

WELCOME TO WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA



WALKING TOUR

Welcome to West Chester University of Pennsylvania. We hope you enjoy your tour of our campus! Please refer to the Visitors' Guide for a map and a comprehensive listing of all buildings located on our 388 acre campus. Upon completion of your walking tour of North Campus, we suggest you drive to East and South Campuses to view additional facilities. Throughout the narrative below you will notice a number next to each building name; this coincides with the key on the Visitors' Guide to assist you in your tour. If you are visiting the campus on a weekday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., please be sure to pick up a **visitor one-day parking pass** in the Office of Admissions.

We suggest you begin your tour at the Office of Admissions, also known as **Emil H. Messikomer Hall (#25)**. Messikomer Hall is a three-story house that has been converted into the Office of Admissions. The office is open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. during the academic year, and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. during the summer.

Residence Halls are inaccessible during the walking tour due to the security card access system. We encourage you to view the Office of Residence Life and Housing Services web page http://www.wcupa.edu/_services/stu.lif/. You may view pictures of each hall by visiting the "Living Facilities" section. You will also find a description of each facility as well as pictures of student rooms.

As you exit the Office of Admissions, cross Rosedale Avenue using the crosswalk ahead. To your left is the **Schmucker Science Center (#29)**.

SCHMUCKER SCIENCE CENTER



- Consists of three buildings: SSC I (N) built in 1965, SSC II (S) built in 1968, and a “Link”
- Includes the Biology, Chemistry, Geology/Astronomy Departments, as well as Pre-Med advisement
- Houses an observatory as well as a planetarium
- Underwent recent renovations to update science laboratories and classroom facilities

Directly behind Schmucker Science Center is **the Merion Science Center (#30)**.

MERION SCIENCE CENTER



- Linked to Schmucker Science Center buildings
- Features include science labs, faculty research space, animal research space, multi-media lecture rooms, a greenhouse, and office space for the Physics Department
- Built in 1996, it is one of the newest buildings on campus

As you look directly across the street, you will notice the **Old Library (#11)**.

OLD LIBRARY

- Houses the Department of Anthropology and Sociology, and International Education (Study Abroad)
- Built in 1902, was the original library
- Was named for Francis Harvey Green, a WCU graduate and former Chairperson of the English Department. Became known as Old Library when the new Francis Harvey Green Library was erected in 1966



As you face the Old Library, cross over Church Street, turn left and walk towards **Anderson Hall (#9)**.



ANDERSON HALL

- Built in 1938, includes the following departments: Accounting, Computer Science, Economics, Management, Marketing, and Mathematics
- Houses the Academic Computing Center
- Student accessible computer labs located on the first floor
- Named after Robert Anderson, a WCU graduate who returned and taught in the Mathematics Department for 40 years

Continue walking between Anderson Hall and Old Library until you reach the center of the Academic Quad. You will notice many sculptures, benches, a beautiful landscape, and more buildings as you stand in the Academic Quad.

Recitation Hall (#10) is the oldest building on our campus.

RECITATION HALL

- Houses the School of Education, including Early Childhood and Special Education, Elementary Education, Literacy, Professional and Secondary Education, and Counseling and Educational Psychology
- One of the original buildings for the West Chester State Normal School
- Built in 1892, Recitation Hall is listed on the National Register of Historic Places
- Constructed of serpentine rubble stone



FRANCIS HARVEY GREEN LIBRARY (#12)



- A six-story building, built in 1966, which serves as the main center for study and research
- Holds 500,000 books and receives over 2,500 periodicals
- Large micro-media collection of books, periodicals, doctoral dissertations and other materials
- Convenient study rooms, lounge areas and a coffee shop



Also making up the Academic Quad is **Main Hall (#13)**.

MAIN HALL

- Built in 1974, replacing Old Main Hall (West Chester University's first building)
- Includes the office for the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and houses the Philosophy, History, English, Foreign Languages (with a lab to assist students), Communication Studies, and Women's Studies Departments
- Over 20 classrooms and a lecture hall used for classes



Next to Main Hall, in the corner of the Academic Quad, you will see a castle-like building. This is **Philips Memorial Hall (#1)**.

