

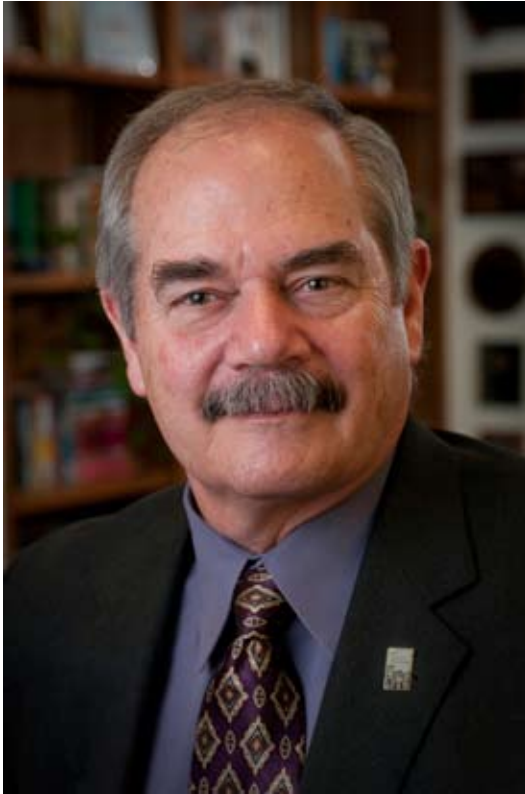
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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Parent,

Welcome to West Chester University. Families are a vital part of each student's success, and you are very important to our academic community. Thank you for the encouragement you provide, which helps students find their WCU years highly rewarding. With their families' support, our students look forward to a bright future that reflects their interests, talents, and goals. West Chester University is committed to excellence, to the comprehensive career preparation and outstanding liberal arts and sciences that are crucial in today's society. Our graduates communicate and think effectively, so as the world changes, they are prepared for continuing success. We provide students with up-to-date skills and knowledge and integrate new technology into our curricula. Our faculty is widely respected for their scholarship; exciting and innovative learning experiences await their classes.

This handbook is designed to answer the questions that WCU family members most frequently ask. Of course, no publication can anticipate every question, and so I encourage you to contact the appropriate campus office for further assistance. University faculty and staff are eager to do their best for your student and you, to provide the personal attention and guidance that can help each student excel.

An additional way to stay informed about University events and news is to read the *West Chester University Magazine*, which is published three times a year. In addition, the University's Web site (<http://www.wcupa.edu>) includes resources for parents and provides a wealth of other information, such as arts, athletics, and academic calendars. I hope you will be able to attend the many wonderful cultural and athletic events held on campus throughout the year.

Best wishes to you and your student for satisfying and rewarding years ahead. I look forward to seeing you on campus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg R. Weisenstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Greg R. Weisenstein  
President

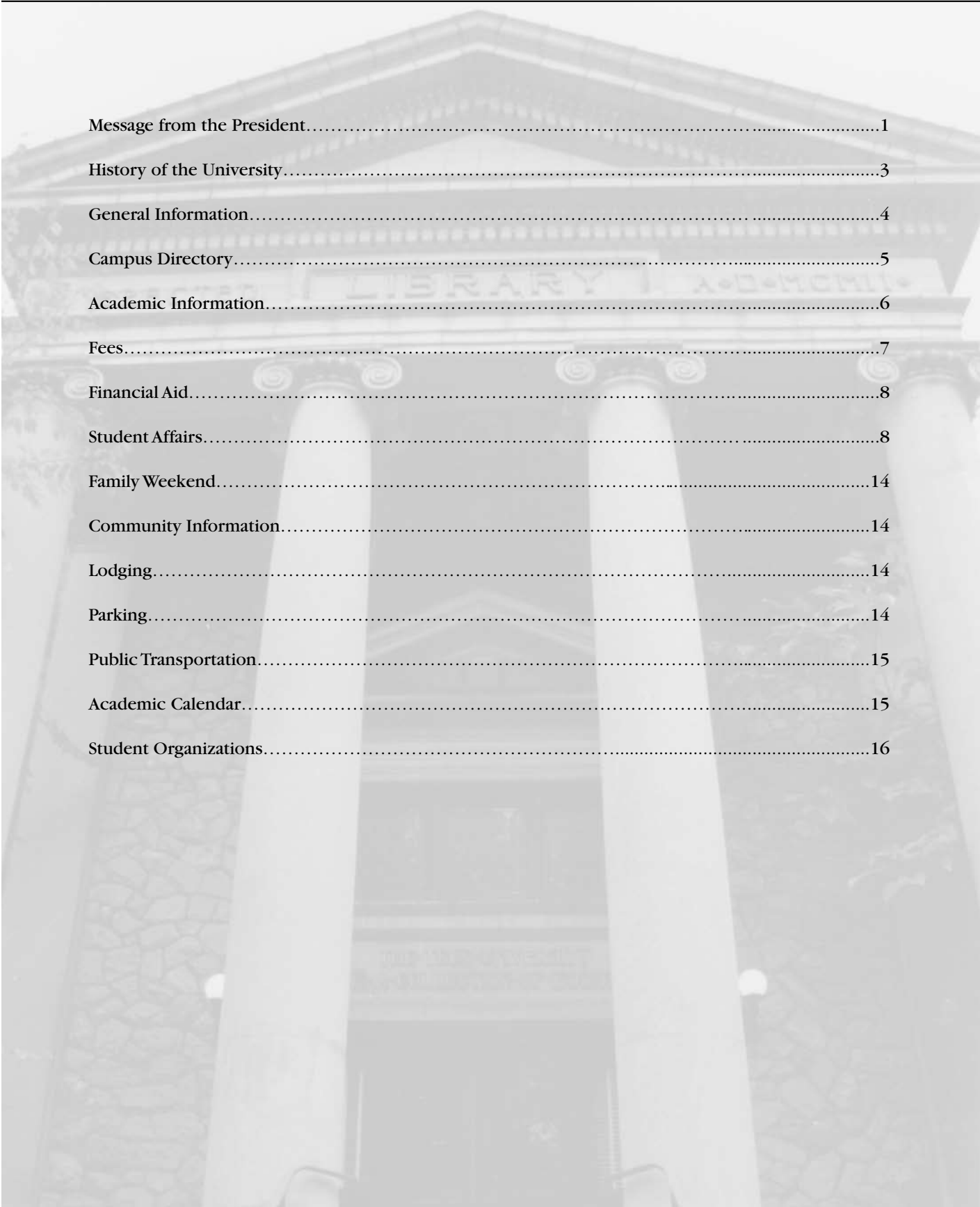
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# HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY

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Although its founding year is 1871, the University in fact has deeper roots tracing from the West Chester Academy, a private, state-aided school which existed from 1812 to 1869. The academy enjoyed strong support from the highly intellectual Chester County Cabinet of the Natural Sciences of the pre-Civil War decades. It was recognized as one of Pennsylvania's leading preparatory schools, and its experience in teacher training laid the groundwork for the normal school years that were to follow.

As the state began to take increasing responsibility for public education, the academy was transformed into West Chester Normal School, still privately owned but state certified. The normal school admitted its first class of 160 students on September 25, 1871. In 1913, West Chester became the first of the normal schools to be owned outright by the Commonwealth. West Chester became West Chester State Teachers College in 1927 when Pennsylvania initiated a four-year program of teacher education. In 1960, as the Commonwealth paved the way for liberal arts programs in its college system, West Chester was renamed West Chester State College, and two years later introduced the liberal arts program that turned the one-time academy into a comprehensive college.

In recognition of the historic merit of the campus, in 1981 the West Chester State College Quadrangle Historic District was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The buildings included in the historic district are Philips Memorial Building, Ruby Jones Hall, Recitation Hall, and the Old Library. Except for Philips, these buildings are all constructed of native Chester County serpentine stone.

West Chester State reached another major milestone with passage of the State System of Higher Education bill. West Chester became one of the 14 universities in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education on July 1, 1983. Along with its new name — West Chester University of Pennsylvania — the institution acquired a new system of governance and the opportunity to expand its degree programs.



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# GENERAL INFORMATION

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## **Nondiscrimination/Affirmative Action Policy**

West Chester University is committed to providing leadership in extending equal opportunities to all individuals. Accordingly, the University will make every effort to provide these rights to all persons regardless of race, religious, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, disability, veteran status, or other protected class status. This policy applies to all members of the University community including students, faculty, staff, and administrators. It also applies to all applicants for admission or employment and all participants in University-sponsored activities.

