CAMPUS SERVICES

Dining Services
All students residing in the North Campus residence halls must be on the University meal plan as a condition of occupancy. Students with medical problems who cannot meet this requirement may request a meal waiver. Residents of the South Campus Apartment Complex, The Village and East Village Apartments, and the College Arms Apartments, as well as off-campus and commuting students, may purchase any meal plan offered or obtain meals at the casual meal rates. 

A number of variable and flex-only meal plans are available. Details of these plans, as well as the costs, are found in the "Fees and Expenses" section of this catalog. 

All meal plans may be used in the following locations: Lawrence Dining Hall; the Diner; C-Stores/Grill operations; Java City and the Ram’s Head Food Court; and with national brands, such as Chick-fil-A, Einstein’s Bagels, and Starbucks.

Campus Store
The WCU Campus Store is located on the ground floor of Sykes Student Union. The Campus Store has new and used textbooks for all WCU courses, a growing textbook rental program of new and used titles, and select course offerings including digital textbooks. Textbooks may be purchased in the store or on the store’s website www.wcucampusstore.com. 

For your convenience, we provide in-room delivery for early online textbook orders in August and January. The WCU Campus Store also stocks supplies, course supplies, and a wide selection of reference books, as well as study and teacher aids. WCU Campus Store offers a complete line of official WCU-imprinted clothing and an array of gifts that can be purchased on the store’s website. Greeting cards, snacks, candy, soft and energy drinks, health and beauty aids, electronics, and laundry supplies are also available in the Campus Store. Spirit items for athletic events are available as well. Services offered include special orders for computer software and general interest books (at no extra cost), an onsite Greek wear provider, UPS and USPS shipping services, and daily book buybacks. All major credit cards, Ram Bucks, and personal checks, accepted by a valid ID, are accepted. The store hours are as follows:

Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
(hours are subject to change).

For additional convenience, the store offers extended operating hours at the beginning of each semester. For more information call 610-436-BOOK or visit the website at www.wcucampusstore.com.

For additional clothing and gift options for your family, alumni, parents, and students, please visit our location in the town of West Chester. The Ram Shop, at 134 N. High Street, offers a boutique atmosphere and specialized customer service. Also visit the Ram Shop website at www.wcuramshop.com.

Campus Recreation
The Department of Campus Recreation offers a variety of recreational activities promoting health, fitness, and wellness. Offices are located in the Student Recreation Center, which opened in 2012, at the corner of North Campus Drive and South New Street.

The Student Recreation Center is the site for several intramural sports, club sports, group fitness/small group training and climbing wall programs, as well as a venue for open recreation - a time for students to just stop by to play "pick-up" games. Throughout each week, a variety of group fitness classes and climbing wall events are offered for all students and members. Additional programs include special one-day recreational events such as Madden Football, FIFA Soccer, racquetball, wallyball, tennis, and table tennis tournaments.

The building itself features state-of-the-art fitness equipment; an elevated three-lane walking/jogging track; two gyms for basketball, badminton, and volleyball; a multi-activity court for indoor soccer, floor/roller/field hockey, basketball, volleyball, and tennis; three fitness studios; racquetball/squash courts; a three-story climbing wall; a cafe; and a social lounge.

With more than 170 student employees, the Department of Campus Recreation offers employment opportunities to both undergraduate and graduate students within each program it sponsors. 

Additional information can be found by visiting www.wcupa.edu/campusrec/ or by contacting the Department of Campus Recreation at 610-436-1REC (X1732).

Career Development Center
The Twardowski Career Development Center staff assists students with defining career goals, exploring and choosing majors, developing job search skills, securing internships and full-time career opportunities, and applying to graduate school. The career center facilitates connections with employers and job/internship opportunities via Ram Career Network (https://wcu.careersync.com/students); this online career management system includes on-campus interviews, job fairs, electronic resume reviews, online practice interviews, and a resume database (for employers to access job seeker resumes). These services are available throughout the entire calendar year.

Visit the extensive website for a range of other valuable resources, videos, and information: http://wcupa.edu/cdc.

The Twardowski Career Development Center is located in 225 Lawrence Center, 610-436-2501, or e-mail cdc@wcupa.edu.

