

**WELCOME  
GOLDEN RAMS!**



# NEW STUDENT GRADUATE ORIENTATION

**WELCOME!**

WEST CHESTER  
UNIVERSITY

# CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL



@WCUPA\_GRAD



WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY  
GRADUATE SCHOOL



@WCUGRAD

# THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

- **Business hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00a-4:30p**
- **Contact us by calling 610.436.2943 or email [GradSchool@wcupa.edu](mailto:GradSchool@wcupa.edu)**
- **Graduate Catalog: <https://catalog.wcupa.edu/graduate/>**



# IMPORTANT NOTES

- The semester begins on January 20, 2026.
- Students can enroll part time or full time with a maximum of 6 years to complete degree. Review the Graduate Catalog for additional policy information.
- D2L is the Learning Management tool at WCU – online orientation is available to all students.
- Students are required to use WCU webmail.
- RamPortal is the WCU Student Information System.

WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY



# HOW TO NAVIGATE WCUPA.EDU



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VISIT CAMPUS

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APPLY NOW

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GIVE TODAY

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PRESIDENTIAL  
SEARCH

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WEBMAIL

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MYWCU

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RAMPORTAL

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D2L

# WEBMAIL

- All WCU email goes to your student email
- Select:



WCU  
WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY

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New message

Favorites

Inbox 5

Sent Items

**Drafts**

Deleted Items 126

Add favorite

Folders

Inbox 5

Drafts

Drafts ★ Filter

You haven't saved any drafts.



Grad  
Rammy



University Resources ▾ D2L Help ▾

## My Courses

All Training Resources Orientation Department 2019 Spring 2018/2019 Wint ▶



Navigating Digital Learning



Orientation for Distance Education Students

[View All Courses \(2\)](#)



## Announcements ▾

There are no announcements to display.

## Looking for Help? ▾

### WCU D2L Services

### WCU IT Help Desk

610-436-3350

### D2L Technical Support

### [Submit a Ticket](#)

1-866-832-1851

# RAMPORTAL



## My Personal Information



Click the button to review your personal information profile

[MY PROFILE INFO](#)

## Register for Fall 24



Browse the course schedule, plan ahead and add/drop classes when registration opens

[REGISTRATION INFO](#)

## Academic History



Click button to review the courses you have already completed and transferred into WCU through the unofficial transcript.

[UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT](#)

## MyWCU

### MyWCU

Click Link below to access:

- Register for Summer classes
- Review your DPR
- Order your official transcript
- See your transfer credit summary
- View and pay your balance
- Complete your housing application

[MYWCU APP](#)

## My Holds

You have  
**0**

Holds Preventing Registration

[HOW TO RESOLVE](#)

## My Tasks

You have  
**0**

Tasks

[HOW TO COMPLETE](#)

## Registration Dates

### Fall 2024

Begin	End
3/29/2024 10:00 AM	12/14/2024 11:59 PM

[REGISTER](#)

## Financial Aid



Click button to view award information, check aid status, and complete requirements

[FINANCIAL INFORMATION](#)

## Advisors (Swipe/Click Arrows)



Jacqueline S. Hodes  
Major Advisor

## My Personal Links



Add quick links  
Create links to your most important pages.

[ADD NEW LINK](#)

## To-Do List



Add your tasks  
Create personal tasks and reminders.

[ADD NEW TASK](#)

[DISCOVER MORE](#)

# IT/HELP DESK

The IS&T Help Desk/ResNet is the central point of contact for all technology-related hardware, software, and system support such as Office 365, myWCU and D2L at WCU.

