Welcome to the hardest working, fastest moving, most amazing four years of your life.
You’ve got the freedom to set your own schedule ... the opportunity to meet people from around the world and around the corner ... your passport to travel anywhere ... and the knowledge that the best is yet to come.

If you’re ready, your journey begins right here as a West Chester University Golden Ram.
At **West Chester University**, our academic programs are at the center of what we do and who we are. We have passionate faculty, state of the art classroom spaces, and more than **90 majors** — so even if you enter undeclared, there's plenty to explore!

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Ann Year of Graduation: 2016
Major: Chemistry and Biochemistry
Minor: Physics
Hometown: Downingtown, PA

Ann always loved math and science, and when she got to WCU, she put her interests together as a chemistry major. Ann was a member of the Alchemists Club and the Society of Physics Students, and she was inducted into the Physics Honor Society. Thanks to her involvement on campus, she built personal relationships with faculty members, allowing her to spend two summers immersed in research projects. She even had the opportunity to present her research at the American Chemical Society National Conference in San Francisco and at the International Symposium on Clusters and Nanomaterials in Richmond. Next up? Grad school! Ann has already been accepted with full tuition and teaching assistantships to the University of Pennsylvania, Johns Hopkins University, and three other universities!
Here are just a few examples of what our alumni are doing now:

Afghanistan Country Coordinator, U.S. Department of State/USAid
Art Director, J. Crew
Associate User Experience Designer, Moody’s Analytics
CEO, Bringing Hope Home
Communication and Program Manager, Insomnia Cookies
Director of External Affairs, The Food Trust
Director of Operations, Philadelphia Soul
Director of Special Events, Philadelphia Media Network
International Tourism Professional and Copywriter, Trivago
Production Assistant, NFL Films
Professor of Theatre, Utah State University
VP Digital Sales Performance, ABC Disney Television

**Internships include:**

Anthropologie
Beasley Broadcast Group
Bentley Systems
Disney College Program
Eastern Communication Association
Fox News
*Magnet Magazine*
*Philadelphia Style magazine*
Philadelphia Union
QVC
SAP
TED Conferences
Urbn Inc.
Urban Outfitters
WSFS Bank
The College of Arts and Humanities is the University’s cultural hub. From the performing arts to languages, the College offers a variety of programs to engage your thoughts, creativity, and expression. Whether you’re pondering what it means to exist or answering the call of the stage, you’ll find a home here.

**Highlights include:**
- All-Steinway School
- State-of-the-art Mac lab for both print and interactive media
- Ceramics, drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, and 3D printing studios
- Scene and costume shop
- Poetry Center, which sponsors the country’s largest poetry conference
- Home of the PA Writing and Literature Project
- Hands-on television experience through WCU Weekly
- Hosted WCU’s Spanish-language film festival
- English faculty member included in the 2015 *O. Henry Prize Stories* anthology
- Two Women’s and Gender Studies majors were selected to present their project at an undergraduate research conference at the State Capitol
- A Philosophy student recently presented at the East-West Philosopher’s Conference in Hawaii over the summer
- Art + Design students won 11 individual awards through the AIGA Flux Competition
- The Chamber Winds ensemble performed in Munich, Germany as part of a 10-day trip
- A faculty member was nominated for three Barrymore Awards for Excellence in Theatre
- Hosted 2016 Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival

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**Darius**

**Year of Graduation:** 2016  
**Major:** Theatre Performance  
**Minor:** Dance  
**Hometown:** Bristol Borough, PA

The college search process can seem overwhelming—choosing a college and a major and moving away from home for the first time. Darius considers himself lucky that he had guidance from his favorite high school teacher who told him to choose the major that would make him the happiest. So he did—Theatre Performance. Darius chose WCU for the reputation of the performing arts program, the safe campus, and the location—walking distance to class and downtown! He’s also taken on a dance minor, and he choreographed his very first dance piece in the spring. Darius has taken advantage of every opportunity he’s been presented at WCU.
Here are just a few examples of what our alumni are doing now:

