How to
APPLY FOR HOUSING
What is the difference between USH Affiliated Housing and WCU University Owned Housing?

West Chester University students living on campus have two distinct types of housing to choose from: USH Affiliated Housing and WCU University Owned Housing. USH Affiliated Housing is owned and operated by University Student Housing (USH), a subsidiary of WCU Foundation, you will sign a 10 month lease agreement. University Owned Housing is owned and operated by West Chester University, you will sign an occupancy agreement. Both housing options are located on WCU’s North and South Campus.

HOUSING OPTIONS ON-CAMPUS FOR FIRST-YEAR AND TRANSFER STUDENTS.

First Year Students: Incoming First-Year students have the choice between WCU University Owned Housing and USH Affiliated Housing. Students who choose WCU University Owned Housing will be assigned to either Tyson Hall, Goshen Hall, Schmidt Hall, or Killinger Hall. Students who choose USH Affiliated Housing will be able to choose between Allegheny Hall, Brandywine Hall, or Commonwealth Hall. Availability is limited and suite style preferences and roommate requests are not guaranteed. However, both offices will work to assist you with your preferred selection.

Transfer Students: Incoming Transfer students have the choice between WCU University Owned Housing and USH Affiliated Housing. Students who choose WCU University Owned Housing will be assigned to either The South Campus Apartment Complex, Tyson Hall, Goshen Hall, Schmidt Hall, Killinger Hall, or College Arms Apartments. Students who choose USH Affiliated Housing will be able to choose between The Village Apartments, East Village Apartments, University Hall, Allegheny Hall, Brandywine Hall, or Commonwealth Hall. Availability is limited and suite style preferences and roommate requests are not guaranteed. However, both offices will work to assist you with your preferred selection.

HOW TO START THE PROCESS

1. CONGRATULATIONS!
   You have been accepted to WCU!

2. Pay $200 admissions deposit.

3. STOP!
   Review the information regarding USH Affiliated Housing and WCU University Owned Housing. Incoming First-Year students are able to choose between WCU University Owned Housing and USH Affiliated Housing. Incoming Transfer students are able to live in USH Affiliated Housing.

4. Set up your WCU email and check it daily.

5. Beginning in February, First-Year students must look for an email from housing@wcupa.edu containing instructions for selecting and securing on-campus housing. Beginning in March, Transfer students must look for an email from leasing@ushcommunities.org containing instructions for securing on-campus housing. It is important that you adhere to all deadlines provided to secure your housing.

6. Incoming students will utilize the web links contained in the email from housing@wcupa.edu to select USH Affiliated Housing or WCU University Owned Housing. You will then be directed to specific instructions for completing your housing application and you will be required to pay a $200 non-refundable and non-transferable application fee.
ABOUT USH AFFILIATED HOUSING

University Student Housing, LLC (USH), a non-profit organization and subsidiary of the WCU Foundation, manages six modern communities located on the campus of West Chester University. Housing nearly 3,000 students, USH manages four residence halls located on WCU’s North Campus and two garden-style apartment communities on WCU’s South Campus. USH, commonly referred to as USH Affiliated Housing, is responsible for the day-to-day management of the communities. Additionally, USH provides a 10 month Lease Agreement that runs through fall and spring semester.

Incoming First-Year students are typically offered a one bedroom double suite, three bedroom double suite, or two bedroom double suite with shared bathroom. However, other suite styles may be assigned based on availability.

* Applicants may be assigned to other floor plans based on availability. Dimensions and layout may vary based on the location within the building.

Amenities

- Fully-furnished private & semi-private suites
- Wireless internet access
- Central heat and air in each suite
- Card access
- Large multi-purpose room
- Full kitchen & vending area
- Central campus location
- Free laundry
- Study rooms on each floor
- WCU Residence Life program
- MAC computer lab & printing
- Fitness center
- Outdoor balcony
- Movie theater
- Yoga studio
- Fitness on Demand

* Amenities subject to change. Some amenities are not available in all buildings. Visit www.wcuhousing.com for more information.

* Dates may vary for later applicants. Suite style and roommate preferences are not guaranteed. USH will utilize all information you provide in your profile to assign you.
ABOUT WCU UNIVERSITY OWNED HOUSING
WCU has four University-owned North Campus Traditional residence halls available for First-Year students. Here’s just some of what you can look forward to:

- Traditional residence hall style
- Double occupancy rooms
- Shared bathrooms
- Computer room
- TV lounge
- Game room
- Quiet study rooms
- Free Laundry
- Full kitchen and vending area
- Wireless internet access
- Air conditioning units; building centrally heated
- WCU Residence Life program
- Single gender or coed wings available
- Quiet residence hall wing also available

The best part about the North Campus residence halls is that the majority are filled with First-Year students – you’ll find open doors, a social atmosphere, and a community feel.