- Phone: 610-436-3350
- Option 1: ResNet Central  
(Student support)
- [helpdesk@wcupa.edu](mailto:helpdesk@wcupa.edu)

# ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Accessible online at the Registrar's webpage:

[www.wcupa.edu/AcademicCalendar](http://www.wcupa.edu/AcademicCalendar)



# WCU CAMPUS LOCATIONS:



- West Chester Campus
  - North Campus: 700 S. High Street
  - South Campus: 855 S. New Street
- The Graduate Center
  - 1160 McDermott Drive, West Chester, PA
- WCU in Philadelphia
  - Mellon Independent Center at 8th and Market Streets

# WCU IN PHILADELPHIA

## SUCCESS CENTER:

Writing Tutoring  
Library Research Assistance  
Resume and Cover Letter Review

## COUNSELING SERVICES:

Free and confidential  
Virtual appointments available with  
WCU Counseling Center

## Visit D2L site:

FAQs  
Contact Information  
How-To Guides  
Useful Forms  
Helpful Links

## Additional Services:

IT Support  
Laptop Loan Program  
Food Pantry

Ben Morgan, Associate Director  
610-436-3714  
[BMorgan@wcupa.edu](mailto:BMorgan@wcupa.edu)

Dionne Easton, Associate Director  
610-436-3709  
[DEaston799@wcupa.edu](mailto:DEaston799@wcupa.edu)

# GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

- A graduate assistantship is an opportunity to work on campus in a research or service-oriented capacity to gain valuable work experience in higher education or an academic field while earning a stipend and tuition waiver.
- Graduate assistants work **5-20 hours per week** depending on the size of the assistantship. **Stipends range from \$1,250-\$5,000 per semester**, and tuition waivers cover 3-12 credits of tuition. Students pay all fees.
- Students **enrolled in graduate degree programs** who are in **good academic standing are eligible**. (Certificate programs are not eligible.)

# HOW TO APPLY FOR A G.A. POSITION

- As a current student, you should contact the graduate coordinator of your degree program to discuss your interest in an assistantship. Academic departments typically hire students from their own programs due to the nature of the work.
- Search for positions on the Twardowski Career Development Center's website: HandShake. These tend to be for student service and administrative offices on campus. (Example: Writing Center, Veterans Center, Office of Sustainability, etc.)
- Apply for as many opportunities that interest you. Persistence pays!
- There is general information about graduate assistantships on our website: [www.wcupa.edu/gradassistantships](http://www.wcupa.edu/gradassistantships). If you have any questions, please e-mail [gradassistantships@wcupa.edu](mailto:gradassistantships@wcupa.edu)

# GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION



Representative body for graduate students to network, support, and express common concerns for the continued progress and betterment of Graduate Studies at West Chester University.

JOIN US!



GSA@WCUPA.EDU



 RAM  
CONNECT

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/GSARAMCONNECT](https://tinyurl.com/gsaramconnect)



@GSA\_WCUPA





700 East Main Street  
Eaton K. Aronoff Concert Hall



# FINANCIAL AID

- FASFA
- Federal Work Study
- Loans

610-436-2627

[www.wcupa.edu/FinAid](http://www.wcupa.edu/FinAid)

[FINAID@wcupa.edu](mailto:FINAID@wcupa.edu)



# FINANCIAL AID: FEDERAL LOAN PROGRAMS

## Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan

- **Up to \$20,500 per academic year**
- **Current Interest Rate of 6.08%**
- **Origination Fee of 1.062%**

## Federal Direct Grad PLUS Loan

- **Current Interest Rate of 7.08%**
- **Origination Fee of 4.248%**

Source: <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/interest-rates#rates>



# PRIVATE EDUCATION LOANS

- Visit the WCU Financial Aid Homepage to use the Student Loan Comparison Tool located in the Private Loan section
- The URL is: [https://www.wcupa.edu/\\_services/FIN\\_AID/loans.aspx](https://www.wcupa.edu/_services/FIN_AID/loans.aspx)
- Apply for fall Private Education Loans and/or Grad PLUS loans beginning in May
- Both Grad PLUS and Private Education loans are “credit” based loans

# BURSAR'S OFFICE

Please visit the WCU Bursar's Office homepage to find info about:

- Tuition and Fee costs
- Installment Payment Plans availability
- Due date of your bill
- Direct Deposit
- Employer Reimbursement of Tuition

[www.wcupa.edu/Bursar](http://www.wcupa.edu/Bursar)