Certified Public Accountant, PwC, KPMG, Ernst & Young, Deloitte, Kreischer Miller, IRS, FBI
CEO, Brandywine Asset Management
Detective, NYPD
Financial Crimes Investigator, Citi Security
Judge, Northampton County Court
Partner, KPMG
President and CEO of The Americas, Volvo Car Financial Services
Securities Lending Associate, BlackRock
Senior Analyst Investor Relations & Finance, Sunoco LP
Senior Associate Corporate Treasury, JP Morgan Chase & Co
Senior GIS Analyst, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Vice President Approvals & Acquisitions, Westrum Development Company

Internships include:
BNY Mellon
Delaware County Planning Department
Fairmount Park Conservancy
Frontier Communications
JP Morgan Chase & Co
KPMG
PECO Energy
Philadelphia Eagles
SAP
Spring International
TE Connectivity
Vanguard
Wegmans
The College of Business and Public Management prepares students for diverse careers in multiple fields. The College focuses on academic innovation, globalization, sustainability, and community partnerships while being impactful, inspiring, interdisciplinary, innovative, and inclusive.

Highlights include:

- Twenty-one students presented at the Eastern Economic Association and the Omicron Delta Epsilon Undergraduate Economics Conference
- A team of WCU students were finalists in the national Formula 5 Marketing Competition, beating out dozens of teams from across the country
- Crime & Justice Lecture Series
- One of the first academic criminal justice programs on the East Coast
- Annual Business Idea Competition
- Annual student trips to Peru to explore current research findings about criminal activities among youth
- Annual International GIS Day
- Global Entrepreneur Week

Faculty members are:

- Published authors, consultants, journal reviewers, and award, grant, and scholarship winners
- ComputerWorld Smithsonian Laureate honoree
- U.S. Professor of the Year nominee
- Lead researcher for United Nation’s Environmental Programme Finance Initiative

Sarah

Year of Graduation: 2016
Major: Geography and Planning
Hometown: Horsham, PA

“This internship gave me professional experience in the workplace, and I know that will separate me from other candidates when it comes to job searching.”

Sarah always loved the environment and knew that she wanted to do something to help others — so she decided to major in Geography and Planning. She heard an in-class presentation by a member of the Forest Service and was hooked. After the presentation, she reached out to the worker, aced her interview, and landed an internship as a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) intern with the United States Forest Service, part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Sarah gained valuable workplace experience and learned to run commands and to properly analyze data. Sarah is putting all of her newly gained knowledge to work in graduate school. And, as a member of the Geography Honor Society at WCU – she has scholarships to help pay for it all.
Here are just a few examples of what our alumni are doing now:

Child Welfare Specialist, Temple University
Co-Director, Center for Social Policy and Community Development, Temple University
Director of Community-based Programming, Center for Grieving Children
Director of Curriculum, Phoenixville School District
Director of Experimental Education, Bryn Athyn College
Director of Quality Control, A. Duie Pyle
Manager of Organizational Development, VILLA
Owner and Manager, Rockland Speech and Hearing
Program Director and Parent Liaison, Gladwyne Montessori
Referee, National Basketball Association
State Representative, Pennsylvania
Veterans Justice Outreach Social Worker, VA Clinic

Internships include:

Chester County Human Services
Department of Children, Youth, and Families
Department of Aging
Department of Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities
Domestic Violence Center
Family Services of Chester County
School Districts across PA
West Chester University was founded as a teacher’s college in 1871 and remains the largest educator of teachers in Pennsylvania. To say that education is at the heart of what we do at WCU would be an understatement. **The College of Education and Social Work** takes pride in creating hands-on opportunities for students and in preparing them for careers through field placements and classroom instruction.

