

Frequently Asked Questions Summer Session, 2022

1. What courses will I take this summer?

All students will take two courses. The courses you take will depend on the results of your placement assessments. If you place into a developmental math course, one of the courses you take will be developmental math.

2. What is a typical day during the Summer Session?

All students are in class from 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., Monday through Friday. The afternoon schedule will vary, depending on the individual student's schedule for tutoring, mentoring, or other activities. Much of the time in the afternoon may be used at the student's discretion: studying, sleeping, recreation. The evening hours are primarily devoted to studying and preparing assignments for the next day's classes.

3. How will the Academic Success Program help me in the fall semester?

When you return in the fall, you will be returning with approximately 200 friends, many of whom will be in your fall classes. You might also have a professor in the fall that you had during the summer. You will get to know the Academic Success Program team and the ways we can continue to help you. You will become well acquainted with the University's online systems, including MyWCU and D2L. Perhaps the major advantage is you will already have completed those courses that you would otherwise take in the fall, had you not participated in the Summer Session. In all these ways, you will be ahead of all other first-year students who are starting in the fall. You may even realize other advantages.

4. Can I be dismissed from the Academic Success Program?

Yes, but we expect that virtually 100% of our summer students will continue into the fall; indeed, that has been our history in past summers. However, there are some circumstances in which dismissal is possible: (1) If, in the opinion of the faculty and staff, a student is not making academic progress, especially because of lack of effort, that student, in his/her best interest, will have admission in the fall cancelled; (2) Violations of the program's attendance policy for class, tutoring, mentoring, and other required activities; (3) Violation of any University rules or regulations, or any federal, state, or local laws that may result in University judicial action.

5. May I have a job during the Summer Session?

Yes, however, students will not be excused from any aspect of the program for work. We strongly recommend students only work during the weekends and we do not recommend students work more than 20 hours per week. ***Work schedules absolutely may not conflict with class, tutoring, or any other required Summer Session activities.*** Students are always responsible for completing their assignments; working on the weekend is not an excuse for not being prepared for classes during the week ahead. Another strategy that students make use of is to negotiate with their employers to work additional hours before and after the Summer Session, thus making up for those hours they couldn't work during the weekdays of the Summer Session.

6. Are there any activities during the Summer Session?

While your major goal during the summer should be successful academic achievement in your courses, there are also a variety of programs and activities that hopefully will appeal to a wide range of students. Students should participate in these activities as their schedules will allow, although their studies should come first. Participating in these programs is not an excuse for mediocre academic performance. One of the crucial academic survival skills we hope that every student will develop is responsible time management: schedule your time so that you can achieve both academic excellence as well as participation in recreational activities. It shouldn't be either/or; with good time management, it can be both.

7. May I take time off from the Summer Session for a pre-planned family vacation or other events that will require me to miss class?

No, students will not be excused from class or any other required activities during the Summer Session for vacation or other pre-planned trips. Please make sure your summer plans are adjusted to accommodate your acceptance to the University through the ASP Summer Session. This is your opportunity to be admitted to the University in the fall and we expect you to make the most of it!

8. Is there financial aid available for the summer program?

Yes. Students can fill out the **2021-2022 FAFSA** (deadline is 6/30/2022) in order to apply for financial aid for the summer program. There also may be some scholarship opportunities available through the ASP.

9. May I have a car on campus?

No, students are not permitted to have a car on campus during the Summer Session.

10. How are my classes scheduled for the fall?

All West Chester University first-year students have their fall class schedules created for them by their academic advisors. Your fall schedule will be finalized by mid-August.