610-436-2552

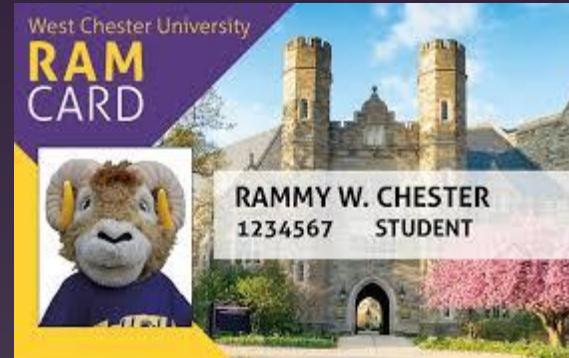
25 University Ave, Suite 50



# STUDENT SERVICES / CAMPUS STORE

## Student Services (SSI):

- Ram Card (Student ID)  
[www.RamECard.com](http://www.RamECard.com)  
610-738-0429



## Campus Store:

- Textbooks
- WCU Branded Gear  
[www.WCUCampusStore.com](http://www.WCUCampusStore.com)  
610-436-2242

Located in lower level of Sykes Student Union

# RAM CARD (STUDENT ID)

1. Login using your WCU credentials
2. Select Upload Your Photo & follow instructions for submissions
3. If you are unable to come to campus to pick up your ID card, please select "online" for "campus attending" prompt. ID cards can now be mailed.
4. Follow instructions to make the \$20 online payment. Must be paid before pick up. If ordering it to be mailed, select appropriate option (\$25).



Located in Sykes Student Union, Lower Level



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BUSINESS &  
PUBLIC  
MANAGEMENT CENTER  
DEPARTMENT OF  
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

# WCU POLICE DEPARTMENT

On duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year



WCU PUBLIC SAFETY: 610-436-3311

# PARKING SERVICES

Parking passes are \$30 per year  
Must order online!  
[www.wcupa.edu/Parking](http://www.wcupa.edu/Parking)

609 S. Church St  
610-436-3345

Open Monday-Friday 8am to 2pm



# PARKING



# TRANSPORTATION & PARKING SERVICES

- North/South Campus Shuttles: [wcupa.edu/shuttle](http://wcupa.edu/shuttle)
- Two SEPTA buses (the 92 and 104)
- SEPTA regional rail & Amtrak
- ChesCo SCOOT bus from Kennett Square & Oxford
- WCU's Uptown Loop Shuttle bus

Questions about:

Public Transit ticket & pass sales: 610-436-2955 (SSI)

WCU's Shuttle Bus: 610-436-1053 or email [shuttle@wcupa.edu](mailto:shuttle@wcupa.edu)

# WCU ALERT

Receive text notifications for:

- On-campus emergencies
- Delayed openings and university closings due to inclement weather

Sign up at [wcupa.edu/WCUalert](http://wcupa.edu/WCUalert)



# FRANCIS HARVEY GREEN LIBRARY

Holding more than 2.5 million books, journals, dissertations, articles, maps, e-books, albums, films and more!

Find your librarian! Resources for grad students: [library.wcupa.edu/Graduate](http://library.wcupa.edu/Graduate)

[www.wcupa.edu/Library](http://www.wcupa.edu/Library)  
610-430-4400



# CAREER CENTER

Offering comprehensive career development and job search resources

- Resume building
- Cover letter writing
- Interviewing skills
- Advancing a career
- Finding a full/part-time job

225 Lawrence Center

[www.wcupa.edu/CDC](http://www.wcupa.edu/CDC)

610-436-2501

[CDC@wcupa.edu](mailto:CDC@wcupa.edu)





# STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

- Please call 610-436-2509 for an appointment.
- Telehealth appointments are available.
- A mask will be required to be worn before entering the health center and throughout the entire visit.

[www.wcupa.edu/HealthServices](http://www.wcupa.edu/HealthServices) or 610-436-2509

Commonwealth Hall, Ground Floor

Emergencies: Call 911



# WCU COUNSELING CENTER

The Counseling Center will be offering online counseling services to enrolled students. Students in crisis are able to come to the Counseling Center office. They ask to please call before entering so that health and safety measures can be taken. **610-436-2301 M-F 8:00am-4:00pm**

[www.wcupa.edu/CounselingCenter](http://www.wcupa.edu/CounselingCenter)

**wcucc@wcupa.edu** Lawrence Center, Second level 750 S. New St



# VETERANS CENTER

Providing student veterans and their families  
a central location for resources and support.