**Highlights include:**
- Recognition by nearly a dozen national boards for excellence in teaching
- Partnerships with more than 60 school districts
- 100% pass rate on major subject area assessments over last five years
- Opportunities for research and publication
- Professional Testing Center for Praxis CORE and Praxis II
- Member of the prestigious 5+ Club for physics teachers
- Student teaching opportunities in the Bahamas, Ireland, England, Costa Rica, and Belize
- Partnership with Mary Immaculate College in Limerick, Ireland
- Student article “3 Reasons Why I Am Out of the Closet About Recovery” published on *HuffPost Impact*
- Partnership in Cuernavaca, Mexico with Augsburg College
- Global World Social Work Day
- Faculty members are published authors, current practitioners, and conference presenters and are active in the social work and teaching communities, where they often hold leadership roles in state-wide associations

### MAJORS

- **EARLY AND MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION**
- **PROFESSIONAL AND SECONDARY EDUCATION**
- **SOCIAL WORK** • **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

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**Tyler**

**Year of Graduation:** BSW 2012, MSW 2015  
**Major:** Social Work  
**Hometown:** Downingtown, PA

A Marine Corps veteran, Tyler transferred into WCU after serving in the Persian Gulf. He had a unique perspective given his service to the country and the lack of services he found upon his return. Tyler wanted to make a difference in the lives of other veterans and to help them transition back into civilian life. Along the way, he also helped the University by creating cultural awareness training for faculty and staff to help them understand the veteran experience. He’s been presenting around campus ever since! Today, Tyler is also a mental health therapist with Holcomb Behavioral Health Systems where he is making a difference every day.
Here are just a few examples of what our alumni are doing now:

- Anesthesiology Physician, Johns Hopkins University
- Associate Athletic Director, Villanova University
- Athletic Trainer, Philadelphia Phillies
- Audiology Resident, Princeton Eye and Ear
- CEO, Aspen Physical Therapy
- Director, Compliance & Operations — Vaccines Global Portfolio, Pfizer
- Exercise Physiologist, AREUFIT Health Services
- Operations Supervisor, Kraft Heinz Company
- Owner, MGayle Outdoor Adventures
- Registered Nurse Practitioner, University of Pennsylvania
- Spokesperson and Fitness Expert, Fitness RX
- Strength and Conditioning Coach/Owner, Ignite Performance Training

Internships Include:

- Bryn Mawr Hospital
- Campbell Soup Company
- Chestnut Hill Balance
- Crozer Hospital
- Hahnemann Hospital
- Kinetic Physical Therapy
- Premier Rehabilitation
- Swarthmore College
- Villanova University
- Widener University
From state-of-the-art labs and simulation rooms to student-centered organizations and opportunities for research, the College of Health Sciences is the University’s hub for all health-related studies.

Highlights include:

• Accelerated program options in Athletic Training, Nutrition and Dietetics, and Public Health

• Sports Nutrition Practice Group provides nutrition information to collegiate and professional athletes

• A 3-year average pass rate of 85% on the athletic training Board of Certification exam

• A placement rate of nearly 100% for athletic training students in either graduate school or employment post-graduation

• Gold Level Chapter Honors for Chapter of National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association

• Opportunities for co-authoring papers, articles, and research with faculty members as well as conference attendance and presentations

• One of the longest running university-based speech and hearing clinics in the country

• International opportunities and partnerships

• 1st place winner in national Share the Health video contest

• Expert faculty who are committed to intensive student career and academic advisement and who have won awards and grants from a variety of boards and associations

Desiree

Year of Graduation: B.S. 2015, M.P.H. 2016
Major: Public Health
Hometown: Reading, PA

Desiree had been interested in working with babies and maternal health for as long as she could remember, so when she heard about an internship with the March of Dimes, she knew it was a perfect match. Already a Public Health student, Desiree had been studying community health and communicable diseases as well as health and wellness promotion. Thanks to her internship, Desiree also gained clinical experience by shadowing doctors in a neonatal intensive care unit and event and logistical experience through planning the largest March of Dimes fundraiser in the Philadelphia area. Desiree worked on the awards luncheon from start to finish, and she learned more about two very different—but exceptionally important sides of working in public health—the funding and the hands-on work. Desiree graduated in May with both her B.S. and M.S. in Public Health thanks to WCU’s accelerated program, and she already has a job lined up—Community Director at March of Dimes!
Here are just a few examples of what our alumni are doing now:

Chief Technology Officer, Imagine Communications

Director of BioInformatics, Pfizer

Foreign Affairs Officer, U.S. Department of State

Physicist and Electro Optical Engineer, Brandywine Photonics

Postdoctoral Fellow, The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia

President and Principal Hydrogeologist, Quinn Environmental Strategies

Research Physicist, Naval Research Laboratory

Senior Engineer, Office of U.S. Secretary of Defense

Senior Vice President, MacDougall Biomedical Communications

Sociology Instructor, Albright College

Staff Geologist, Brownfield Science and Technology, Inc.

