

WHY CHOOSE WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY?

West Chester University is a mid-size institution offering the diverse population and opportunities of a large university yet the personal attention and campus community of a smaller collegiate environment.

1. Strong Academic Tradition

- Comprehensive University offering more than 80 undergraduate degree programs and more than 70 master's degrees, certificates and certifications.
- Talented and dedicated faculty consisting of Fulbright scholars, physicians, attorneys, authors, artists, conductors, performers and research scientists.

2. Active Students/Active Campus

- More than 240 clubs and organizations from which to choose, including student government, music groups, Greek life, theater, and volunteer groups.
- 24 Division II sports, plus intramural, recreational, and club sports.
- Concerts, plays, speakers, comedians, Greek Week, Homecoming, first-run movie series and much more.

3. Great Opportunities

- Internships, practical field experience, and research opportunities.
- Study Abroad and National Student Exchange programs.
- Volunteer and leadership activities.
- Graduates have become state legislators, university presidents, corporate leaders, educators, authors, composers, professional athletes, physicians, judges, entrepreneurs, publishers, bankers, counselors and coaches.

4. Beautiful Campus

- 403-acre campus with a mix of old and new architecture along tree-lined streets.
- Well-lit and safe campus, Police Bike Patrol, emergency phones across campus.
- New Recreation Center, updated Center for the Arts, Residential Hall renovations and plans for a new Business and Public Affairs Center.

5. Excellent Location

- Picturesque Chester County: 25 miles west of Philadelphia, 150 miles to New York City or Washington, D.C.
- Walking distance from downtown West Chester, which offers services of a city, but maintains the charm of a small town.



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Office of Admissions
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Office of Financial Aid
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Office of Registrar
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Office of Athletics
610-436-3555

Office of Residence Life
610-436-3307

University Student Housing
610-430-4980

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610-436-2996

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610-436-2501

Off-Campus and Commuter
Services
610-436-2984

Student Support Services
610-436-3416

Academic Computing
Center
610-436-3350

Academic Spotlight

For the 2013-2014 academic year, West Chester University is excited to offer the following new academic programs for our students:

The **Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health** prepares students for the technical and professional demands of careers dedicated to the protection of human health and the environment. Graduates of the program become entry level environmental health scientists who are widely employed by private industry, environmental consulting firms, regulatory agencies, hospitals and public utilities. For more information, please visit the Department of Health's home page at: http://www.wcupa.edu/_ACADEMICS/HealthSciences/health/

The **Bachelor of Music in Theory & Composition, Concentration in History** provides intensive training in the materials and methods of music history, including the literature, genres, forms, styles and technical vocabulary of Western art music, the development of musical style within a broader humanistic and cultural context, and aural and written analysis of musical form and style. To learn more about this concentration and all areas within the School of Music, visit: <http://wcupa.edu/>

WCU Now in Philadelphia

Located at 7th and Market streets at the Mellon Independence Center in the heart of Center City, WCU's new downtown location offers flexible, convenient degree options that include graduate and undergraduate programs in Social Work, Criminal Justice, Special Education and Reading, with plans to add additional programs throughout 2014. This site was developed by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) as the Philadelphia Multi-University Center and will offer an array of education programs from multiple PASSHE universities in one convenient location.

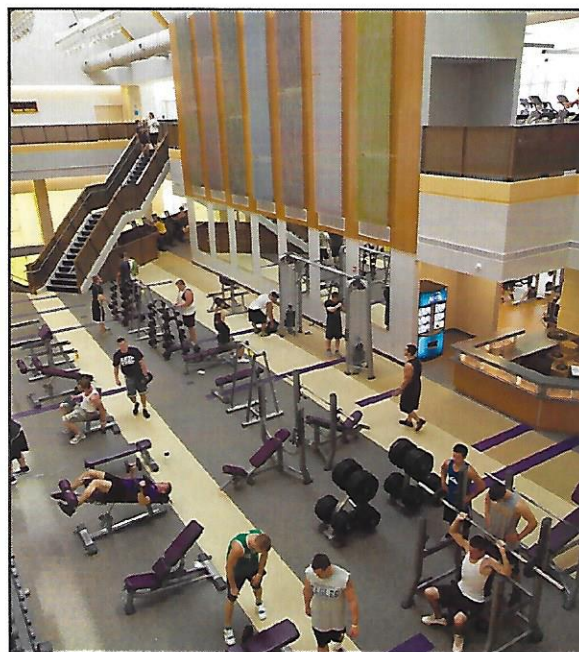
Both the WCU undergraduate Criminal Justice and Social Work programs are designed for students who have completed the majority of their general education credits and are looking to complete their upper division undergraduate social work or criminal justice requirements.