This policy is in compliance with federal and state laws, including Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendment of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and Executive Order of the Governor of Pennsylvania.

Any individual having suggestions, problems, complaints, or grievances with regard to equal opportunity or affirmative action, or to request a translation of this publication into a language other than English, is encouraged to contact the director, Office of Social Equity, at 13/15 University Ave., 610-436-2433.

## **University Information Publications**

Following is a list of forms, pamphlets, and other publications that provide more detailed information on specific topics. Requests for these publications should be addressed to the office indicated; to complete the address, include "West Chester University, West Chester, PA 19383."

### **SSI E-Z Pay (Pre-Paid Bookstore Account)**

S.S.I. Business Office, Sykes Union Room 259 ..... 610-436-2955

### **Health Insurance Information**

Student Health Center, Wayne Hall ..... 610-436-2509

### **Your Safety Is Our Concern**

Department of Public Safety, Peoples Building ..... 610-436-3311

### **West Chester University Magazine**

The magazine is published three times a year for the alumni, friends, and family of West Chester University by the Office of Public Relations and Marketing, 13/15 University Avenue.

### **Office Hours:**

All offices are open from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday during September-May and close at 4 p.m. in June, July, and August. Some offices have some variation. **General University information may be obtained by calling the Information Switchboard at 610-436-1000.**

### **Weather Alert Notification:**

When adverse weather conditions affect the routine operation of the University, information regarding class cancellations, delayed openings, and/or University closings will be publicized several ways: 1) text messages to WCU Alert subscribers through the e2campus service which sends text messages with WCU announcements, including class cancellations, delayed openings or closings, or on-campus emergencies; 2) mass e-mails to students, faculty, and staff; 3) postings on WCU's homepage at <http://www.wcupa.edu>; 4) recorded message on WCU's Information Line, 610-436-1000, and broadcastings on many radio and TV stations. Some radio and TV stations use a system of code numbers rather than school names for cancellations and announcements. West Chester University's code numbers are **853 for cancellation of day classes and 2853 for evening classes**, and at <http://www.wcupa.edu/dps/emergency/WeatherEmergency.asp/>.



# CAMPUS DIRECTORY

Question	WHERE TO GO	PHONE
Absence from Class (prolonged)	Registrar, 25 University Avenue	610-436-3541
Academic Advising	Academic Department or Pre-Major (Undeclared) Academic Advising Center, 250 Lawrence Center	610-436-3505
Academic Policies and Procedures	Academic Department or Academic Programs and Services	
Academic Development Program	Academic Programs and Services, 222 Lawrence Center	610-436-3505
Athletics and Sports	Athletic Office, Sturzebecker Health Sciences Center	610-436-3555
Billing	Bursar's Office, 25 University Avenue	610-436-2552
Career Planning and Placement Services	Twardowski Career Development Center, 229 Lawrence Center	610-436-2501
Closing/Storm Policy	Information Desk	610-436-1000
Co-Curricular Programs and Campus Activities	Student Programming, 236 Sykes Union	610-436-2983/3037
Counseling Services	Counseling and Psychological Services, 234 Lawrence Center	610-436-2301
Drug and Alcohol Education Information	Wellness Center, Wayne Hall	610-436-3276
Emergency Contact with Students	Public Safety Department, 22 Peoples Building	610-436-3311
Enrollment Status Certification	Registrar, 25 University Avenue	610-436-3541
Fees/Refunds	Bursar's Office, 25 University Avenue	610-436-2552
Financial Aid	Financial Aid Office, 25 University Avenue	610-436-2627
Food Services	Lawrence Center	610-436-2730
Fraternities and Sororities	Greek Life and Student Organizations, 238 Sykes Union	610-436-2117
Grades	Registrar, 25 University Avenue	610-436-3541
Handicapped Services	Office of Services for Students with Disabilities, Lawrence Center	610-436-3217
Health Services	Student Health Center, Wayne Hall	610-436-2509
Honors College	Honors College, 703 S. High St.	610-436-2996
Information Switchboard	Philips Memorial Building	610-436-1000
International Students	McKelvie Hall	610-436-3529
Library	Francis Harvey Green Library	610-436-2946
Multicultural Affairs	Student Affairs, 003 Sykes Union	610-436-3273
Musical Organizations	School of Music, Swope Music Building and the Performing Arts Center	610-436-2739
Off-Campus and Commuter Services	Off-Campus and Commuter Services, 116 Sykes Union Information Desk	610-436-2984
Orientation	New Student Programs, 202 Lawrence Center	610-436-3305
Parking	Public Safety Department, 22 Peoples Building	610-436-3311
Post Office	Lawrence Center, 2nd Floor	610-436-2744
President's Office	Philips Memorial Building	610-436-2471
Press Releases	Public Relations Office, 13/15 University Avenue	610-436-3383
Privacy of Information Act	Registrar, 25 University Avenue	610-436-3541
Recreational Activities	Recreation and Leisure Programs, 140 Ehinger Gymnasium	610-436-2133
Registration and Scheduling	Registrar, 25 University Avenue	610-436-3541
Residence Life and Housing Services (traditional residence halls on North Campus and South Campus Apartments)	Residence Life and Housing Services, 202 Lawrence Center	610-436-3307
Student Affairs Information	Vice President for Student Affairs, 238 Sykes Union	610-436-3301
Student Development	Asst. Dean for Student Development and Involvement, 236 Sykes Union	610-436-3053
Student Government Association	S.G.A. Office, 217 Sykes Union	610-436-2956
Student Organizations	Greek Life and Student Organizations, 238 Sykes Union	610-436-2117
Student Services, Inc. (SSI)	259 Sykes Union	610-436-2955
Student Standards/Discipline	Director of Judicial Affairs, 238 Sykes Union	610-436-3511
Student Union Information	116 Sykes Union	610-436-2984
Textbooks/Supplies	Bookstore, Sykes Union	610-436-2242
Tutorial Services	Learning Assistance and Resource Center, 105 Lawrence	610-436-3505
University Student Housing (affiliated housing on North Campus - Allegheny, Brandywine, and University halls; and The Village at WCU on South Campus)	University Student Housing, Leasing Center in University Hall	610-692-7391
Veterans' Affairs	Financial Aid Office, 25 University Avenue	610-436-2627
Withdrawal from School	Registrar, 25 University Avenue	610-436-3541
Women's Programs	Women's Center, 220 Lawrence Center	610-436-2122

# ACADEMIC INFORMATION

## General Education Requirements

A broad education must encompass experiences in oral and written communication skills and mathematics and the social, behavioral, and natural sciences and the arts. Therefore, all students are required to take a liberal arts core called general education requirements. This requirement allows students freedom of choice within educationally sound limits and enables them to leave West Chester University with a well-rounded and comprehensive education. A complete review of the general education requirements is contained in the Undergraduate Catalog.

## Academic Classification of Students

Your student's class designation is determined by the number of semester hours of credit earned:

Freshman	0-30 semester hours of credit
Sophomore	31-60 semester hours of credit
Junior	61-89 semester hours of credit
Senior	90 or more semester hours of credit

## Grading

After each semester a report of each student's semester grades is available on myWCU, the University's Web site ([www.wcupa.edu](http://www.wcupa.edu)). The following grading system is used:

### Grading System

Grade	Quality Points	Percent Equivalents	Interpretation
A	4.00	93-100	Excellent
A-	3.67	90-92	
B+	3.33	87-89	Superior
B	3.00	83-86	
B-	2.67	80-82	
C+	2.33	77-79	Average
C	2.00	73-76	
C-	1.67	70-72	
D+	1.33	67-69	Below Average
D	1.00	63-66	
D-	0.67	60-62	
F	0.00	59 or lower	Failure
*NG			No Grade
*W			Withdrawal
*Z			Withdraw before semester ends
*Y			Administrative Withdrawal
*AU			Audit

To compute the grade point average, divide the total quality points earned by the total credit hours attempted. A student's scholastic standing at the University is indicated by his or her cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA). Three categories of academic standing have been established: good academic standing, probation, and dismissal. A student remains in good academic standing as long as he or she maintains a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 for all work taken at the University. Probation and dismissal are actions taken by the University when a student's GPA falls below an acceptable level at the end of a semester or a summer term. Specific information regarding probation and dismissal can be found in the Undergraduate Catalog.

\*Please refer to the Undergraduate Catalog for a more detailed explanation.