Vice President and Senior Legal Counsel, HSBC

Vice President IT Corporate Systems, Ellucian

**Internships include:**

Amazon

Center for Urban Health

Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia

GlaxoSmithKline

Johns Hopkins University

Lockheed Martin

Merck

NASA

Pennsylvania House of Representatives

Philadelphia Youth Media Collaborative

QVC

Stryker Orthobiologics

U.S. House of Representatives

World Resources Institute

World Health Organization
The College of the Sciences and Mathematics is the center of scientific and analytical study at WCU. Students learn critical thinking and problem solving skills and develop evidence-based arguments to test their research. The academically rigorous programs within the College of the Sciences and Mathematics will test your limits and awaken your inner scholar on your quest for answers.

Highlights Include:
- Study abroad opportunity in the most preserved geologic regions of Europe: the Khibiny Mountains and Lovozero Tundra
- Undergraduate students are published researchers and grant recipients
- Ecosystem mini-mester course in Puerto Rico
- Opportunities to work side by side with renowned scientists on state and federally funded research grants
- Chemistry students have an 84% placement rate in chemistry-related fields or in graduate or professional school at the time of graduation
- An international relations student was one of only nine students nationwide to intern at the United Nations
- Partnership with China’s Guizhou University
- Home of the Internet Safety, Ethics, Education, and Knowledge Institute and the Information Security Center
- Designated a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education
- Named a best school for cybersecurity by Ponemon Institute
- Weather station, astronomical observatory, and planetarium
- Semi-annual mathematics colloquium
- Annual faculty-student croquet match
- Home of the nation’s first pharmaceutical product development program
- Learn from national and international award winning professors

Tabitha

Year of Graduation: 2015
Major: Biology-Marine Science
Hometown: Mohnton, PA

“I think my favorite part was having such an amazing group of faculty and peers to be around. I feel like I learned just as much outside the classroom as I did in the classroom at WCU.”

For as long as she can remember, Tabitha loved the ocean and—believe it or not—sharks. So, biology with a marine biology concentration seemed like an obvious choice when she arrived at WCU. Tabitha learned from hands-on experiences in the lab and through her time as the president of the University’s biology club. Tabitha focused on organismal marine biology as an undergraduate; now in her graduate studies, she is focusing on invertebrate animals. She is also working to determine how global climate change is directly affecting the oceans. She plans to pursue her Ph.D. in biology and conduct her own research on sharks.
At West Chester University, our best and brightest students are invited to apply to the Honors College. The Honors College prepares students to become a force for positive change both on campus and in the broader community. Students are encouraged to be active, contributing members of society and are prepared to become leaders for the 21st century.

Highlights include:
- Community service opportunities
- Specialized general education courses built around community investment and leadership development
- Living Learning Community located in Allegheny Hall, guaranteed for all four years
- Additional faculty advisors
- Membership in the Honors Student Association
- Senior project linked to community-based internship
- Preferred course registration

Additional opportunities open exclusively to Honors College students:
- Service learning and research trip to South Africa
- Affiliation with National Collegiate Honors Council
- Participation in PASSHE summer honors programs
- Executive board and committee chairperson positions
- Qualification for honors scholarship awards and additional special recognition

Many of our alumni go on to pursue graduate and professional studies at distinguished institutions, including: Yale University, Johns Hopkins University, Princeton University, University of Rochester, and the University of Pennsylvania.

The Greg and Sandra Weisenstein Veterans Center at WCU is dedicated to current and former members of the nation’s Armed Forces as well as their families and friends. The Center has created a culture of understanding, acceptance, and success for all military-affiliated students. At the Center, you’ll find:
- Standing Strong Support Group
- Veterans Support Group
- Soldiers to Scholars
- Troops to Teachers
- New kitchen
- Computer room
- Lounge with tv, cable, video games, & dvds

WCU is also dedicated to recruiting and retaining talented young men and women for ROTC programs. Through partnerships with St. Joseph’s University and Widener University, WCU is proud to offer both Army and Air Force ROTC training.

