

CALENDAR AND TERM INFORMATION

Fall and Spring Terms

West Chester University operates on a semester system. The Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) provides WCU with calendar guidelines. The academic year begins with the fall semester in August and concludes at the end of the spring semester in May. Though many students take advantage of WCU's summer and winter sessions, the bulk of any student's coursework is taken during these two main semesters. Offerings are available in every department and in interdisciplinary areas.

Students from any college or university, as well as nontraditional students, may take courses for enjoyment, personal growth, or degree credit.

Sessions Within Semesters

Separate sessions are incorporated within the fall and spring semesters to accommodate courses that don't extend for a full 15 weeks. The various sessions are categorized according to the following:

- Session 01: Represents the full 15-week semester
- Session 71: Represents the first 7 weeks of the semester
- Session 72: Represents the second 7 weeks of the semester
- Session DD (Dynamic Date): Used for courses that have individual dates that fall outside of the three other sessions listed above

Academic Calendar

Our Academic Calendar provides important University dates and deadlines related to holidays; semester and session start/end dates; commencement; add/drop; withdrawal and refund periods; final exams and grades; and financial aid.

Visit the Registrar's website for the academic calendar (<http://wcupa.edu/registrar/calendar/>).

Summer Sessions

West Chester University's summer program, among the oldest university-sponsored summer programs in the United States, has one of the largest enrollments in the State System of Higher Education. More than 600 courses, both graduate and undergraduate, are offered, including workshops, seminars, and internships, as well as the typical semester classes. Offerings are generally available in every department and in interdisciplinary areas. Students from any college or university, as well as nontraditional students, may take courses for enjoyment, personal growth, or degree credit.

Winter Sessions

West Chester University offers a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses, in a number of delivery modalities (onsite, offsite, and online), between the fall and spring semesters. Students from any college or university, as well as nontraditional students, may take courses for enjoyment, personal growth, or degree credit.