Fraternity and Sorority Life
The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life (http://www.wcupa.edu/greekLife/) coordinates West Chester University’s fraternity and sorority community, comprising 2,200 students and 33 (inter)national chapters on their service projects, community activities, scholarship support programs, recruitment and new member programs, and leadership development. In addition, the office works with four governing/programming councils. Fraternity and Sorority Life is located in 238 Sykes Student Union, 610-436-2117.

Mail Services
The University has an on-campus post office located at 887 South Matlack Street, 610-436-2744.

Resident students receive their mail at their residence halls. To ensure prompt delivery, the complete and correct addresses for the facility should be used. Please refer to the Office of Residence Life and Housing Services website, http://www.wcupa.edu/_services/stu.lif/mailservice.asp, for specific details.

Student Services, Incorporated (SSI)
Student Services, Incorporated (SSI) is a not-for-profit organization primarily designed to serve the students of West Chester University. The objective of this corporation is to initiate, regulate, and operate the financial matters of all co-curricular student activities. Such activities include the management of the RAMCARD, campus bookstore, student publications, student organizations, check cashing/ticket service, student programming, intercollegiate athletics, and the graduate student association.

In fiscal matters and in various policy-making areas, the final authority rests with the president of the University.

The SSI Business Office, 610-436-2357, is located in 259 Sykes Student Union.
Sykes Student Union Building

The Earl F. Sykes Union first opened in 1975 as the community center for West Chester University. A building expansion and major renovations were completed in 1995, providing students with a 102,000-square foot multipurpose facility.

The student union, as a facility and an operation, is designed to encourage all members of the campus community to participate in a wide variety of cultural, social, educational, and recreational programs. The ground floor features the Lawrence A. Dowdy Multicultural Center, Campus Store, SSI Service Center, a 350-seat theater, the Ram’s Den Lounge, and the east patio entrance. The first floor offers a food court and dining area, a multi-use outdoor terrace, a 5,000-square foot multipurpose ballroom designed for dances, concerts, banquets, and lectures, as well as the student union administrative offices and building Information Center.

The second floor houses the Student Affairs offices of the Vice President, Assistant Vice President, Fraternity and Sorority Life, Student Leadership and Involvement, LGBTQA Services, and Off Campus and Commuter Services. The Student Services, Inc. Business Office and the department of Campus Activities, along with student clubs and organizations, are also located on the second floor.

The third floor Frederick Douglass Lounge Area features a 25-unit computer lab with quiet study and seminar space. Sykes Union also features 17 rooms accommodating groups from 4 to 500 for meetings, programs, and events.

For information concerning Sykes Union, please call the Information Center at 610-436-2984/3360.

Center for Women and Gender Equity (CWGE)

Since 1974, we have been celebrating, honoring, and empowering our campus community. We do this through a diverse range of educational programs, resources, and advocacy for all people.

The Center for Women and Gender Equity (CWGE) is a confidential resource where you can report incidents of sexual misconduct (dating/domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and harassment). We will provide you the support and resources you need to take your next steps.

Mission

CWGE promotes a campus culture and climate that supports principles of social justice, equity, inclusion, and community. We advocate for a campus community that values the safety, equality, and intellectual advancement of women and historically marginalized groups at West Chester University.

CWGE provides education, resources, and advocacy primarily on gender-related issues. We facilitate, sustain, and advance dialogue about how gender intersects with race, ethnicity, class, sexual identity, ability, age, and nationality.

Our mission is accomplished through:

- Educational programs that address a wide range of social justice issues that affect the success, well-being, and empowerment of women
- 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
- Leadership opportunities that build confidence and provide skills to enhance the personal and professional growth of women
- Coordinating campus-wide violence prevention initiatives, including programming designed to engage men as allies in violence prevention
- Building allies and partners-in-movement through programming focused on healthier forms of masculinity and the ways in which gender impacts our everyday lives

- Confidential support and referrals for students experiencing sexual misconduct
- Information and referrals about issues that disproportionately impact women
- Advocating for systemic changes that support women and historically marginalized groups

The Center for Women and Gender Equity is located at 220 Lawrence Center. For more information, visit www.wcupa.edu/womenscenter or call 610-436-2122.