CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS

Students are classified as follows:

Matriculated Students

1. Full matriculation, granted to a student who meets all admission requirements.

2. Provisional matriculation, which may be granted to a student who
   a. has not taken the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), Graduate Record Examination (GRE), or a
      specialized entrance examination required by the department concerned, or
   b. is unable to present all prerequisites required by the department.
      Students must fulfill the conditions stipulated in their
      provisional acceptance by the time that application to degree
      candidacy is made. Credit earned as a provisional degree student
      may be accepted toward the degree only on recommendation of
      the student’s advisor.
      Note: Some programs do not grant provisional matriculation.

3. Teacher certification, which applies to students taking coursework
   to gain teacher certification.

4. Certificate programs, which applies to students taking coursework
   to earn advanced certificates in program concentrations.

Non-Degree Students

Students often begin their graduate college careers by enrolling in
courses in non-degree status for personal and professional growth.
Students may enroll in graduate-level courses on a non-degree basis
after having earned a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited
institution. "Non-degree" is an academic term for "not formally
accepted into a degree program."

Non-degree students may schedule up to nine credits of coursework
on a non-matriculated basis and may be permitted to take a workshop
or other noncredit-bearing class. Non-degree students are permitted
to enroll in any graduate course in which they possess the necessary
prerequisite coursework and/or can demonstrate, prior to enrollment,
minimum performance competencies. Non-degree students may also
be required to seek permission from the instructor. Students enrolling
in courses under this policy are expected to meet the minimum GPA
required for graduate work and are encouraged to seek the academic
guidance of the graduate coordinator in their intended discipline.
Completing courses on a non-degree basis does not guarantee
admission, and credits earned may not necessarily be applied to a degree
program at a later date. Non-degree students are not eligible to receive
financial aid. Additional coursework may be taken only after the student
has applied and been accepted as a matriculated student into one of
the categories described above. Students taking only special courses,
such as workshops, are the exception to this rule. Students should begin
the formal application process immediately after they have decided to
pursue a graduate degree at West Chester University.

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