

International Student Transfer Fact Sheet – 2016/17



Why transfer to WCU?

West Chester University is a public, regional comprehensive institution founded in 1871 and located 25 miles west of Philadelphia in West Chester, PA. It is the largest institution in the 14-member Pennsylvania State System and is the fourth largest university in the Philadelphia region. WCU is consistently placed by US News & World Report in the Top Public Schools (North) and Regional Universities (North) rankings.

WCU offers more than 118 undergraduate degrees, 101 Master's and 2 doctorate degree programs organized into five Colleges and one School: Arts and Humanities, Health Sciences, Business and Public Management, Sciences and Mathematics, Education and Social Work, and the School of Interdisciplinary and Graduate Studies – a full list of undergraduate programs can be found on the following website: <http://www.wcupa.edu/academics/programs/>

West Chester University is committed to comprehensive internationalization with a focus on providing opportunities for students to achieve global literacy, international education, and cultural exchange. West Chester University's Center for International Programs (CIP) is the designated office on campus to provide special assistance, advising and programming for the members of the WCU international community.

Undergraduate Admission Requirements:

- Minimum GPA: 2.0 (some majors may have higher entry requirements)
- No minimum number of credits to transfer, though students with fewer than 24 college-level credits will be asked to supply a credential evaluation of high school qualifications
- TOEFL (iBT) score of 80 or overall IELTS band 6.0 required to satisfy English language requirements
 - TOEFL/IELTS requirement waived if 30 college-level credits have been completed at a US institution to include satisfactory grades in Composition I and II.
- Rolling admissions, but it is recommended that Spring semester applications are submitted by 1 November, and Fall semester applications by 1 May.

Scholarship opportunities: Provost's Scholarship for Global

Diversity and Academic Achievement: a limited number of these competitive \$4000 awards are available, renewable for one more year based upon academic merit

- **Requirement 1:** Successful admission to WCU
- **Requirement 2:** Student must be on an F-1 visa transferring to WCU
- **Requirement 3:** Overall 3.0 GPA from the transfer institution

Campus Fast Facts

- **More than 17,000 students enrolled (Fall '16) – approximately 14,500 are undergraduate**
- **More than 100 undergraduate majors to choose from**
- **Average class size is 25-30**
- **Student to faculty ratio of 20:1**
- **Located in suburban West Chester, PA – only 35 minutes from Philadelphia**
- **F-1 student enrollment: 135 students from 35 countries (Fall '16)**
- **Over 300 student clubs and organizations are active on campus**
- **More than 1,700 students transfer to WCU every year**
- **As a transfer student from a community college, many of your classes will transfer into WCU**
- **WCU's Center for International Programs (CIP) is an office dedicated to international student programming and assistance**
- **Internship opportunities across all majors**
- **On-campus Career Development Center with dedicated resources for international students**

Tuition Information: For the 2016-2017 academic year, the estimated undergraduate expenses posted on your I-20 and for which you must show support are as follows:

Tuition: \$18,096
Fees: \$2,866.40
Living Expenses (approximate): \$12,000
Insurance: \$750

TOTAL: \$33,712.40

Housing: On-campus housing is available for international students who indicate interest on the application form. Most transfer students are housed on WCU's South Campus in either the Village or East Village Apartments. More information can be found here: <http://www.wcuhousing.com/>

Services for International Students: WCU's Center for International Programs (CIP) provides language assistance, advising, and programming for members of WCU's international community. For more information on this office, please refer to its website: <http://www.wcupa.edu/international/>

Transportation Information for Commuter Students: Parking on-campus is available to commuting students with a permit. In addition, there is also an Exton Train Station shuttle bus service which runs numerous times a day. SEPTA Bus 104 also has a stop on campus.

Extracurricular Opportunities: There are over 300 clubs and organizations to include 24 NCAA Division II athletic teams, 20 club sports, and 10 intramural sports. Service learning is also a vital part of the WCU experience, with over 812,000 hours of community service logged by students last year.

Employment Opportunities: On-campus employment is possible as long as WCU and/or USCIS are notified. CPT and OPT are also options. Please see the following website for additional information:
<http://www.wcupa.edu/international/f1StudentEmployment.aspx>

Learn More!



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Interested in conditional admission? Visit the ELS at WCU [website](#) for more information!

Undergraduate Degree Programs

Arts & Humanities

- Applied Music
- Art + Design
- Communication Studies
- English (Language and Literature)
- History
- Languages and Cultures
- Music Education
- Music Theory, History and Composition
- Philosophy
- Theatre and Dance
- Women's and Gender Studies

Business & Public Management

- Accounting
- Criminal Justice
- Economics and Finance
- Geography and Planning
- International Business
- Management
- Marketing

Education and Social Work

- Early and Middle Grades Education
- Secondary Education
- Social Work
- Special Education

Health Sciences

- Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Exercise Science: Pre-Physical Therapy, Pre-Occupational Therapy, Pre-Chiropractic Therapy
- Health (Public Health, Environmental Health, Respiratory Care)
- Nutrition and Dietetics
- Nursing
- Sports Medicine

Science and Mathematics

- Anthropology and Sociology
- Biology (numerous concentrations available)
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Earth and Space Sciences
- Mathematics
- Physics and Pre-Engineering
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Pharmaceutical Product Development
- Pre-Med

School of Interdisciplinary and Graduate Studies

- Liberal Studies
- Professional Studies