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; Larry's; PODS; Juice’d Up; Eco Grounds 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 thriving 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 (/http://www.wcucampusstore.com/). For your convenience, we provide in-store pick-up for online orders, or shipping is also offered. The WCU Campus Store also stocks supplies, course supplies, and reference materials, as well as study and teacher aids. WCU Campus Store offers a complete line of official WCU-imprinted clothing and 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); UPS and USPS shipping services; and daily book buybacks. All major credit cards, Ram Bucks, and personal checks, accompanied by a valid ID, are accepted. The store hours, subject to change, are as follows:

Monday - Thursday  8 am - 6 pm
Friday           8 am - 4 pm
Saturday         11 am - 3 pm
Sundays (Fall and Spring)  11 am - 3 pm

In Fall 2018, we launched an Inclusive Access pilot program that delivers digital course materials directly to D2L for each student enrolled in select classes. The program provides significant cost savings for students and ensures all participating students have their required materials on the first day of class. Inclusive Access continues to grow at a rapid pace due to the significant cost savings and ease of delivery to students.

For additional convenience, the store offers extended operating hours at the beginning of each semester. For more information, call 610-436-2242 or visit the website at www.wcucampusstore.com (/http://www.wcucampusstore.com/).

Campus Recreation

At West Chester University, the Department of Campus Recreation is the primary destination for the Golden Ram campus community to engage in recreation, social, and wellness-orientated programs and services. Blending components of fitness and well-being with the co-curricular educational experience it is our mission to assist each person in exceeding academic goals while establishing healthy lifetime behaviors. While at WCU we encourage you to treat yourself and allow your mind, body, and soul to engage in some daily PLAY time; you’ve earned it!

The Student Recreation Center is the central hub for many of the quality programs and services we provide. Opened in August, 2012, the SRC welcomes over 2,500 Golden Rams through it’s doors on a daily basis. With over 70,000 sq. ft. of recreation activity space we believe we have something for everyone. Features of the SRC include: a 34-ft. tall climbing and bouldering wall; 13,000 sq. ft of strength and conditioning equipment including an extensive line of Life Fitness cardio and strength equipment; three fitness studios featuring a wide range of group fitness classes including many Les Mills formats; two hardwood basketball courts; two racquetball courts; one multi-activity court perfect for floor hockey, soccer, volleyball, and many other activities; outdoor sand volleyball and basketball courts; men’s and women’s locker rooms; and the administrative offices for all full-time Campus Recreation staff.

Beyond the many outstanding programs and services provided through the Student Recreation Center, Campus Recreation also offers many structured opportunities which may meet at other locations on or off campus. Examples include:

• Fitness:
  • With over 35 group fitness class offered each week we believe students will find the perfect mix of classes to help them connect with others while establishing healthy behaviors. Classes include Barre, Body Pump, Cycle, Yoga, and Zumba!
  • The Lifestyle Nutrition program is comprised of hands-on workshops focused on how to create a healthy and balanced diet to support student success both in and outside the classroom

• Intramural Sports:
  • Leagues, tournaments, and one-day events all with a balance of competition and sportsmanship! Leagues are divided into men’s, women’s, and co-recreational and feature competition against other WCU Golden Ram students. Examples include basketball, cornhole, dodgeball, flag-football, kickball, softball, spikeball, volleyball, and many other FUN recreational but competitive sports. Many of the indoor competitions will take place at the Student Recreation Center while most outdoor events will be hosted at South Campus outdoor play-fields.

• Outdoor Adventure Pursuits program (OAP)
  • Through OAP, Campus Recreation offers a number of weekend trips to various destinations for activities such as ice climbing, waterfall walking, backpacking, kayak or canoe excursions, archery camp, and other events featuring the natural beauty of our region. The OAP program provides an excellent opportunity to get off campus, dig into nature, and enjoy meeting other students who share your appreciation for the outdoors and sustainability.
  • “Cocoa Clinics” feature educational discussions on topics such as sustainability practices, international backpacking, the art of layers, and other practical but educational topics--all served with tasty hot cocoa!

• Sport Clubs:
  • Campus Recreation is also home to over 29 different Sport Club teams, with many competing and succeeding at the regional and national level. Examples of current Sport Club teams include men’s and women’s ultimate Frisbee, men’s and women’s water polo, Crossfit, men’s and women’s ice hockey, equestrianism, Quidditch, rugby, wrestling, fishing, and many more. If WCU graduate or undergraduate students are looking to extend their competitive playing years or wish to learn a new skill, consider joining or starting a new club sport!

Through Campus Recreation we strive to provide our Golden Ram campus community a comprehensive and diverse line-up of healthy, fitness, FUN, recreational, and co-curricular programs and services. Through the many outstanding activities we provide, featuring innovative programming while also employing over 180 students in many leadership roles, we aspire to provide options for each person to create life-long healthy behaviors, opportunities for personal growth...
and awareness, and to create meaningful and positive relationships. We believe through the many programs and services we offer or through employment you will find Campus Recreation truly does offer something for everyone!

Additional information can be found by visiting www.wcupa.edu/campusrec/, or by contacting the Department of Campus Recreation at 610-436-1-REC (x1732).

Career Development Center
The Twardowski Career Development Center is the bridge connecting students and alumni to the professional world, introducing them to what they can become. The Career Center assists students with:

- Exploring majors and careers
- Building a job and internship search strategy
- Creating a resume and cover letter
- Practicing interview techniques
- Networking and leveraging LinkedIn
- Identifying ways to get experience
- Navigating graduate school applications

The Career Center facilitates connections with employers and job and internship opportunities via Handshake (https://wcupa.joinhandshake.com/login/); this platform includes a job and internship database, on-campus interviews, job and internship fairs, online resume reviews, online career counseling appointment scheduling and a resume database for employers to access resumes.

Visit the Career Center’s website for a range of other valuable resources, videos, and information: http://wcupa.edu/cdc (http://wcupa.edu/cdc/).

The Twardowski Career Development Center is located in 225 Lawrence Center and can be contacted by phone at 610-436-2501, or by email at 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 2,000 students and 34 (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 five 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.aspx, 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 WCU RAM CARD, campus bookstore, Ram Shop, 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. Sykes Union has three floors of usable space and also features 17 rooms accommodating groups from 4 to 500 for meetings, programs, and events.

Taken from the Association of College Unions International's 2018 Role of the College Union statement:

“The college union advances a sense of community, unifying the institution by embracing the diversity of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and guests. We bolster the educational mission of the institution and the development of students as lifelong learners by delivering an array of cultural, educational, social, and recreational programs, services, and facilities.”

The ground floor features the Lawrence A. Dowdy Multicultural Center, Campus Store; Student Services, Inc. Service Center; a 350-seat theater; the Ram’s Den Lounge/EcoGrounds coffee; and the east patio entrance.

The first floor offers a food court and dining area; a multi-use outdoor pergola; 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: Fraternity and Sorority Life; Student Leadership and Involvement; Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy; and Off Campus and Commuter Services. The Student Services, Inc. Business Office and the Department of Student Activities are on this floor as well. The Center for Student Involvement, where student organizations have work space, is also located on the second floor.

The third floor houses the new Commuter Center, a 25-unit computer lab, several meeting rooms, and a meditation/prayer/quiet reflection space.

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.

Mission
The Center for Women and Gender Equity (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
• 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 214 Lawrence Center. For more information, visit www.wcupa.edu/womenscenter (http://www.wcupa.edu/womensCenter/) or call 610-436-2122.