PHILIPS MEMORIAL HALL



- Opened in 1927, this building is dedicated to George Morris Philips, the longest tenured president in the history of West Chester University (1881-1920)
- Placed on the National Register of Historic Places and the inspiration for the WCU logo
- Contains the Office of the President, Provost, and Associate Provost
- Includes the Asplundh Auditorium which seats 1,200, named for Emily Kessel Asplundh (1927)
- Guest speakers in Asplundh have included former Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter, comedians Adam Sandler and Dennis Miller, Reverend Jesse Jackson, journalist Linda Ellerbee, and actress/playwright Sarah Jones.
- Includes the "Whispering Arches"

Using your map as a guide, continue through the Academic Quad, towards **Ruby Jones Hall (#8)** at the corner of University Avenue and Church Street.

RUBY JONES HALL

- Built in 1899, named for the first African-American faculty member who taught at WCU
- Formerly an elementary school, now houses the Departments of Political Science, Geography and Planning, and Criminal Justice



As you stand on the corner facing Ruby Jones Hall, look up University Avenue and you will see **25 University Avenue (#4)** on the left.

25 UNIVERSITY AVENUE

- Built in 1961 and refurbished in 2008. 25 University Avenue is a self-sustaining building with a geo-thermal heat-pump to heat and cool its self through heat transfer from the earth in its side yard.
- Home of the Computer Science and Mathematics departments along with the Student Services Offices of the Registrar, Bursar, and Financial Aid.



Next to 25 University Avenue is **Lloyd C. Mitchell Hall (#7)**.



MITCHELL HALL

- Houses the Department of Art
- Home to The McKinney Gallery, which is a student art gallery

As you look past Mitchell Hall, take note of **McCarthy Hall (#6)**.

MCCARTHY HALL

- Located on the corner of Sharpless and Church Streets
- Residence Hall
- Includes the Children's Center, which provides affordable child care to both employees and current students



PEOPLES BUILDING (#34)

- Built in 1969, houses the Psychology Department as well as Public Safety Offices
- Public Safety is the umbrella office for Police Services, Residence Hall Security and Parking Enforcement. Each division is responsible for enforcing all laws, rules and regulations in order to ensure a safe campus environment
- Police Services employs 20 fulltime sworn officers, who have received their primary training under the same guidelines as municipal officers in Pennsylvania; handling not only criminal incidents, but Emergency Medical Services, automobile accidents, and other related service calls
- Residence Hall security employs 15 fulltime non-sworn officers assigned to provide physical security for academic buildings, as well as parking services. Additionally, between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. they provide coverage throughout all North Campus residence halls



As you continue your walk, look for **Hollinger Field House (#32 & #33)** on the left side.

HOLLINGER FIELD HOUSE



- Houses the Sports Information Office and the Coaches Offices for Basketball, Softball, Tennis, Track and Volleyball
- Hosts sporting events and recreational activities; while other major events, such as concerts, are held in the Gymnasium
- The North Campus pool, locker rooms, and indoor track
- Ehinger Gym, located toward the back of the building, includes the Office of Recreation and Leisure Programs which consists of several components: Aerobics, Intramural Sports, Special Events, the Sykes Fitness Center, Open Recreation, Sports Clubs and the Outdoor Adventure Program; all allowing students the opportunity to become involved or to remain active while enrolled at WCU

Walk past Hollinger Field House and enter Parking Lot D. The large multi-story buildings are residence halls: **Ramsey Hall (not on map), Tyson Hall (#38), Goshen Hall (#37), Sanderson Hall (not on map), Wayne Hall (#44), Schmidt Hall (#43), Killinger Hall (#28), University Hall (#40), Brandywine Hall (#42), and Allegheny Hall (#41).**

At the end of the parking lot you will see the **Lawrence Center (#39)**.