610-436-2862, [veteranscenter@wcupa.edu](mailto:veteranscenter@wcupa.edu)

[www.wcupa.edu/VeteransCenter](http://www.wcupa.edu/VeteransCenter)



# LINKEDIN LEARNING

Free online training, with a digital library of over 180,000 videos, covering a wide range of technical, business, software, and creative topics. Such as:

MS Office – Google Analytics – SQL – And MORE!

[www.wcupa.edu/LinkedInLearning](http://www.wcupa.edu/LinkedInLearning)



# MAIN CAMPUS DINING OPTIONS

- Dining Hall
- Sykes Student Union
- Food Trucks
- 75+ Restaurants and Cafés in West Chester  
[www.downtownwestchester.com](http://www.downtownwestchester.com)



# GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT OFFICE

Services for International Students and  
Study Abroad opportunities.

Located in Mitchell Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

[wcupa.edu/International](http://wcupa.edu/International)

610-436-3515



# STUDENT REC CENTER

- 13,000 square feet of cardio & strength floor area
- 120 pieces of cardio & strength equipment
- Indoor jogging track
- 38-foot rock climbing wall

[www.wcupa.edu/CampusRec](http://www.wcupa.edu/CampusRec)





MADELINE WING THEATRE

MARGARET IVEY  
COMMONS

\$ 22 Day Charge  
\$ 100 Month  
\$ 1000 Year  
\$ 1000 Deposit

# CENTER FOR TRANS & QUEER ADVOCACY



The Center provides information, resources, and support for programming to members of the university and the community.



TransAndQueer@wcupa.edu  
610-436-3147  
Sykes 250  
[wcupa.edu/TransAndQueer](http://wcupa.edu/TransAndQueer)

## Place for Community



Fall Festival



A place for community  
A place for engagement  
A place for support

The Dowdy Multicultural Center promotes the holistic success and development of Students of Color (SOC) at West Chester University. We implement collaborative co-curricular experiences that promote **multicultural awareness**, creates a sense of **belonging**, affirms racial and cultural identity, and **empowers** all students to challenge **systems of oppression**.

## Kente Graduation Celebration



## Multicultural Organization Advisory Board (MOAB)



## Dowdy Diversity, Inclusion, and Civility Scholars Program



## Ruby Jones Conference on Race, Social Justice, and Civic Engagement

## Dowdy Emergent Leaders



## Cultural Heritage/History Months

Latinx Heritage Month

Native American Heritage Month

Black History Month

Asian Pacific Islander  
Desi American History Month

## Brothers of Excellence Conference



## Peer Mentoring Program



# OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL ACCESSIBILITY

Lawrence Center, 223

610-436-2564

[oea@wcupa.edu](mailto:oea@wcupa.edu)

[wcupa.edu/universityCollege/oea](http://wcupa.edu/universityCollege/oea)

## Student Resources:

- Academic coaching
- Adaptive technology
- Proctoring center ([oeapc@wcupa.edu](mailto:oeapc@wcupa.edu))

# Center for Women & Gender Equity

220 Lawrence Center • [wcupa.edu/womenscenter](http://wcupa.edu/womenscenter) • 610-436-2122



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Since 1974, the Center for Women & Gender Equity has been celebrating, honoring, and empowering our campus community through a diverse range of educational programs, resources, and advocacy for all people.

# HOUSING

## On-campus Graduate Housing

### The Village Apartments

4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, laundry, kitchen, & living space

- Computer lab
- Fitness center
- Movie theater
- P.O.D. market
- Community Garden



University Student Housing, LLC, 610-430-4USH  
[www.wcuhousing.com](http://www.wcuhousing.com) [leasing@ushcommunities.org](mailto:leasing@ushcommunities.org)

## Off-campus housing:

Many apartment complexes in and around West Chester, PA.

The Off-Campus & Commuter Services Office can help guide you.