## Undergraduate Studies and Student Support Services (USSSS)

### Academic Development Program – Lawrence 222

The Academic Development Program is designed to provide an opportunity for college education at WCU to selected students who do not meet current admission requirements but who, nevertheless, show evidence of having the ability to succeed in college.

Features of the program include the following:

- A five-week summer bridge session
- Specialized courses and tutoring to enhance skills in reading, writing, speaking, mathematics, and critical thinking
- Professional and peer counseling
- Individual advising

For more information, contact 610-436-3274 or [adp@wcupa.edu](mailto:adp@wcupa.edu), or visit our Web site at [www.wcupa.edu/uss/s/adp/](http://www.wcupa.edu/uss/s/adp/).

### Learning Assistance and Resource Center – Lawrence 223

The Learning Assistance and Resource Center (LARC) strives to provide quality academic support services that help students become independent and active learners who achieve academic success.

The LARC offers **tutoring** services in most 100- and 200-level general education courses such as mathematics, biology, chemistry, physics, social sciences, languages, and business.

**Supplemental Instruction** sessions are available in several "high-risk" math, biology, and chemistry courses.

**Academic Success Workshops:** The series includes four sessions that provide diverse learners with proven methods enhancing student success and retention. This seminar is designed to highlight the necessary skills set students need to succeed at the postsecondary level.

**Praxis Review Workshops:** The LARC offers review workshops to prepare for the Pre-Professional Skills Test (Praxis I). One series of 10 sessions is offered each semester for the test's writing, reading, and math sections.

For more information, contact 610-436-2535 or [larc@wcupa.edu](mailto:larc@wcupa.edu), or visit our Web site at [www.wcupa.edu/uss/s/larc/](http://www.wcupa.edu/uss/s/larc/).

### Freshman Interest Groups

The first-year experience, only better: Freshman Interest Groups (FIGs) gather students into small living/learning groups that share two common courses and reside in one wing of Tyson Hall. Freshman Interest Groups foster close relations among peers, faculty, and staff, through cross-disciplinary studies and special activities. The aim of the FIG is to ease transition into the University, assist in student development as intellectuals, and encourage connectedness to various professional and social communities.

For more information, contact 610-436-2857 or [FIGs@wcupa.edu](mailto:FIGs@wcupa.edu), or visit our Web site at [www.wcupa.edu/uss/s/figs/](http://www.wcupa.edu/uss/s/figs/).

### Office of Services for Students with Disabilities – Lawrence 223

The Office of Services for Students with Disabilities (OSSD) offers services for students with physical and learning disabilities. The OSSD is designed to assist students to make a successful transition to the University and provide services to support their success. Services offered through the OSSD may include the following:

- Academic coaching and academic advising
- Special summer orientation
- Optional comprehensive need assessment

- Advocacy with faculty
- Referrals for LD testing
- Alternative test-taking arrangements
- Priority registration

For more information, contact 610-436-2564 or [ossd@wcupa.edu](mailto:ossd@wcupa.edu), or visit our Web site at [www.wcupa.edu/usss/ossd/](http://www.wcupa.edu/usss/ossd/).

**Pre-Major Academic Advising Center – Lawrence 262**

The Pre-Major Academic Advising Center offers the following services to assist students who have not yet declared a major to explore their fields of interest before entering a degree program:

- Advice in regard to selection of courses;
- Assistance in establishing objectives;
- Information regarding various programs offered by the University;
- Advising students in academic difficulty;
- Referral to other appropriate support services;
- Guidance in and instruction for declaring a major; and
- Interpretation of University, school, and department regulations, rules, and requirements.

For more information, contact 610-436-3505 or [advising@wcupa.edu](mailto:advising@wcupa.edu), or visit our Web site at [www.wcupa.edu/ussss/pmaa/](http://www.wcupa.edu/ussss/pmaa/).

**Army ROTC (Delta Company) – Anderson Hall Room 331A**

Army ROTC provides college-trained officers for both the active component (U.S.Army) and the reserve components (U.S.Army Reserve and the National Guard). As the largest single source of Army officers, ROTC fulfills a vital role in providing mature young men and women for leadership and management positions in an increasingly technical Army. Beginning with the spring of 2009, Army ROTC classes, labs, and physical training are conducted on West Chester's campus. The West Chester Army ROTC program (D Company) falls under the supervision of the Freedom Battalion based out of Widener University in Chester, Pa.

For more information contact Major Gary Niles or SFC James Purdy at 610-430-4403 or e-mail [gniles@wcupa.edu](mailto:gniles@wcupa.edu).

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## FEES

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All fees and expenses are subject to change without notice.

**Tuition and fees can be paid by check, electronic check (e-check), money order, or cash.** The University does not accept credit cards for tuition and fee payment. However, the University recognizes the convenience of credit card use and has partnered with a third party vendor to allow secure credit card payments through our Web-based **QuikPAY** system. If the student chooses to pay via credit card, **a fee will be assessed for this service.** Refer to the Office of the Bursar's Web page for payment instructions.

**Bill Payment**

All students are expected to pay their tuition bills by their due date or their schedules will be canceled. Fall semester bills are due in early/mid-August, and spring semester bills are due in mid December. Students will receive one tuition bill mailed to their home address at the beginning of each

semester. However, all mid-semester statements, including those for the partial payment plan, will only be sent electronically to the student's WCU e-mail address. Students will be required to check their WCU e-mail often for important dates and deadlines. **For students who rely on parents/guardians to pay their bills, it is highly recommended that students select parents/guardians as authorized payers through the Web-based QuikPAY system. Doing so will ensure that both students and parents/guardians will receive notification e-mails when new bills/statements are available.** For those experiencing financial difficulty, the partial payment plan (see below) is a viable option. Any concerns or questions regarding bill payment can be addressed to your personal counselor in the Office of the Bursar. For last names beginning:

- A to G call 610-436-3078
- H to O call 610-436-3079
- P to Z call 610-436-3080

**Partial Payment Plan**

All students are eligible for the partial payment plan. *If your anticipated financial aid (including bank loans) will not be available by the bill's due date, we urge you to use the payment plan to avoid cancellation of your schedule.* The plan allows you to make four payments on your semester bill. There is a nonrefundable fee of \$35 per semester for this service, and you can sign up via a check-off box on your semester bill. Your initial payment should be 25 percent of your balance due plus the \$35 fee. Subsequent partial payment statements will only be sent electronically to the student's WCU e-mail address and authorized user's e-mail address.

**Basic Undergraduate Tuition for Legal Residents of Pennsylvania (based on 2009-2010 academic year rate)**

Full-time students (between 12 - 18 semester hours)  
 ..... \$ 2,777.00 per semester  
 Part-time students (11 credits or less), or per credit for each credit over 18 ..... \$ 231.00 per credit

**Basic Undergraduate Tuition for Out-of-State Students (based on 2009-2010 academic year rate)**

Full-time students (between 12 - 18 semester hours)  
 ..... \$ 6,943.00 per semester  
 Full-time students (11 credits or less), or per credit for each credit over 18 ..... \$ 579.00 per credit

**Housing Fee (actual fees for 2010-2011)**

North Campus Residence Hall - for students living in any of the traditional residence halls, \$2,405.00 per semester, double occupancy.

South Campus Apartment Complex - students reside in a four- or five-person apartment with bedroom occupancy as stated; rates are per semester.

Single occupancy bedroom ..... \$3,040.00  
 Double occupancy bedroom (per person) ..... \$2,794.00

North Campus suite-style housing for students living in any of the affiliated housing properties (University Student Housing):

Brandywine and Allegheny rates range from \$3,432.00 to \$4,348.00 per semester.

University Hall rates range from \$3,220.00 to \$3,595.00 per semester.

The Village on South Campus (apartment-style affiliated housing) has a rate of \$4,164.00 per semester

### Meal Plan Fees (actual fees for 2010-2011)

All North Campus residents are required to select one of the following four meal plan options:

19-meal plan with \$150 flex dollars .....	\$1,281.00
14-meal plan with \$150 flex dollars .....	\$1,189.00
10-meal plan with \$150 flex dollars .....	\$1,088.00
225-block plan with \$150 flex dollars .....	\$1,260.00
175-block plan with \$150 flex dollars .....	\$1,154.00

### Commuter and Off-Campus Students

You may select from any of the plans listed above or a 75-block plan with \$150 flex dollars for \$665, or Flex Dollar Account - \$150 minimum to start, which may be increased in \$25 increments.

