Welcome to
WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY

We hope you enjoy your tour of our campus!
Please refer to the Visitors’ Guide for a map and a comprehensive listing of all buildings located on our 406-acre campus. Upon completion of your walking tour of North Campus, we suggest you drive to East and South Campuses to view additional facilities.

We suggest you begin your tour at the Office of Admissions, also known as Emil H. Messikomer Hall. Messikomer Hall is a three-story house that has been converted into the Office of Admissions. The office is open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. during the academic year, and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. during the summer.

If you are visiting the campus on a weekday during business hours, please be sure to pick up a visitor one-day parking pass in the Office of Admissions. Parking passes are not needed on the weekends.

Please Note: Residence Halls are inaccessible during the walking tour due to the security card access system. We encourage you to view the Office of Residence Life and Housing Services web page: www.wcupa.edu/_services/stu lif. You may view pictures of each hall by visiting the “Living Facilities” section. You will also find a description of each facility as well as pictures of student rooms.

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Use your mobile device to navigate your self-guided tour!
Open wcupa.edu/visitors in your browser and tap “Self-Guided and Virtual Tours” then “Launch Virtual Tour” to get started.
BEGIN WALKING TOUR – NORTH CAMPUS

As you exit the Office of Admissions, cross Rosedale Avenue using the crosswalk ahead. To your left is the Schmucker Science Center.

SCHMUCKER SCIENCE CENTER

Consists of three buildings: SSC I (N) built in 1965, SSC II (S) built in 1968, and a “Link.”

• Includes the Biology, Chemistry, Geology/Astronomy Departments, as well as Pre-Med advisement.
• Houses an observatory as well as a planetarium.
• Underwent recent renovations to update science laboratories and classroom facilities.

Directly behind Schmucker Science Center is the Merion Science Center.

MERION SCIENCE CENTER

• Built in 1995 and renovated in 2003, this building adds 74,000 square feet to the Schmucker Science Center.
• Features include science labs, faculty research space, animal research space, multi-media lecture rooms, a greenhouse, and office space for the Physics Department.

As you look directly across the street, you will notice the Old Library.

OLD LIBRARY

• Built in 1902, the original library now houses the Department of Anthropology and Sociology.
• Was originally named for Francis Harvey Green, a WCU graduate and former Chairperson of the English Department.
• Became known as Old Library when the new Francis Harvey Green Library was erected in 1966.

As you face the Old Library, cross over Church Street, turn left and walk towards Anderson Hall.
ANDERSON HALL
• Built in 1938, it includes the School of Business and the Academic Computing Center.
• Student accessible computer labs are located on the first floor.
• Named after Robert Anderson, a WCU graduate who returned and taught in the Mathematics Department for 40 years.

Continue walking between Anderson Hall and Old Library until you reach the Academic Quad, which is newly renovated.

RECITATION HALL
Recitation Hall is the oldest building on our campus.
• Houses the School of Education, including Early Grades Preparation, Middle Grades Preparation and Special Education, Literacy, Professional and Secondary Education, and Counseling and Educational Psychology.
• One of the original buildings of the West Chester State Normal School.
• Built in 1892, Recitation Hall is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
• Constructed of serpentine rubble stone.

FRANCIS HARVEY GREEN LIBRARY
This six-story building constructed in 1966 serves as the main center for study and research.
• Its total reserves number more than 2.6 million.
• Houses a large micro-media collection of books, periodicals, doctoral dissertations and other materials.
• The home of the Frederick Douglass Institute.
• Features convenient study rooms, lounge areas, and a coffee shop.
FREDERICK DOUGLASS STATUE

- The statue was unveiled on October 1, 2013.
- Frederick Douglass gave one of his last speeches on West Chester’s campus.
- The Frederick Douglass Institute is a WCU program for advancing multicultural studies across the curriculum and for deepening the intellectual heritage of Frederick Douglass.

MAIN HALL

Also making up the Academic Quad is Main Hall.
- Built in 1974 to replace Old Main Hall (West Chester University’s first building).
- Includes the office for the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and houses the Philosophy, English, Communication Studies, and Women’s and Gender Studies Departments.
- More than 20 classrooms and WCU’s largest lecture hall (which seats 390).

Next to Main Hall, in the corner of the Academic Quad, you will see a castle-like building. This is Philips Memorial Hall.