For more information, please visit <http://www.wcupa.edu/philly/>



New Facilities

Completed in August 2012, the 72,575 square foot **Student Recreation Center** includes "state of the art" features such as an extensive fitness area on two levels, elevated walking/jogging track, two-court gym, and a three-story climbing wall. The University's commitment to sustainability is highlighted in the Recreation Center's two green roofs, solar panels, a live green wall, and the usage of a number of recycled materials in the interior part of the building. The campus's geothermal system also heats and cools the building.



Opening this fall, the **East Village Apartments** will offer incoming transfer students and returning students the opportunity to live in one of five new three-story apartment buildings. Each apartment offers a living room, kitchen and two bathrooms and can accommodate four students - each with a private bedroom. Please visit the following link for more information and to see a virtual tour of an apartment unit, <http://www.ushcommunities.org>



What Transfer Students Need to Know

A **complete** application includes:

1. An official transcript from all post-secondary institutions attended.
2. A personal statement.
3. An application fee of \$45.
4. An official high school transcript and SAT/ACT scores if less than 30 credits have been completed. If the applicant has been out of high school for 3 years then they do not have to submit SAT/ACT scores.

An admissions decision will not be made until your application is complete. It is the student's responsibility to have all of the above items forwarded to the Office of Admissions.

WCU operates on a rolling admissions policy. It is recommended that fall semester applicants have all materials submitted early in the proceeding spring semester. Students applying for spring admission are encouraged to have all materials submitted early in the proceeding fall semester. If enrollment limits are met before this time, admissions will be closed.

Certain academic majors have limited enrollment and/or higher admissions standards. Some of these majors include Nursing, Communication Studies, Criminal Justice, Computer Science, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Pre-Med, Pharmaceutical Product Development, Social Work, Education and Business.

An official credit evaluation will be sent from the Office of the Registrar following acceptance to the University. To view the most recent course equivalencies go to <http://www.wcupa.edu/registrar/>.

Students are encouraged to apply on-line at www.wcupa.edu

Tuition and Financial Aid

Undergraduate Expenses

2013/2014 Academic Year: Annual Costs *

Tuition for Pennsylvania Residents

Full-time students (12-18 credits)	\$6,622.00
Part-time students (1-11 credits)	\$276.00 (per credit)

Tuition for Out-of-State Residents

Full-time students (12-18 credits)	\$16,556.00
Part-time students (1-11 credits)	\$690.00 (per credit)

East Village Apartment	\$9,240.00 (per year)
Meal Plan – 14 meals and \$250 Flex	\$2,544.00 (per year)

General Fees	\$1,859.50
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Technology Fee

In-state, full time	\$368.00
Out-of-state, full time	\$558.00

*** Subject to Change Without Notice**

More than 75% of students at WCU receive some form of financial assistance.

Financial Aid

All students and parents are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) before March 1 for priority processing. The Office of Financial Aid will assess the students' eligibility for need-based scholarships; loans; federal, state, and institutional grants. Financial Aid packages will be mailed in early April



Did You Know?

- ~ WCU enrolls the largest number of transfer students in the State System of Higher Education.
- ~ WCU is the second largest university of the 14 state-owned universities that make up the State System of Higher Education.
- ~ Each academic year, WCU enrolls about 1,300 transfer students in the Fall and over 450 transfer students in the Spring.
- ~ 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.



Campus Visits

One-hour walking tours depart from the Office of Admissions at various times each weekday. Please visit our website in order to register for a tour or a Transfer Information Session, www.wcupa.edu/visitors/.

We also have self-guided tours available. If you have questions about our application or the Transfer process you may call or email the office to schedule an individual appointment. The Office of Admissions is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. during the school year and 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. during the summer.



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