LEARN MORE:
wcupa.edu/ussss/rotc  wcupa.edu/veteranscenter
STUDENT SUPPORT Services

College is an amazing opportunity to be on your own, but it’s also nice to know that, thanks to our student support services, you’ve got help any time you need it...

The Office of Services for Students with Disabilities (OSSD) helps students with physical, psychological, and learning disabilities transition to college life.

The Learning Assistance and Resource Center (LARC) provides academic support services to help students become independent, active learners.

The Academic Development Program (ADP) is a special five-week summer program to develop academic skills in reading, writing, and mathematics.

Pre-Major Academic Advising (PMAA) will help you explore majors and make sure you’re on the path to success through course selection and grade requirements.

The Early Alert Program (EAP) provides early intervention for students identified as needing additional academic and social support.

Counseling and Psychological Services offers individual problem-solving sessions, group therapy, individual vocational sessions, psychiatric services, consultations, drug and alcohol counseling and awareness training, and even crisis intervention.

Additional Resources:

- Therapy dogs are a mainstay on campus during exams. (They even have their own Twitter feed!)
- The Center for Contemplative Studies offers courses in yoga, mindfulness meditation, and T’ai Chi Ch’uan to keep you grounded and stress-free.
- Student Health Services provides information about nutrition, wellness, and substance abuse.
- The mentoring program through the Office of Multicultural Affairs will introduce you to positive role models, get you settled, and help teach you the ropes.
Whether you're interested in trying something new or sticking to tried and true, with more than 280 clubs and orgs, there’s something for everyone.

Sixth Man Basketball Band
High Street Harmonix
Climbing Club
Entrepreneur Club
Operation Smile
Quidditch
UNICEF
Cycling Club
Irish Dance Team
NAACP
Habitat for Humanity
Circle K International
Improv
Bollywood Dance Club
Slow Food
and many others

For a complete list, visit: wcu.orgsync.com

At West Chester University, what you do outside the classroom is just as important as what you do in the classroom, and we’ve got hundreds of ways to keep you busy. From Sykes After Dark and athletic events to an impressive speaker series and hundreds of clubs and organizations, the only question is: how will you choose?

280+ CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS
670 STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES IN 40 COUNTRIES
50 RADIO SHOWS ON OUR OWN STATION 91.7
200 EVENTS ON CAMPUS EACH YEAR
20+ FITNESS CLASSES EACH WEEK
2 STORY CLIMBING WALL
26 FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES

No one ever said they were involved in too many clubs or had too many friends on campus.

So, do what you love, and love what you do!
With **24 varsity sports**, WCU is home to one of the largest NCAA Division II athletics programs in the country, and we have the facilities, fans, and championships to prove it.

Not sure about being a varsity athlete? WCU has 20 club sports and intramural teams. So, whether you’re in it for the trophy or just the t-shirt, WCU has something for you.
Lex

Year of Graduation: 2017
Major: Nutrition and Dietetics
Hometown: Limerick, PA

“I love being on the team because it’s one big family. Even families of alumni still come to our games.”

The choice to be a collegiate student athlete was one of the easiest and best decisions Lex ever made. She’d been playing field hockey for 15 years and loved everything about the sport. So, when she had the opportunity to continue her career at WCU, she jumped at it. Being a student athlete has helped Lex stay focused, manage her time better, and become more physically and mentally fit. That fitness must have come in handy because in Lex’s time on the team, WCU won a National Championship, two Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Championships, and appeared in the NCAA Final Four three times! Even with classes, practices, and tournaments, Lex found time to study abroad in Italy with other Nutrition students over spring break. Lex found a home away from home at WCU, and a team that feels like her second family.
If you’re a freshman, you’ll most likely be housed on North Campus; here’s a quick breakdown of the differences between the housing options:

**University-owned housing:**
- Traditional dormitory style
- Double occupancy rooms
- Shared bathrooms
- Computer room
- Television lounge
- Game room
- Laundry room
- Kitchenette per building

**University-affiliated housing (USH):**
- Suite style rooms accommodate 2 to 6 students
- En suite bathrooms
- Computer room
- Separate social and study lounges
- Theatre/Media room
- Fitness room/yoga space
- Laundry room
- Central heat/air conditioning
- Full kitchen per building

**Which one is right for you?** You’ll have to tour them all! After your freshman year, you have even more options, including the College Arms Apartments, South Campus Apartments, the Village and East Village Apartments, or moving off campus into the West Chester Borough community.