PHILIPS MEMORIAL BUILDING AND EMILIE K. ASPLUNDH CONCERT HALL

- Opened in 1927, this building is dedicated to George Morris Philips, the longest tenured president in the history of West Chester University (1881-1920).
- On the National Register of Historic Places, it contains the offices of the President, Provost, and Associate Provost.
- Includes the 1,200 seat Asplundh Auditorium, named for Emilie Kessel Asplundh (1927).
- Guest speakers in Asplundh have included former Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter, comedians Adam Sandler and Dennis Miller, Reverend Jesse Jackson, journalist Linda Ellerbee, and actress/playwright Sarah Jones.
- Includes the unique architectural feature “Whispering Arches.”
Using your map as a guide, continue through the Academic Quad, towards Ruby Jones Hall at the corner of University Avenue and Church Street.

- Built in 1899 and renamed in 1978 for the first African-American faculty member who taught at WCU. Ruby Jones was a 1940 graduate who earned her degree in education.
- Formerly an elementary school, it now houses the Departments of Political Science, Geography and Planning, and Criminal Justice.

As you stand on the corner facing Ruby Jones Hall, look up University Avenue and you will see 25 University Avenue on the left.

25 UNIVERSITY AVENUE

- Built in 1961 and refurbished in 2008, 25 University Avenue is a self-sustaining building with a geothermal heat pump to heat and cool itself via heat transfer from the Earth.
- Home of the Computer Science and Mathematics departments as well as the Kershner Student Services Center, which includes the Registrar, Bursar, and Financial Aid offices.
MITCHELL HALL

Next to 25 University Avenue is Lloyd C. Mitchell Hall.
• Mitchell Hall is home to the Center for International Programs (CIP), where students learn about Study Abroad.
• Foreign language courses are taught here.

As you look past Mitchell Hall, take note of the future Business and Public Affairs Center (BPAC).

BUSINESS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS CENTER (BPAC)

The new Business & Public Affairs Center (BPAC) is slated to open in late 2016.
Police Services employs 20 full-time sworn officers who have received their primary training under the same guidelines as municipal officers in Pennsylvania. This includes handling not only criminal incidents, but Emergency Medical Services, automobile accidents, and other service calls.

Residence Hall security employs 15 full-time non-sworn officers assigned to provide physical security for academic buildings as well as parking services. Additionally, between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m., they provide coverage throughout all North Campus residence halls.

As you continue your walk, look for Hollinger Field House on the left side.

HOLLINGER FIELD HOUSE

- Houses the Coaches’ Offices for Basketball, Softball, Tennis, Track, and Volleyball.
- Hosts sporting events and recreational activities; other major events, such as concerts, are held in Ehinger Gymnasium.
- Includes North Campus pool, locker rooms, and an indoor track.
- Ehinger Gymnasium, located toward the back of the building, includes the Office of Recreation and Leisure Programs, which consists of several components: Aerobics, Intramural Sports, Special Events, the Sykes Fitness Center, Open Recreation, Sports Clubs, and the Outdoor Adventure Program. Each allows students the opportunity to become involved or to remain active while enrolled at WCU.

Walk past Hollinger Field House and enter Parking Lot D. The large multi-story buildings are residence halls: Tyson Hall, Goshen Hall, Wayne Hall, Schmidt Hall, Killinger Hall, University Hall, Brandywine Hall, and Allegheny Hall.
TO YOUR RIGHT YOU WILL SEE THE STUDENT RECREATION CENTER. THIS BUILDING INCLUDES:
- Fitness Center (12,000 sq ft on two levels);
- Elevated walking/jogging track;
- Multipurpose/group exercise rooms;
- Two-court gymnasium;
- Multi-activity court;
- Racquetball/squash courts;
- Three-story rock climbing wall;
- Social lounge spaces; and
- Hydration station for refreshments.

LAWRENCE CENTER
At the end of the parking lot you will see the Lawrence Center, which includes:
- The Main Dining Hall which features “All You Care to Eat” dining;
- A convenience store for miscellaneous items and snacks;
- A 50s-style diner;
- A food stand featuring Einstein Bros. Bagels;
- The Academic Advising Office, Academic Programs and Services, Academic Development, Career Development Center, Center for Academic Excellence, Dining Services, Food Services, Office of Services for Students with Disabilities, Residence Life and Housing, the Learning Assistance Resource Center, and the Women’s Center; and
- The Writing Center, which assists all students with planning and revising papers, resume and job application help, and one-on-one assistance, in a limited time session.