### Instructional Technology Fee (based on 2009-2010 academic year rate)

Full-time in-state .....	\$103.00 per semester
Full-time out-of-state .....	\$155.00 per semester
Part-time in-state (1-11 credits).....	\$60.00 per semester
Part-time out-of-state undergraduate (1-11 credits) .....	\$82.00 per semester

### General Fee (based on 2009-2010 academic year rate)

The following fees are incorporated into the general fee:

- Community Center
- Health Center
- Student Services, Inc.
- Educational Services
- Student Union Expansion
- Parking Improvement

The fee implementation schedule is as follows:

Full-time students .....	\$730.35 per semester
Part-time students.....	\$60.82 per credit hour

### Student Recreation Center Fee

This fee will support the construction and operation of a new fitness facility being built on campus and scheduled to open fall 2012. This fee is being phased in by class year beginning with the fall 2010 semester for the following students who will be using the facility:

Sophomores (up to and including 59.5 credits at billing time)	
Full-time students .....	\$59.00
Part-time students.....	\$27.00
Freshmen (up to and including 29.5 credits at billing time)	
Full-time students .....	\$79.00
Part-time students.....	\$36.00

#### Privacy of Information in University Records

The confidentiality of a student's record is guaranteed by both state and federal laws and regulations. Basically, access to confidential information may be granted only to the student. Mailings are addressed locally or at home, depending on where the student is expected to be when the mailing occurs.

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## FINANCIAL AID

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The purpose of financial aid at West Chester is to provide financial assistance to those who can benefit from further education but cannot attend college without assistance. Financial aid is a supplement to family contributions for educational costs. In addition to counseling on the various types of aid available, the office staff can assist in planning a budget, and in completing financial aid applications. Parents are welcome to contact the office for information.

Specific information concerning financial aid programs is available in the Office of Financial Aid or in the Financial Aid section of the University's Web site. You might also want to check and see if you are eligible for any of the scholarships and awards listed in the Undergraduate Catalog or in the scholarship listing available online and in the Office of Financial Aid. In order to receive financial aid, you must be enrolled as a degree student and maintain satisfactory academic progress. Specific guidelines concerning academic progress are available online or from the Office of Financial Aid at 610-436-2627.

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## STUDENT AFFAIRS

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Throughout the many departments in the Division of Student Affairs, you will find caring and experienced professional staff members who are dedicated to helping our students succeed at West Chester University. As a complement and support to the academic mission of the University, a wide array of co-curricular services, programs, and activities are offered. Student Affairs departments encourage students to become involved in campus life through educational and social programs, leadership and personal development offerings, student organization membership, athletic and recreational activities, community service, and on-campus employment opportunities. Engagement in "life outside-of-the-classroom" is an important part of the overall college experience, and we take great pride in serving students in a variety of ways, defined by our common goal of graduation and student success. General questions regarding the Division of Student Affairs area can be directed to Dr. Matthew Bricketto, vice president for student affairs and dean of students (610-436-3301); Ms. Diane DeVestern, assistant vice president for student affairs (610-436-3511); Dr. Thomas Purce, assistant vice president for student affairs (610-436-3307); Ms. Mary Ann Hammond, assistant dean of students (610-436-2509); Mr. Peter Galloway, interim assistant dean of students (610-436-3307); or the appropriate office listed in this section.

### Twardowski Career Development Center (610-436-2501)

The Career Development Center is a comprehensive career planning and employment resource center, conveniently located in 225 Lawrence Center. Students receive assistance with self-assessment, career exploration and planning, resume writing, interview techniques, and job-search strategies through the delivery of various programs, services, and

individual appointments. A career resource library, career decision-making programs, job opportunities, and career fairs are open to alumni as well as currently enrolled students. Access to thousands of regional and national jobs and participation in an online resume database are available. Visit our Web site, <http://www.wcupa.edu/cdc/>.

### **Children's Center (610-436-2388)**

The Children's Center provides affordable child care at the University for children of students, faculty, and staff. The center offers a multiple-child discount rate of 20 percent per child. The center enrolls children ages 3 through 5 years of age (as long as they turn 3 years within the enrolled semester). Our philosophy is to provide a warm and nurturing environment that promotes development in the areas of social, emotional, physical, and cognitive growth. Self-esteem is encouraged through positive reinforcement, decision making, and self-help. Opportunities for exploration and discovery are provided during group and individual activities. Snacks are provided, but children should bring their own lunches. Parents and children are encouraged to visit the center prior to enrollment. A summer program for elementary-aged children is offered. One function of the Children's Center is to serve as a training and observation site for WCU students. University students fulfilling practicum experiences, observation requirements, and volunteer opportunities use the center site as a resource. Academic departments send students majoring in nursing, kinesiology, music education, English, elementary education, social work, and psychology. University students may volunteer at the center as a course requirement or through a University-sponsored club or organization. Their involvement includes reading-aloud activities, introduction to foreign languages, holiday crafts and stories, and multicultural experiences to name a few.

### **Counseling and Psychological Services (610-436-2301)**

The Department of Counseling and Psychological Services (The Counseling Center) is located on the second floor of Lawrence Center. Services are available to all currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students. The Counseling Center includes licensed psychologists, consulting psychiatrists, and graduate-level trainees with whom students may discuss their concerns in strict confidence.

### **Counseling Services**

Since the Counseling Center provides services for a wide range of concerns, each student's experience will be tailored to his or her needs. Students may wish to improve their interpersonal skills, resolve personal conflicts, or clarify their educational or vocational choices. Any of the following approaches may be implemented to address a student's concerns:

1. **Individual psychological counseling** consists of a one-to-one experience where the focus is on resolving personal conflicts and conflicts with others, and on improving the student's expertise at making meaningful choices. It may also help people avoid choosing behaviors that restrict personal growth and undermine their well-being.
2. **Group counseling** consists of a small number of peers with one or two counselors. Such groups meet once each week to help group members learn about themselves. Groups may or may not have a specific focus. Past groups with a focus have included students who have

experienced the death of a parent, bad habits that block personal growth, eating disorders, and assertiveness training. General counseling groups have included those for interpersonal problem solving and for female students.

3. **Individual vocational counseling** consists of a one-to-one experience that focuses on clarifying the student's choice of concentration and vocation. Vocational choice is most solid when it is the outgrowth of understanding oneself. Such understanding is advanced by the thoughtful exploration of values, interests, and abilities.
4. **Testing** may include psychological or vocational interest tests that can clarify educational and vocational planning. The student and counselor can determine whether such testing might be helpful.
5. **Consultation services** for staff and faculty are available on a limited basis. Psychologists may be able to assist with crises, program planning, group and interpersonal communications, and referral to other agencies.
6. **Outreach Programs** are presented by counselors throughout the year upon request. Such presentations typically take place in the residence halls, in classes, to organizations and special interest groups.

### **Greek Life (610-436-2117)**

Greek Life coordinates fraternity and sorority life at West Chester University which includes the activities of the three Greek governing councils, and programming board. The Greek Life Office also is available to advise West Chester's 26 national fraternities and sororities on their service projects, community activities, recruitment and new member education programs, and other related matters. For more information, please check our Web site <http://iws.wcupa.edu/wcugreeks>.

### **Judicial Affairs and Student Assistance (610-436-3511)**

As stated in the University Mission and Values Statements, West Chester University is committed to providing a sound education environment for intellectual pursuits. In addition, the University is concerned with developing socially responsible citizens, ensuring the welfare and freedom of all members of the University community, and protecting individual rights. The University is thus concerned with the quality of student conduct and has adopted rules and behavioral standards for its students. Disciplinary action may be imposed when a student engages in behavior, on or off campus, that is not consistent with University community standards as defined by the West Chester University "Student Code of Conduct" found in Section III of the *Ram's Eye View*.

The Office of Judicial Affairs and Student Assistance also provides a service to students who may miss three consecutive class days due to illness, or personal or family emergencies. Upon notification, the office will circulate a note to the student's professors regarding the student's absence. The student must notify the professor to obtain any missed work. The Office of Judicial Affairs and Student Assistance is located in 238 Sykes Union.

### **Multicultural Affairs (610-436-3273)**

The Office of Multicultural Affairs is dedicated to the development of multicultural sensitivity, understanding, and appreciation of diversity among members of the University community. The office develops and implements

comprehensive programs aimed at addressing the needs and concerns of multicultural students. It also serves as a consultant to other University offices and aids in projects focused on improving the general campus climate, as well as increasing the retention and graduation rates for multicultural students. The office is housed in the Multicultural Center in Room 003 Sykes Student Union. The center serves as a home base for multicultural students and their organizations, and is a gathering place and resource/programming center for all students and other members of the University community.