Campus life is also—well—living (and dining) on campus, and at WCU, life is pretty sweet.

In fact, 93% of freshmen live on campus in rooms that range from traditional doubles to suites. WCU has university-owned housing as well as affiliated housing options. Each residence hall has its own community feel and amenities which differ by location.
DINING

Whether you eat to live or live to eat, you’ll find something to love at WCU. Between the dining hall and the diner, the food trucks and the food court, we’ve got you covered.

On campus dining options include:

- Lawrence all-you-care-to-eat dining hall
- Einstein Brothers Bagels
- Fresh Market Smoothies
- Food trucks on Church Street (everything from coffee and pretzels to Greek and Mexican)
- Java City
- Larry’s Market

P.O.D. (Provisions on Demand) In:
- Main Hall
- South Campus
- Sturzebecker

Ram’s Head Food Court
- Bene Pizza
- Chik-fil-A
- Grille Works
- Home Zone
- Lindsay’s Market
- Sandwich Shack
- The Diner

Hungry for more?
Check out westchester.campusdish.com for more information about meal plans and dining locations — and even a few menus.
If you’re thinking about studying abroad, West Chester University has your golden ticket! Whether you’re interested in traveling for your major, to learn a new language, or just to see the world—we’ve got a program for you. West Chester and our affiliate partners offer year-long, semester-long, and even week-long trips over intersessions and breaks.

**Julie**

- **Year of Graduation:** 2017
- **Major:** Middle Grades Prep & Special Education
- **Minor:** Reading
- **Hometown:** Demarest, NJ

“*It’s important to open yourself up to things and experiences you weren’t sure about before; that is what I did by studying abroad.*”

The best advice Julie can give you as a WCU student? Say yes! An education major, Julie wasn’t sure she’d be able to fit study abroad into her curriculum, but just a few meetings, some paperwork, and a passport later, Julie was on her way to Prague in the Czech Republic. Why Prague? Julie thought the Czech Republic would have a different feel to it than some of the more traditional study abroad locations. It turns out—she was right! And Prague was the perfect starting point for all of the adventures and experiences that Julie said yes to. She made new friends and memories every weekend as she traveled—visiting Switzerland, Amsterdam, Dublin, Barcelona, Munich, and Italy’s Amalfi Coast. Julie opened herself up to new experiences and had the time of her life.

Along the Vltava River, Prague, Czech Republic

With **45** faculty-led programs and more than **625** additional program options through WCU and our affiliates, the possibilities and destinations are endless!
Choose from any of our 670 study abroad options including:

- Argentina
- Australia
- Bahamas
- China
- Czech Republic
- England
- France
- Greece
- Italy
- Norway
- South Africa
- Spain
- And so many more

STUDY ABROAD PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS:

- American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS)
- Arcadia University College of Global Studies
- Athena Study Abroad
- CEA Global Education
- CIS Abroad
- Global Semesters
- Institute for American Universities (IAU College)
- International Studies Abroad (ISA)
alone WCU students performed more than 900,000 hours of community service supported 347 community organizations ran 6 alternative spring break trips 5 alternative winter break trips
COMMITMENT to community

West Chester University has been a part of the fabric of Pennsylvania since the college’s founding in 1871. From service-learning courses to student-faculty research, our students, faculty, and staff have been making a difference in the community every day for more than 140 years.

Then there’s commitment to the wider community.