## SUPPORTING OFF CAMPUS AND COMMUTER STUDENTS

- Parking and Transportation
- Daytime programs for Commuters
- Moving off campus education
  - Student Rambassadors
  - Free Student Legal Service



610-436-2209  
Sykes 238  
[wcupa.edu/occs](http://wcupa.edu/occs)

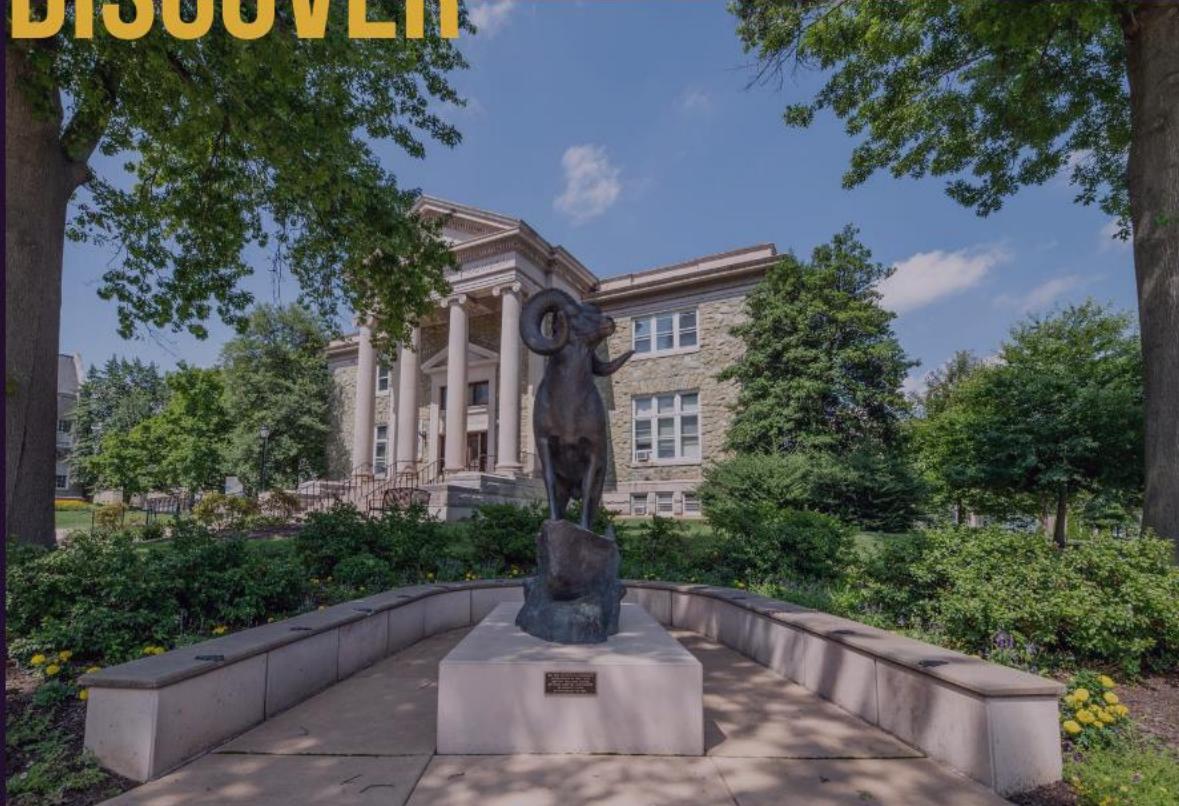
# RESOURCE PANTRY

The Pantry offers non-perishable food, fresh produce from the campus gardens, personal care items, school supplies, and winter and career clothing.

- Open to ALL undergraduate and graduate students.
- Commonwealth Hall, Lower Level
- [wcupa.edu/pantry](http://wcupa.edu/pantry)
- 610-436-2378
- [Pantry@wcupa.edu](mailto:Pantry@wcupa.edu)



# DISCOVER



VIRTUAL TOURS & EVENTS

[www.wcupa.edu/gradschoolevents](http://www.wcupa.edu/gradschoolevents)

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**ALL THE BEST FOR A  
GREAT SEMESTER!**