### **New Student Programs (610-436-3305)**

The Office of New Student Programs coordinates Orientation and outreach programs for first-year students and transfer students. Orientation programs include summer, fall, and January sessions. West Chester's Orientation programs are designed to introduce new students to the University and acquaint them with the academic, student services, and social aspects of college life. Attendance at Orientation is required. Outreach efforts include participation in Weeks of Welcome, coordination of Family Weekend, publishing the student handbook, and co-coordinating the Freshman Interest Groups (FIGs). A variety of social and educational programs are offered during the first year to aid new students in making a successful transition to West Chester University.

### **Off-Campus and Commuter Services (610-436-2984)**

Off-Campus and Commuter Services is committed to meeting the special needs of off-campus students, those commuting from home or living in close proximity to the University. The services provided for off-campus students include a listing of available off-campus housing, tenant rights information, and campus event information. The Off-Campus and Commuter Association (OCCA) is a student organization also dedicated to meeting the needs of those living off campus. Services provided by that organization include free legal aid service, auto repair equipment, social activities, and representation on campus committees. For more information, please refer to the Web site, [www.wcupa.edu/och](http://www.wcupa.edu/och).

### **Office of Student Leadership and Involvement (610-436-2117)**

Providing services to more than 240 clubs and organizations, the Office of Student Leadership and Involvement serves as the main campus resource for student leaders and their groups. In conjunction with the Student Leadership Project Team, the office creates and implements multidimensional programs aimed at developing and fostering students' leadership capabilities. Check us out at <http://iws.wcupa.edu/orgs>.

### **Recreation and Leisure Programs (610-436-2133/2131)**

The Department of Recreation and Leisure Programs, located in Ehinger Gymnasium, provides leisure-time activities for the entire University community with proper WCU ID. Recognizing that the needs of individuals differ, the office provides activities in eleven program areas:

**Intramural Sports:** This component affords students the opportunity to participate in individual or team competitive activities. The intramural sports program promotes health, wellness, and physical fitness, as well as encourages the worthy use of leisure time. Regardless of ability level, every individual may experience successful participation in a variety

of individual or team recreational sporting events. We offer men's, women's, and co-recreational leagues. We also provide tournaments for those individuals/teams that cannot commit to a semester playing schedule.

**Sport Clubs:** This program is provided for students who are either skilled athletically or merely interested in participating in a club sport for sheer enjoyment of the activity. Becoming a member of a club provides opportunities for instruction, coaching, socialization, competition, and fun. Physical education majors receive a sports credit through participation in a club program. Currently, West Chester University provides 23 sports clubs: bowling, equestrian, fencing, men's ice hockey, women's ice hockey, men's lacrosse, women's lacrosse, men's roller hockey, men's rugby, running, shotokan karate, snowboarding, skiing, women's soccer, men's soccer, men's volleyball, women's volleyball, outdoor club, tae kwon do, tennis, men's water polo (anticipated), ultimate frisbee, women's water polo, and men's wrestling.

**Special Events:** This program provides a variety of different trips and one-day activities for students throughout the year, such as the Sixers, Phillies, Phantoms, and Wings, as well as skiing, ice skating, and hiking.

**Open Recreation:** This component provides days, times, and facilities in which students may participate in an informal recreational activity. The semester calendar lists scheduled days and times for utilizing the following: swimming pools, indoor track, outdoor tennis courts, and gymnasiums for basketball play.

**Group Exercise:** The group fitness program is one of the most popular and successful activities offered. Over 800 students participate in 30-36 different aerobic sessions offered during the week. There is a nominal fee for all participants.

**Fitness Center:** The Fitness Center in Sykes Union gives students a professional setting for exercise and weight training. Exercise equipment includes a complete circuit of Cybex-selectorized equipment, cardiovascular equipment, and Olympic free weights.

### **Residence Life and Housing Services (610-436-3307) Affiliated Housing – University Student Housing (610-692-7391)**

West Chester University believes that living in University housing facilities is an integral part of a student's educational experience and provides opportunities for both personal and social growth. The University houses approximately 1,800 students on the North Campus in five traditional residence halls. Various types of lifestyles are offered to the student, including coeducational, single-gender living, and 24-hour quiet floors. All of our residence halls and apartment facilities are nonsmoking. Most rooms are double occupancy with the exception of temporary extended housing at the beginning of each semester. The University also provides housing for approximately 500 students in the South Campus apartment complex. Each apartment is fully furnished and houses four or five students, with bedrooms having single or double occupancy. The apartments are available to current students beyond their first year and to incoming transfer students. Arrangements for these housing options are made for the academic year. The University, through University Student Housing LLC, a subsidiary of the West Chester University

Foundation, also offers other housing options on campus which are referred to as affiliated housing. University Hall, and our new living and learning communities, Allegheny and Brandywine Halls, are suite-style residence buildings on North Campus, housing over 1,500 residents and offering all of the same opportunities found in University-owned housing but are managed through an arrangement with University Student Housing. The Village at WCU is a garden-style apartment community situated on WCU's South Campus which accommodates over 500 residents. Each four-person, fully furnished apartment offers private bedrooms and includes full kitchens, laundry equipment, and living rooms. University Hall and The Village are available to current students beyond their first year and to incoming transfer students on a space-available basis. These facilities offer all the same opportunities found in University-owned housing but are managed through an arrangement with University Student Housing. All USH facilities are also nonsmoking.

**Housing Assignments:** The Office of Residence Life and Housing Services makes the housing assignments for students living in all University-owned housing. University Student Housing completes housing arrangements for all four affiliated housing communities. All assignments are made without discrimination. Only individuals of the same gender will be assigned as roommates, suite mates, or in the same apartment unit. Each room has basic furnishings for comfortable living, and the students may make it more homelike with their own accessories. During orientation, students are informed about the services and equipment furnished in each facility and those necessities that they must bring themselves. Lounge and recreation areas, television, and a variety of other facilities and conveniences provide a pleasant setting for student life in each residence hall. Services are also available in a central location within the apartment complexes.

**Staffing.** Each of our housing facilities is managed by a resident director or a graduate hall director. He or she is a staff member dedicated to overseeing the administrative operations and all activities held in the building or complex. Most residence halls also have a graduate assistant dedicated to aiding the resident director/graduate hall director in the performance of his or her duties. In addition, a student resident assistant (R.A.) resides on each floor or wing of the residence halls or serves two buildings in the apartments to assist students in adjusting to the University and to serve as a resource person.

**Facilities and Services.** A variety of facilities and services are offered in each of the North Campus residence halls. Lounges and recreational areas are located throughout the buildings. Laundry rooms are supplied with coin-operated washers and dryers, except in Allegheny, Brandywine, and University Halls where laundry equipment use is free. Vending machines are available in a central location for snacks and beverages, and each hall has a common area kitchen. In some locations, students may also use funds on their WCU RAM e-CARD (ID card) for laundry and vending. In addition, each room has basic cable television, and each residence hall has a computer room for students' use (except University Hall). Computer access via the University LAN (Local Area Network) is also available from all bedrooms on campus via hard-wire connections, except in Allegheny and

Brandywine Halls and the South Campus Apartment Complex, where wireless service is available.

In the South Campus apartment communities, a central services building has an information desk, mailboxes, and recreation areas. At the South Campus Apartments, each complex building has a laundry room with coin-operated washers and dryers. In The Village, laundry facilities are provided in each apartment home. Bus service is provided to North Campus during the academic year. All housing facilities have a full fire suppression system and an upgraded fire detection system.

**Student-Supplied Furnishings.** All student rooms contain basic furnishings for living and studying (room dimensions are described on our Web page). Closets are large enough for seasonal supplies and clothes; bureaus contain sufficient drawer space for personal belongings. Desks are available to serve as work areas. In the apartment complexes, the living room/dining room area also is furnished and carpeted. Students will need to bring blankets, linens, curtains (blinds are provided), towels, wastebaskets, pillows, hangers, and fans. Only the apartment communities, Allegheny Hall, Brandywine Hall, and University Hall, are central air-conditioned. Students in the traditional residence halls who have a medical need for an air conditioner may have one supplied by the University if proper documentation is provided and an additional fee is paid. Residents may decorate their rooms or apartments by hanging posters and pictures from the special molding attached to the walls. Televisions, stereos, hair dryers, and computers are permitted. Candles and any open flames are prohibited in any housing facility for safety reasons. Cooking appliances other than microwaves (coffeepots, hot plates, etc.) are permitted in the apartment communities only. For health reasons, pets are not allowed in any University-owned housing facility. West Chester University's insurance policy does not include coverage for damage to or theft of students' personal property. Students may have their belongings engraved by contacting the Department of Public Safety. Please be sure that your insurance policy covers your student's property.

