (elective K-12 teaching certification)  
 Geography B.A.  
 Geography B.A. (elective Social Studies teaching certification)



Geoscience – Earth Systems B.S.  
 Geoscience – Geology B.S.  
 German B.A.  
 German B.A. (elective K–12 teaching certification)  
 Health and Physical Education B.S. (teaching certification)  
 Health Science – General B.S. (transfers only)  
 Health Science – Respiratory Care B.S.  
 History B.A.  
 History B.A. (elective Social Studies teaching certification)  
 Liberal Studies – Arts and Sciences B.A. (transfers only)  
 Liberal Studies – Science and Mathematics B.S. (transfers only)  
 Liberal Studies – Professional Studies B.S. (WCU upperclass transfers only)  
 Management B.S. (must apply Pre-Business)  
 Marketing B.S. (must apply Pre-Business)  
 Mathematics B.A.  
 Mathematics B.S.  
 Mathematics B.S.Ed.

Middle Grades Preparation, Grades 4–8 B.S.Ed.  
 Music Education B.M.  
 Music Performance B.M.  
 Music Theory and Composition B.M.  
 Music Studies in an Outside Field B.M.  
 Nursing B.S.N.  
 Nursing B.S.N. 2 Advance (transfers only)  
 Nursing R.N. to B.S.N. (transfers only)  
 Nutrition and Dietetics B.S.  
 Pharmaceutical Product Development B.S.  
 Philosophy B.A.  
 Physics B.S.  
 Physics B.S.Ed.  
 Physics – Engineering B.S. (freshmen only)  
 Political Science B.A. (elective Social Studies teaching certification)  
 Political Science – Applied Public Policy B.A.  
 Political Science – Government and Politics B.A.  
 Political Science – International Relations B.A.  
 Pre-Business – Accounting  
 Pre-Business – Economics/Finance  
 Pre-Business – Management  
 Pre-Business – Marketing  
 Pre-Major Program (undeclared)  
 Pre-Medical B.S. (See Chemistry-Biology)  
 Psychology B.A.  
 Public Health/Health Promotion B.S.  
 Russian B.A.  
 Russian B.A. (elective K-12 teaching certification)  
 Social Studies (see History B.A.)  
 Social Work B.S.W.  
 Sociology B.A.  
 Spanish B.A.  
 Spanish B.A. (elective K-12 teaching certification)  
 Special Education, PreK–Grade 8 B.S.Ed.  
 Special Education, Grades 7–12 B.S.Ed.  
 Theatre Arts – Performance B.A.  
 Theatre Arts – Musical Theatre B.A.  
 Theatre Arts – Design, Technology, Management B.A.  
 Undeclared (see Pre-Major Program)  
 Women's and Gender Studies B.A.