Since 2010, WCU has invested in projects that are truly making an environmental impact, including:

- Heating and cooling 50% of campus buildings with geothermal energy
- Installing rain gardens and catch basins to improve water quality and reduce storm water runoff
- Creating green roofs on the Merion Science Center and Green Library to reduce water runoff and cooling costs
- Planting a demonstration garden to attract natural pollinators to our campus
- Dedicating even more space to the Robert B. Gordon natural area, now a 73-acre nature preserve
- Opening the South Campus community garden to encourage gardening, learning where and how food grows, and even composting and bee-keeping techniques
- WCU is also a Level II ArbNet certified Arboretum and has been recognized by Tree Campus USA for the last several years

in 2014-15 alone WCU students performed more than 900,000 hours of community service supported 347 community organizations and ran 6 alternative spring break trips and 5 alternative winter break trips

and participated in service learning courses in record numbers: 7,500

and raised nearly $150,000 for nonprofit organizations
Location, Location, Location

If you haven’t been on a tour yet, it’s hard to even begin to describe West Chester’s location. There’s the campus itself which is beautiful, with a grassy academic quad, Adirondack chairs under the trees, and buildings that date from the turn of the last century.

Then there’s everything else:

West Chester Borough: The Borough has a fantastic downtown with great shops, restaurants, bakeries, and salons just a ten-minute walk from the heart of campus. It’s a true college town, and when the University is in session, our students double the population here.

Philadelphia: Just over 30 minutes from campus, Philadelphia is home to tons of restaurants, museums and cultural sites, concerts, and more. And, with more than 450,000 college students in the Philly metro area, there’s always someone to meet, something to do, and somewhere to go.

New York City & Washington, D.C.: West Chester University is just a two-hour ride from two of the most influential cities in the country, if not the world. Aside from the obvious landmarks in both cities, you’ll also have access to more internship opportunities, fun, and experiences than you could ever imagine!
When your last exam is finished, your passport is stamped, and your diploma is in hand, you should know that you’re not alone. With more than 90,000 alumni around the world, **you’ll find the WCU connection EVERYWHERE!**

Our graduates go on to study and work at fantastic institutions and accomplish great things.

**Just a few employers who hire WCU grads year after year:**

- Aetna
- AstraZeneca
- Bank of America
- Berkshire Hathaway
- Comcast
- GSK
- JP Morgan
- Merck
- QVC
- SAP
- School Districts of Philadelphia, West Chester, and Downingtown
- The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
- Vanguard
- Wells Fargo

**Some fields alumni work in:**

- Accounting
- Arts & Design
- Community and Social Services
- Education
- Entrepreneurship
- Finance
- Healthcare
- Legal
- Marketing
- Media & Communication
- Military & Protective Services
- Product and Project Management

**Examples of job titles alumni have:**

- Aerospace Engineer, Boeing Company
- Anesthesiology Physician, Johns Hopkins University
- Associate Athletic Director, Villanova University
- Author
- CEO, Aspen Physical Therapy
- CEO and Cofounder, Forge Therapeutics
- Composer
- Coordinator, Pacific Rim, LA Dodgers
- Creative Consultant, MTV Networks
- Director of Coaching, F.C. Revolution Soccer
- Director of Communications and PR, Alex’s Lemonade Stand
- Director of Ticketing, NY Giants
- Editor-in-Chief, *New York Law Journal*
- Executive Director, Sierra Club
- Featured Columnist at The Bleacher Report
- Founder and President, ProMetrics
- Game Day Media Relations Specialist, Philadelphia Eagles
- Japanese Lecturer, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Linguist, U.S. Department of Defense
- Magician
- Manager of Football Information, NFL
- News Anchor, CBS affiliate
- President, CHQ Local Food
- President, Oxford Financial Services
- Principal Artist, Washington National Opera
- Producer, ESPN
- Professional Baseball Player
- Radio DJ, WMMR Philadelphia
- Referee, NBA
- Senior Platform Analyst, QVC
- Senior Integrated Media Consultant, CBS Radio
- Senior Vice President of Marketing and Customer Experience, Target
- Songwriter, Capitol CMG
- Sports Anchor, CBS
- State Representative, Pennsylvania
- Vice President, Philadelphia Phillies