When writing to your student, please use the following address:

**North Campus:**

Name  
Room Number and Residence Hall  
West Chester University  
West Chester, PA 19383-XXXX\*

**University Hall only:**

Name  
(Suite Number) University Hall  
West Chester University  
180 University Avenue  
West Chester, PA 19383

**Allegheny Hall only:**

Name  
(Suite Number) Allegheny Hall  
West Chester University  
121 W. Rosedale Avenue  
West Chester, PA 19383

**Brandywine Hall only:**

Name  
(Suite Number) Brandywine Hall  
West Chester University  
709 S. New Street  
West Chester, PA 19383

\*Please see [http://www.wcupa.edu/\\_services/stu.lif/LivingFacilities/default.htm](http://www.wcupa.edu/_services/stu.lif/LivingFacilities/default.htm) for nine-digit zip codes for each hall.

**South Campus Apartments:**

Name

Building number (e.g., 831) Carey Drive, Apt. (unit letter-bedroom number [D-207])

Mailbox number (e.g., 371)

West Chester, PA 19382-2401

**The Village at WCU:**

Name

Building number (e.g., 183) Carey Drive, Apt. (unit number-bedroom number [e.g., 11-A])

West Chester, PA 19382-2401

**Dining Services (610-436-2730)****[www.westchester.campusdish.com](http://www.westchester.campusdish.com)****Dining Accommodations**

All students residing in a North Campus residence hall must be on a University meal plan as a condition of occupancy. Students with medical issues who cannot meet this requirement may request a meal waiver or set a meeting with the executive chef to develop a personalized menu for the student based on his/her dietary needs. Please contact Dining Services directly for more information. Residents of the South Campus Apartment Complex and The Village at WCU, as well as off-campus and commuting students, may purchase any meal plan offered or dine in the Lawrence Center Dining Hall at the student casual meal rate. Additionally, all on-campus dining locations accept cash, credit cards (Visa and MasterCard), flex dollars, and Ram Bucks.

Meal plans consist of 26 meal zones per week - 19 traditional breakfast/brunch, lunch and dinner zones, plus seven late-night zones. The following plans are available to all students:

- Variable 10 meals per week, plus \$150 flex
- Variable 14 meals per week, plus \$150 flex
- Variable 19 meals per week, plus \$150 flex

For the above meal plans, the meal week runs from Saturday brunch through Friday late night. With these plans, the meal plan holders can choose any combination of meals but will forfeit any unused meals at the end of the meal week. Meal plan holders are guaranteed to have the selected amount of meals per week throughout the entire semester. Meal plan holders are permitted to use four meals in one day (three on weekend days) and may combine up to two meals per meal zone to convert to the meal/cash allowance for use at the retail locations on campus. Meal plan holders may use five of their meals per semester for a guest at the Lawrence Center Dining Hall.

The following are additional meal plan options for all students:

- Block Plan of 175 meals per semester, plus \$150 flex
- Block Plan of 225 meals per semester, plus \$150 flex

Block plans provide meal plan holders with a set number of meals per semester. Block plan holders can use their meals in any number configuration throughout the semester (with the same daily restrictions as above), but forfeit any remaining meals at the end of each semester.

South Campus residents, off-campus students, and commuters may select any of the above plans in addition to the following:

- Block Plan of 75 meals per semester, plus \$150 flex
- Flex-only Plan (\$150 minimum is required to open an account and additional flex dollars can be added in \$25 increments).

Flex dollars will carry over from year to year but will be forfeited upon graduation or if the meal plan holder leaves the University. Flex dollars can be added in \$25 increments by visiting the Bursar's Office at 25 University Avenue, which accepts cash, check, or money orders. Meals may be used in the following locations: Lawrence Center Dining Hall, the Diner, Breaks Food Truck, South Side (on South Campus), and the Ram's Head Food Court. National brands, such as Chick-fil-A, Einstein's Bagels, and Starbucks will accept cash, credit cards (Visa and MasterCard), flex dollars, and Ram Bucks only. Students in North Campus residence halls have their meal plan cost included in their University bill. Off-campus, commuter, and South Campus Apartment/Village students can sign up for a meal plan by applying at the Bursar's Office at 25 University Avenue. Any meal plan changes must be submitted within the first two weeks of each semester. After that deadline, the assistant vice president for student affairs must approve any change requests.

**Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs (610-436-3379)**

The Office of Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs is the primary link between our campus and community in providing assistance to faculty who use service learning as a teaching method, and to students and organizations interested in meaningful volunteer experiences. The office works directly with more than 100 local agencies. Throughout the year special events are planned, and the entire campus is invited to participate.

The annual Volunteer Fair - open to all - will be September 15, 2010 in the Sykes Ballrooms. West Chester University is a member of the PA Campus Compact and proud to be listed on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll With Distinction. The Office of Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs is located in B-19 Killinger Hall. The office is open from August until May. On the WCU Web site ([www.wcupa.edu](http://www.wcupa.edu))- click on **Current Students** and then **Service-Learning & Volunteer Programs** to visit our Web page.

**Student Health and Wellness Center  
Student Health Center (610-436-2509)**

The Student Health Center, located on the second floor of Wayne Hall, is staffed by a caring team of physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, and a nutritionist, who are available to meet students' medical needs. The Health Center staff treats minor illnesses, such as musculoskeletal injuries, urinary tract infections, asthma, respiratory infections, and gastro-intestinal illnesses. The staff also handles routine minor surgical conditions and provides allergy shots and immunizations. Gynecological services include pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STI) testing and contraceptive counseling. A health service fee is assessed at the beginning of each semester, which is paid with tuition and fees. A \$10 visit fee is charged at each appointment. There is a nominal fee for medications and supplies. All medical records are considered confidential. Student health

information for an episode of illness cannot be shared with others without student consent. The Health Center does not provide excuse notes for class absences. The Office of Judicial Affairs and Student Assistance is notified for a student health-related absence of three or more days' duration. During the fall and spring semesters, the Health Center is open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. on Saturday.

**Insurance Programs.** Because of the unpredictable nature of medical and surgical emergencies, all students are encouraged to be protected by a health insurance program. All medical charges, including laboratory testing, are the responsibility of the student. Students must provide a record of health history and immunizations as requested. Some programs also require a record of physical examination.

**Student Physical Examinations.** Students must submit a health history and immunization record. Student Health will send information to all new students about this process.

### **Wellness Center (610-436-3276) and Office of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs (610-430-4194)**

The WCU Wellness Center is a resource center, responsible for health promotion programs addressing topics such as sleep, stress management, sexual health awareness, and illness prevention. Wellness and health promotion programs are planned and implemented by the Wellness Center professional staff, in conjunction with student peer educators. The Office of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug (ATOD) Programs coordinates prevention and education programs. Students may self-refer for confidential discussions or be referred as a result of a judicial sanction. The ATOD staff will assist with referrals to outside agencies and services as needed.

### **Campus Activities (610-436-3037)**

The Office of Campus Activities is responsible for organizing and sponsoring and/or co-sponsoring a wide variety of concerts, lectures, films, trips, novelty acts, performances, and unique educational experiences tied to a variety of cultural, social, and intellectual events on and off campus. The Student Activities Council (SAC) as well as other organizations play an active leadership role in selecting and planning these events, some of which include Homecoming, Mr. WCU, the annual spring concert, Java Jam, and the Diversity Film Series. Programming is subject to change on an annual basis, reflecting the needs of our ever-changing student population through an assessment process.

### **Student Services, Inc. (610-436-2955)**

Student Services, Inc. (SSI Bookstore) has a primary function of providing necessary services to the West Chester University community. Located on the ground level of Sykes Union, the **SSI Bookstore** is the official bookstore of WCU and provides students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents, and visitors with materials to support academic work and to enhance campus life. The SSI Bookstore houses a complete selection of used and new textbooks and reference books, as well as *New York Times* bestsellers. We are also an Authorized Apple Campus Reseller with academic discounts and specials throughout the year. There is also a wide array of supplies available at the bookstore; everything from binders to computer software is available to purchase in aiding students to prepare for class.