As you stand in Parking Lot D with your back to Lawrence Center, walk towards your right on the pathway that takes you past the residence halls. The pathway will lead you past University and Brandywine halls and between Wayne Hall — currently the temporary home of the History Department, Distance Education Office, and Teaching, Learning, and Assessment Office — and Killinger Hall. Commonwealth Hall is our newest residence hall, which is also the home for our Student Health Center.
Continue along the pathway and you will come to West Rosedale Avenue. At this point you will be facing Sykes Student Union. Cross the street at the designated walkway and enter the student union.

**SYKES STUDENT UNION**

Within the student union you will find:

- The University Bookstore;
- The SSI Service Window, where students get ID cards, purchase movie tickets, student event tickets, subway tokens and more;
- A 350-seat theater for second run movies shown on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings;
- The Office of Multicultural Affairs, which provides a supportive environment and promotes the academic achievement and personal well-being of a range of student populations;
- Sykes Information Desk;
- Ram’s Head Food Court offering à la carte dining options including Chik-Fil-A, pizza, salads, sandwiches, hamburgers, etc. Meal plan options include the Ram E-Card, Ram Bucks, and other meal options on campus;
- Student lounge areas and ballroom space for student events and meetings on the second floor and the upper floors;
- The Office of Student Leadership and Involvement, as well as additional space for student organization offices.

As you exit Sykes Student Union, turn right and walk down the ramp. The Office of Admissions is the second house on the right. End North Campus Tour.

You have now gone full circle and have toured West Chester University’s North Campus. If you would like to see more, please follow the attached directions to East and South Campuses. **We hope you have enjoyed the tour.**
DIRECTIONS TO EAST CAMPUS

To get to East Campus by car, turn RIGHT onto Rosedale Avenue upon exiting the Office of Admissions parking lot. Follow Rosedale Avenue through the first traffic light (High Street) and make the first RIGHT into the driveway leading to the parking lot.

ELSIE O. BULL CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The Elsie O. Bull Center for the Arts is located at the intersection of Rosedale Avenue and High Street. You will also find the Swope Music Building and the Performing Arts Center.

- Renovated in 2011, the E.O. Bull Center for the Arts now houses the Departments of Art + Design as well as Theatre & Dance.
- The Center features new art studios for print making, painting, photography, sculpture (including woodshop and welding), and ceramics and a 2,000 square foot art gallery.
- Here, theatre students can perfect their craft in new dance studios, acting rooms, a makeup room, and a costume studio.
- Two new theatres within the center allow a wider range of performances than ever before.

SWOPE MUSIC BUILDING AND THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

- Located on High Street adjacent to the Bull Center, the Swope Music Building and the Performing Arts Center was built in 2007 to accommodate a growing number of students interested in music, theatre, and dance. It includes a 375-seat performance hall as well as a 125-seat recital hall, an art gallery, and the Presser Music Library.
- Named after the University’s second longest tenured president, Dr. Charles S. Swope (1935-1959), who was instrumental in the transformation from a State Teachers’ College to a comprehensive Liberal Arts Institution, it provides more than 45 practice rooms for students.
DIRECTIONS TO SOUTH CAMPUS

To get to South Campus by car, turn LEFT onto Rosedale Avenue upon exiting the Admissions Office parking lot. Follow Rosedale Avenue to the first traffic light. Turn LEFT onto South New Street. You will travel through a residential area and will reach the South Campus Complex in approximately ¾ of a mile.

STURZEBECKER HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER

The Sturzebecker Health Science Center is the home of the Athletics Department and the Sports Information Office as well as the Departments of Health, Kinesiology, and Sports Medicine. Also found here is a gymnasium, dance studio, nutrition lab, weight rooms, swimming pools, athletic training rooms, and a ROPEs course.

The Department of Nursing has temporarily moved to 930 E. Lincoln Highway in Exton.

JOHN A. FARRELL STADIUM

Farrell Stadium is the home for the majority of WCU sporting events, including Football and Track and Field.

SOUTH CAMPUS HOUSING COMPLEX AND THE VILLAGE

South Campus Housing Complex and the Village at WCU are fully furnished air-conditioned apartments, housing upper classmen, transfer, and graduate students.
The best way to experience campus is to visit us for a guided tour. Can’t make it back to campus? Check out the virtual tour on our website.

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