LAWRENCE CENTER

- Includes the Main Dining Hall which features “All You Care to Eat” dining
- A convenience store for miscellaneous items and snacks
- A 50s-style diner
- A food stand featuring Einstein’s Bagels
- Upper floors include the campus Post Office, Academic Advising Office, Academic Programs and Services, Academic Development, Career Development Center, Center for Academic Excellence, Counseling Center, Dining Services, Food Services, Students with Disabilities, Residence Life and Housing, the Tutorial Center, and the Women’s Center
- Includes the Writing Center, which assists all students with planning and revising papers, resume and job application help, and one-on-one assistance, in a limited time session



As you stand in Parking Lot D with your back to Lawrence Center, walk towards your right on the pathway that takes you past the residence halls. The pathway will lead you past University (#40) and Bradywine Hall (#42) and between **Wayne Hall (#44)** and **Killinger Hall (#28)** and will bring you to West Rosedale Ave. At this point you will be facing **Sykes Student Union (#27)**. Cross the street and enter Sykes Student Union.

SYKES STUDENT UNION

- Includes the University Bookstore where students purchase textbooks and other University paraphernalia
- The SSI Service Window where students get student ID cards, purchase movie tickets, student event tickets, subway tokens and other items
- A 350 seat theater for second run movies, which are shown on Friday and Saturday evenings
- A Health and Fitness Center for students and staff
- The Office of Multicultural Affairs which provides a supportive environment; promoting the academic achievement and personal well-being of a range of student populations
- Sykes Information Desk
- Ram’s Head Food Court offering à la carte dining options including Chik-Fil-A, pizza, salads, sandwiches, hamburgers, etc. Meal plan options include the Ram E Card, Ram Bucks, and other meal options on campus
- Student lounge areas and ballroom space for student events and meetings on the second floor and the upper floors
- Space for Student Organization offices



As you exit Sykes Student Union, turn right and walk down the ramp. The Office of Admissions is the second house on the right. You have now gone full circle and have toured West Chester University's North Campus. If you would like to see more, please follow the attached directions to East and South Campuses. We hope you have enjoyed the tour.

Please feel free to contact the Office of Admissions with any questions. We would be happy to assist you.

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DIRECTIONS TO EAST CAMPUS

To get to East Campus by car, turn RIGHT onto Rosedale Avenue upon exiting the Admissions Office parking lot. Follow Rosedale Avenue through the first traffic light (High Street) and make the first RIGHT into the driveway leading to the parking lot.

The **E.O. Bull center (#16)** is located at the intersection of Rosedale Avenue and High Street. You will also find the **SWOPE Music Building and the Performing Arts Center (#17)**.

ELSIE O. BULL CENTER

- The E. O. Bull center is currently closed and under construction to accommodate the growing theatre department. It will house the Theatre Department and University Theatre.
- The Theatre Department is currently being temporarily housed in **Anderson Hall (#10)**



SWOPE MUSIC BUILDING AND THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



- Located on High Street adjacent to the Bull Center, the SWOPE of Music Building and the Performing Arts Center was built in 2007 in order to accommodate a growing number of students interested in music, theatre and dance. It includes a 375 seat performance hall as well as a 125 seat recital hall and an art gallery.
- Named after the University's second longest tenured president, Dr. Charles S. Swope (1935-1959), who was instrumental in the transformation from a State Teachers' College to a comprehensive Liberal Arts Institution.

DIRECTIONS TO SOUTH CAMPUS

To get to South Campus by car, turn LEFT onto Rosedale Avenue upon exiting the Admissions Office parking lot. Follow Rosedale Avenue to the first traffic light. Turn LEFT onto South New Street. You will travel through a residential area and will reach the South Campus Complex approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile.

STURZEBECKER HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER



- The **Sturzebecker Health Science Center (#50)** is the home of the Athletics Department as well as the Health, Kinesiology and Sports Medicine Departments. Also included are a gymnasium, dance studio, nutrition lab, weight rooms, swimming pools, athletic training rooms, and a ROPes course.

SOUTH CAMPUS HOUSING COMPLEX AND THE VILLAGE

- South Campus Housing Complex (#53) and the Village at WCU (#54) are fully furnished air-conditioned apartments, housing upper classmen and graduate students.



JOHN A. FARRELL STADIUM

- **Farrell Stadium (#51)** is the home for the majority of WCU sporting events, including Football and Track and Field.