The bookstore provides products to enhance life on campus including WCU clothing, posters, gifts, greeting cards, edibles, gift cards, and an assortment of essentials for daily living. Purchases can be made by cash, check, all major credit cards, gift card, or with a WCU RAM e-CARD, using Ram Bucks. In addition to regular hours, the bookstore is open to support campus events. Be sure to browse through the official SSI Bookstore Web site at [www.click2ssi-bookstore.com](http://www.click2ssi-bookstore.com).

The **SSI Service Center** is located on the ground level of Sykes Union, across from the SSI Bookstore. Students with a valid WCU RAM e-CARD can cash personal checks, payroll checks, and money orders. A limit of \$50 is placed on all personal checks and \$250 on payroll checks. There is a \$0.25 check-cashing fee charged for each check cashed. The WCU RAM e-CARD serves a number of services for WCU students; it is not only the student's University ID card, but it also serves as an internal debit card for on-campus purchases and services including vending, some laundry, bookstore, and food service. Students can deposit money onto their card at the WCU RAM e-CARD Service Center, which is also on the lower level of Sykes. The service center sells tickets to many on-campus events and accepts VISA, MasterCard, and Discover for ticket purchases. The center's other services include postage stamps, SEPTA tokens, notary, AMC and Regal movie tickets, and a fax machine. In addition, students can obtain a replacement WCU RAM e-CARD. An Automatic Teller Machine is located next to the center and allows for expanded hours of service for the student's personal cash needs. There is no service fee for the use of this ATM. The student must refer to his or her own bank regarding ATM fees (fees subject to change without prior notice).

### **Student Development and Involvement (610-436-3307)**

The Office of Student Development and Involvement oversees the Office of Greek Life, Office of Student Leadership and Involvement, and the Office of Recreation and Leisure Programs, which offers intramurals activities. The goal of the area is to provide opportunities for WCU students to become actively engaged in the campus community. A variety of programs are offered for students each semester to provide access to leadership development programs and experiences. Information regarding these programs is available on the WCU Web site or by contacting the interim assistant dean for student development and involvement at the above number.

### **Sykes Union Building (610-436-2984)**

The Earl F. Sykes Union first opened in 1975 as the community center for West Chester University. The renovated and expanded facility of approximately 102,000 square feet reopened in the fall of 1995.

Building highlights include a 350-seat theater, a fitness center, a full-service bookstore, and a Multicultural Center housing the Office of Multicultural Affairs, all on the ground floor. The first floor features a dining area offering seating for 350, an outdoor dining terrace, a large food servery, and the Java City specialty coffee and smoothie cart. Also included on the first floor is a 5,000-square-foot multipurpose room designed for dances, concerts, banquets, and lectures as well as the Union Information Center administrative offices and the Common Grounds coffee house. The second floor houses the Student Affairs offices of the Vice President, Dean of Students,

Assistant Vice President, Student Leadership and Involvement, Greek Life, and Judicial Affairs and Student Assistance. The Student Services, Inc. Business Office and the departments of Student Programming and Student Activities, along with student clubs and organizations, are also located on this floor. The Frederick Douglass third floor features a computer lab, quiet study lounges, and seminar space. Fourteen meeting rooms are located throughout the building and can accommodate groups from 5 to 500.

### **Women's Center (610-436-2122)**

The Women's Center promotes a campus community that values the safety, equality, and intellectual advancement of women at West Chester University. Located in Lawrence Center 220, the Women's Center serves the diverse needs of WCU women and their male allies by providing:

- Confidential support, assistance, and safe space for WCU women in crisis.
- Educational programs that address a wide range of social justice issues that affect the success, well-being, and empowerment of women worldwide.
- Leadership and volunteer opportunities for women that build confidence and enhance career goals.
- Information and referrals about issues that disproportionately impact women, such as sexual assault, relationship violence, sexual harassment, unplanned pregnancy, and disordered eating.
- Special events, workshops, and trainings that promote awareness of the ways in which gender bias intersects with racism, classism, homophobia, and other forms of oppression.

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## **FAMILY WEEKEND**

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This year the University will present Family Weekend October 15-17. Numerous activities will include a WCU football game, WCU planetarium shows, and a performance by a magician. Please try to make arrangements to visit campus this weekend.

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## **COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

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### **Restaurants**

A wide variety of eating establishments are available to parents, students, and visitors. Fast food restaurants, traditional Philadelphia cheesesteaks and hoagies, candlelight gourmet dinners, or exotic fare can be found in or near West Chester. Many of the popular eating spots are described in the "Restaurant and Entertaining Guide" available from the Chester County Conference and Visitors Bureau, 610-739-1730, [www.cccvb.org](http://www.cccvb.org).

### **Historical/Cultural Information**

The University's location in West Chester offers students many of the advantages of both the city and the countryside, with nearby attractions such as Independence Hall, Brandywine River Museum, Longwood Gardens, and Valley Forge National Park.

### **Religious Life**

The West Chester Community has a number of churches and synagogues representing many religious denominations. Places of worship are included in the yellow pages of the West Chester phone book, and the local newspaper announces weekly services. A complete listing of religious student organizations and local community denominations can be found in the "Religious Life Directory" which is published by the Religious Life Council and the Division of Student Affairs. The Religious Life Council also coordinates religious programs and activities on campus. For more information contact the Division of Student Affairs at 610-436-2117.

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## **LODGING**

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If you are interested in staying overnight in the West Chester area, many accommodations are available within easy access to the University. For a listing of area accommodations, please check out this Web site: <http://www.cccvb.org/hotellistings.asp>. For more information about the surrounding area, contact the Chester County Conference and Visitors Bureau at 1-800-228-9933 or [www.brandywinevalley.com](http://www.brandywinevalley.com).

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## **PARKING**

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Parking on and off campus is at a premium; therefore, the University and the Borough of West Chester have instituted strict parking regulations. Resident first-year students are not allowed to bring their cars to campus. Students are encouraged to leave their vehicles at home unless they have a specific need.

### **On-Campus Parking**

All University parking lots require a current University parking permit or pass to be properly displayed on all vehicles. All employees, eligible students, and visitors desiring to use designated parking lots, must register their vehicle with the Department of Public Safety and purchase a permit or obtain a temporary pass. Parking permits are nonrefundable and may only be used by the registered purchaser. Permits are not transferable between individuals nor may they be resold. All West Chester University parking permits are the property of West Chester University.

Resident students with 60 credits or more and commuter students with 30 credits or more are eligible to purchase a North Campus permit. Residents of the South Campus apartments are eligible to purchase a permit for that area only. Freshman (a student who has less than 30 credits prior to the fall semester) residents are not permitted to bring cars to campus. All other students must park at South Campus Q and R Lots. Shuttle bus service is provided between South and North campuses. Specific registration procedures will be announced yearly. A valid student ID, nonsuspended operator's license, and vehicle registration card must be presented at the time the vehicle is registered. Any change in the vehicle registration number must be reported to the Department of Public Safety immediately.

People in violation of the parking rules and regulations are subject to ticketing and towing.

Parking fines are assessed at \$10 up to \$40 depending on the violation.

### Street Parking

A permit must be purchased from the West Chester Borough Parking Enforcement Office, located in the Borough Hall, in order to park on most streets bordering the University.

### Visitor Parking

A courteous welcome is extended to visitors on campus. Visitors to the University during regular business hours are asked to park in the Sharpless Street Parking Garage, located at the intersection of Sharpless Street and Church Street. The garage charges \$1 an hour or \$6 for the day. Temporary visitor passes are available under special circumstances at the parking services window in the People's Building, located at

690 South Church Street. Temporary visitor passes should be displayed on the dashboard of the driver's side. These passes are only valid in the designated areas noted on the pass. All visitors must obey posted signs. University personnel and students having visitors to campus should advise them of the parking regulations. For further parking information, copies of the "Motor Vehicle Regulations" are available at Public Safety or on the Public Safety Web site from the WCU home page.

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## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

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West Chester University is easily accessible by public transportation from Philadelphia by SEPTA bus routes. For information about schedules and exact routes, contact SEPTA at [www.septa.org](http://www.septa.org) or 215-580-7800.