**Some recent Graduate School acceptances:**

- Ball State University
- Bowling Green State University
- Bryn Mawr College
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Dartmouth College
- Drexel University
- George Washington University
- Harvard University
- Johns Hopkins University
- La Salle University
- New York University
- Old Dominion University
- Penn State University
- St. Joseph’s University
- Stanford University
- Temple University
- Thomas Jefferson School of Law
- University of Maryland
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Pittsburgh
- Villanova University
- West Chester University
- Yale University

**Recent internship experiences:**

- Campbell Soup Company
- Deloitte
- Disney College Program
- Fox News
- Hahnemann Hospital
- KPMG
- Local high school and college sports teams
- Lockheed Martin
- Merck
- Merrill Lynch
- NBC
- Pennsylvania House of Representatives
- Philadelphia Flyers
- Philadelphia Phillies
- Philadelphia Style magazine
- Philadelphia Zoo
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- QVC
- The United Nations
- URBN
- U.S. Marshals
- World Health Organization

Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, Merck
Vice President of Digital Sales Performance, Disney ABC Television Group
Vice President of Development, Meals on Wheels
Video Production Assistant, Philadelphia Union Soccer
Voice Over Artist
Writer/Contributing Editor, *Vogue* Magazine
YouTube Personality
Whether you’re looking for an internship, résumé help, or a job post-graduation, the Twardowski Career Development Center (CDC) is the place for you!

Located right on campus in the Lawrence Center, appointments and drop-ins are open to all students and alumni, regardless of graduation year. In fact, if you’re unsure about your future plans or academic or career interests, our full-time career counselors will work to get you on the right path—or help you create your own. Already know what you’d like to do? The CDC staff can help with résumés, cover letters, and techniques to make sure that you ace your interview and are career ready.

Gianna

Year of Graduation: 2016  
Major: Communication Studies  
Minor: Journalism  
Hometown: Allentown, PA

As a college student trying to prepare for her future, Gianna wanted to make sure she gained as much knowledge and experience as possible.

“Communication Studies is extremely broad, and I wanted to gain a taste of all realms to determine which field was right for me.”

So, she did exactly that and then some—with not only one but three internships throughout her time at West Chester! From working in PR with the founder of a local company to an internship with Major League Soccer’s Philadelphia Union to her last position with QVC, Gianna gained valuable experience and learned the value of hard work. With hands-on experiences in media coverage reporting, drafting press releases, and covering feature stories and events, Gianna is prepared to make a difference anywhere she goes.

Learn More: www.wcupa.edu/cdc
FINANCIAL AID

Your college education is one of the largest investments you’ll make in your lifetime.

At WCU, we’re here to make your dreams a reality. This year, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is using prior, prior year tax data.

Prior–Prior Year (PPY) refers to a policy enabling students and families to file the FAFSA using tax information from two years ago. The West Chester University priority filing date is February 15.

Scholarships

Visit www.wcupa.edu/scholarships to learn more about institutional and external scholarship opportunities as well as other forms of financial aid that you may be eligible to receive.
ADMISSIONS

Now that you know what makes WCU WCU, we want to know what it is that makes you you!

West Chester University practices a holistic admissions process and considers your grades, the strength of your academic record, standardized test scores, and a personal statement as well your requested program of study. Applicants may submit SAT and/or ACT results, and for fall and spring 2017 applicants, the Office of Admissions will consider both new and old SAT scores.

Interested in joining our community?
Check out wcupa.edu/admissions to learn more about the admissions process as well as any special admission requirements.
SIX YEAR GRADUATION RATE: 67.3% (national average is 59%)

STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO: 19:1

FRESHMAN TO SOPHOMORE RETENTION RATE: 88%

85 CLASSES HAVE FEWER THAN 40 STUDENTS; NEARLY 25%, FEWER THAN 20

STUDENTS COME FROM 29 STATES AROUND THE COUNTRY AND 74 COUNTRIES ACROSS THE GLOBE

BEST BUY

Ranked in the top 100 Kiplinger “best buys” in American public higher education

U.S. News Best Colleges Rankings
18th Top Public School: Regional University North

53rd Best College for Veterans: Regional University North

71st Regional University North

Consumer Digest Ranking
21st Top 50 Values for Public Colleges and Universities

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