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WCU University Owned Housing

Goshen Hall, Killinger Hall, Schmidt Hall and Tyson Hall

WARNING!
Make sure you are completing the correct application for your preferred housing. The $200 housing deposit is non-refundable and non-transferable if you make a mistake. Check your email regularly for further instructions regarding the application. Please note; the Traditional Housing process is not available for Transfer students.

You may now utilize the MyHousing portion of your MyWCU account to make changes or corrections to your application information.

Roommate matching for WCU University Owned Housing will occur in mid-May through June. Directions will be sent to eligible students via email.

Roommate matching confirmation email will be sent in late June.

Housing Assignment & Roommate Confirmation will be sent via email in late July. DONE!
**USH Affiliated Housing**

**NORTH CAMPUS FLOOR PLANS**

- **One Bedroom Double Suite (1x1)**
  - First-Year or Transfer Students
  - Allegheny Hall, Brandywine Hall, Commonwealth Hall

- **Three Bedroom Double Suite (3x2)**
  - First-Year or Transfer Students
  - Allegheny Hall, Brandywine Hall, Commonwealth Hall

  *Some students in the 3x2 suite style may be tripled.

- **Two Bedroom Double Suite with Shared Bath (4x1)**
  - First-Year or Transfer Students
  - Commonwealth Hall

**NORTH CAMPUS PHOTOGRAPHS**

- Virtual tours of each hall are available at [www.wcupa.edu/reslife](http://www.wcupa.edu/reslife)

**WCU University Owned Housing**

**NORTH CAMPUS PHOTOGRAPHS**

- Traditional North Campus Double with Air Conditioning
  - First-Year Students
  - Killinger Hall, Schmidt Hall, Tyson Hall, Goshen Hall

  *Some students in a Traditional North Campus Hall may be tripled.

**USH Affiliated Housing**

**South Campus Floor Plans**

- **Four Bedroom, Two Bathroom Apartment (4x2)**
  - Transfer Students
  - The Village Apartments

**South Campus is not available to First-Year students.**

*Applicants may be assigned to other floor plans based on availability. Dimensions and layout may vary based on the location within the building.*
On Campus Life

RESIDENCE LIFE
All on-campus housing at West Chester University offers social and educational programs through the Office of Residence Life and Housing Services. Upperclass student leaders serve as Resident Assistants (RA) to guide and support students through intentional engagement activities and offer appropriate referrals to campus resources as needed. The Office of Residence Life and Housing Services partners with faculty and staff throughout the University to provide out-of-classroom experiences to enhance the holistic student experience and to develop global citizens. In addition to planned programs, residential students may choose to become involved with the Residence Hall Association (advocacy and programming body within the residential community) or the EXPLORE Residential Leadership Series to gain valuable leadership experiences.

FINANCIAL AID
Both WCU University Owned Housing and USH Affiliated Housing permit students to use financial aid and loans to cover the cost of housing. Students living in Traditional Housing can make payments directly with their financial aid. Students living in USH Affiliated Housing can authorize their financial aid refund to be disbursed directly to USH.

CAMPUS SAFETY
The Department of Public Safety is committed to providing services with the highest degree of integrity, compassion and respect for all persons. Security Officers provide coverage in all North Campus Residence Halls from 8:00pm until 4:00am every day of the week during the fall and spring semesters. For more information about Campus Safety at West Chester University, please visit www.wcupa.edu.

RESIDENCE LIFE THEMED COMMUNITIES
Students in housing will have options to participate in Themed Communities. Current on campus communities include Honors College and ASP. Future themed communities could include Sustainability and Social Justice Leadership and West Chester’s F1RST Generation.

GETTING INVOLVED
With over 300 clubs and organizations, students are bound to find something that fits their lifestyle and interests. At West Chester University there are a range of leadership and involvement opportunities including athletics, fraternity & sorority life, volunteer programs, student clubs/organizations, and Student Government Association.

FOR PARENTS
Parents/Guardians are a vital part of each student’s success. With family support, our students look forward to a bright future that reflect their interests, talents, and goals. Each fall, West Chester University’s Family Weekend gives parents, siblings, grandparents and guests the perfect opportunity to enjoy WCU’s campus, get to know the Golden Ram community, and spend quality time together.
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What fees are due now?
Incoming students who are living on-campus will pay $400 in fees during the application process, which is a combination of the $200 admissions deposit and a $200 housing fee. USH Affiliated Housing applicants will pay a $200 non-refundable application fee at the time of application. WCU University Owned Housing applicants will pay a $200 non-refundable housing deposit at the time of application. The application fee is non-refundable and non-transferable between WCU University Owned Housing and USH Affiliated Housing. The admissions deposit is due prior to the housing fee.

What steps do I need to take if I require a special accommodation?
Contact the WCU Office of Residence Life and Housing Services at (610) 436-3307 to discuss your individual circumstances and review the housing options that will best meet your needs.

Pricing information for housing can be found at www.wcupa.edu for WCU University Owned Housing and www.wcuhousing.com for USH Affiliated Housing.

Meal plan information can be found at www.wcupa.edu.