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## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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### 2010-2011 CALENDAR

#### Fall Semester 2010

August 28 - 29	Residence halls open
August 30	Classes begin - 8 a.m.
	Late Registration and Drop/Add
September 6	Labor Day (no classes)
September 9	Rosh Hashanah*
September 18	Yom Kippur*
October 11 - 12	Fall break (no classes)
November 24	Thanksgiving recess begins - 8 a.m.
November 29	Thanksgiving recess ends - 8 a.m.
December 11 - 12	Reading days
December 13	Last day of classes
December 14 - 18	Examination period
December 19	Commencement

#### Spring Semester 2011

January 17	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (no classes)
January 18	Classes begin - 8 a.m.
	Late Registration and Drop/Add
March 4	Spring break begins - 5 p.m.
March 14	Spring break ends 8 a.m.
April 19	Passover*
April 22	Good Friday*
April 29	Last day of classes
May 2 - 6	Examination period
May 7	Commencement

\* Although the University will be in session, no examinations are to be administered on these major Christian and Jewish holy days. All members of the academic community are also expected to be considerate of and provide appropriate accommodations to students of other faiths when assignments, exams, and other course requirements fall on the major holy days of their religions.

Please check the Web site, [www.wcupa.edu](http://www.wcupa.edu), for the most up-to-date calendar.

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# STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

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The University has more than 240 campus organizations to satisfy a diversity of interests and lifestyles. Some, including honor societies, are academic in nature; others support special interests, hobbies, and skills. Performing groups provide opportunities for students to express musical and dramatic talents. A well-rounded athletic program comprising both intramural and intercollegiate competition is available. In addition, national fraternities and sororities have chapters on campus. For more information, please visit our Web site at <http://iws.wcupa.edu/orgs>.

## Student Governing/Campus Programming:

Graduate Student Association  
Off-Campus and Commuter Association  
Residence Hall Association  
Student Government Association  
Sykes Union Advisory Board

## Academic/Professional:

Accounting Society  
Adapted Physical Education Club  
Alchemist Club  
American Institute of Graphic Arts  
American Marketing Association  
Anderson Math Club  
Anthropology Club  
Art Association  
Athletic Training Club  
Council for Exceptional Children/Special Education  
Criminal Justice Association — Sigma Tau Omicron  
Darlington Biological Society  
Earth and Space Science Club  
Economics and Finance Society  
English Club  
English Graduate Student Association  
Exercise Science Club  
Forensics  
French Club  
Gender Studies Club  
Geography Club  
German Club  
Graduate Social Work Student Association  
Health and Physical Education Club  
History Club  
Honors Student Association  
Institute of Management Accountants  
Italian Club  
Linguistics Club  
Management Club  
National Association of Black Accountants (NABA)  
National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)  
National Student Speech, Language and Hearing Association (NSSLHA)  
Philosophical Society  
Political Science Club  
Pre-Med Club  
Pre-Law Society  
Psychology Club  
Russian Club  
Social Work Club  
Society of Physics Students  
Sociology Club  
Spanish Club  
Student Dietetic Association  
Students in Communications  
Student Nurses' Association of Pennsylvania (S.N.A.P.)  
University Dance Company  
University Theatre  
West Chester Association for the Education of Young Children (WCAEYC)

## Women in Science

## Special Interest

Active Minds (formerly Blues Society)  
Anime Club  
Asian American Organization (AAO)  
Black Men United  
Black Student Union  
Chess Club  
The College Democrats  
The College Republicans  
Contemporary Issues  
Dance Team  
EARTH (Environmental Association for Repairing the Habitat)  
Hillel Jewish Student Union  
Homecoming  
INDO - Indo-American Association  
LASO (Latin American Student Organization)  
LEAD (Leadership, Empowerment and Development)  
LGBTQA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, and Ally Alliance)  
Major Entertainment  
Mock Trial Club  
Poesis  
PRECISE Fashion Club  
Recreation and Leisure Programs  
Rock the Vote  
Sisters United

Student Activities Council  
Students for Life  
Students for Sensible Drug Policy  
VOX: Voices of Planned Parenthood  
Women's Center Club

## Religious

Campus Crusade for Christ  
Catholic Newman Student Association/Center  
Covenant Campus Fellowship  
Cross Seekers  
Gospel Choir - Praise Project  
Hillel Jewish Student Union  
International Justice Mission  
IMPACT  
Latter Day Saints Student Association  
Lutheran Student Association  
Muslim Student Association  
Young Life

## Service

The Abbé Society  
Alpha Delta Kappa  
Alpha Phi Omega  
Ashraya Initiative  
Best Buddies  
Circle K International  
Colleges Against Cancer  
Emergency Medical Services  
Friars' Society  
Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter  
Invisible Children at WCU  
Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity  
Rotaract (Kensington Harvest Project)  
Student Outreach to Urban Schools  
TAG - Traveling Across Generations  
University Ambassadors

## Greek Letter

### • Governing Councils and Honoraries

Black and Latino Greek Council  
Interfraternity Council  
Inter-Greek Council  
Panhellenic Council  
Sister-to-Sister Peer Mentor Program

### • Honoraries

Gamma Sigma Alpha Academic Honorary  
Order of Omega  
Rho Lambda Panhellenic Honorary

### • Fraternities

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.  
Beta Theta Pi  
Delta Chi  
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.  
Kappa Delta Rho  
Lambda Alpha Upsilon  
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.  
Phi Kappa Sigma  
Pi Kappa Phi  
Sigma Alpha Epsilon  
Sigma Phi Epsilon  
Sigma Pi

### • Sororities

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
Alpha Phi  
Alpha Sigma Tau  
Alpha Xi Delta  
Chi Upsilon Sigma Latin Sorority, Inc.  
Delta Phi Epsilon  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
Delta Zeta  
Mu Sigma Upsilon  
Phi Mu  
Phi Sigma Sigma  
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.  
Sigma Lambda Gamma - Eminence  
Zeta Tau Alpha

### Publications and Media Organizations

*Daedulus* (Magazine of the Creative Arts)  
Media Advisory Board  
*The Quad*  
*The Serpentine*  
WCU TV 5 — West Chester University Television  
WCUR — West Chester University Radio

### Sports Clubs

Bowling Club  
Equestrian Club

Fencing  
Ice Hockey - Men  
Ice Hockey - Women  
Lacrosse - Men  
Lacrosse - Women  
Outdoor Club  
Roller Hockey Club - Men  
Rugby - Men  
Running Club  
Shotokan Karate  
Ski Club  
Snowboard Club  
Soccer Club - Men  
Soccer Club - Women  
Sports Club Council  
Swim Club  
Tae Kwon Do Club  
Tennis Club  
Ultimate Frisbee  
Volleyball - Men  
Volleyball - Women  
Water Polo -- Women  
Wrestling Club - Men

### Musical Organizations

American Choral Director's Association  
Brass Ensemble  
Cantari Donne (Advanced Women's Chorus)  
Chamber Choir  
Collegium Musicum  
Concert Band  
Concert Choir  
Criteria Jazz Ensemble  
Flute Ensemble  
GraceNotes Barbershop  
Guitar Ensemble  
Kappa Kappa Psi  
Marching Band — "Golden Rams"  
Mastersingers (formerly Masterworks Chorus)  
Men's Chorus  
Music Educator's National Conference — Chapter 21(PCMEA)  
Music Teachers National Association — Collegiate Chapter (MTNA)  
New Music Society  
Opera Theater Ensemble  
Percussion Ensemble  
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia  
Saxophone Ensemble  
Sigma Alpha Iota  
SIGMA (Swope Inter-Greek Music Association)  
Statesman Jazz Ensemble  
Swope Ensemble Association  
Symphonic Band  
Symphony Orchestra  
Tau Beta Sigma  
Trumpet Ensemble  
Wind Ensemble  
Women's Chorus

### Honor Societies

Accounting — Beta Alpha Psi  
Communication Studies — Pi Kappa Delta (National Forensic Honorary)  
Communications — Lambda Pi Eta  
Counseling — Chi Sigma Iota  
Economics — Omicron Delta Epsilon  
Education — Kappa Delta Pi  
Educational Services — Chi Alpha Epsilon  
English — Sigma Tau Delta  
Foreign Languages — Alpha Mu Gamma  
Geography — Gamma Theta Upsilon  
Geology — Sigma Gamma Epsilon  
History — Phi Alpha Theta  
Kinesiology — Phi Epsilon Kappa  
Leadership — Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK)  
Literacy (Reading) — Alpha Upsilon Alpha  
Mathematical Sciences — Pi Mu Epsilon  
Music — Pi Kappa Lambda  
Nursing — Sigma Theta Tau  
Physics — Sigma Pi Sigma  
Political Science — Pi Sigma Alpha  
Psychology — Psi Chi  
Social Science — Pi Gamma Mu  
Social Work — Phi Alpha  
Sociology — Alpha Kappa Delta  
Students with Disabilities — Delta Alpha Pi  
Theater Arts — Alpha Psi Omega