

# *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](http://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!***

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*"Self-Guided and Virtual Tours" then "Start Virtual Experience" to get started.*

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## BEGIN WALKING TOUR – NORTH CAMPUS

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

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### 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 and Chemistry Departments, as well as Pre-Med advisement.
- 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, and a greenhouse.
- Houses an observatory as well as the Mather Planetarium.
- Includes the Earth and Space Sciences and Physics Departments.

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

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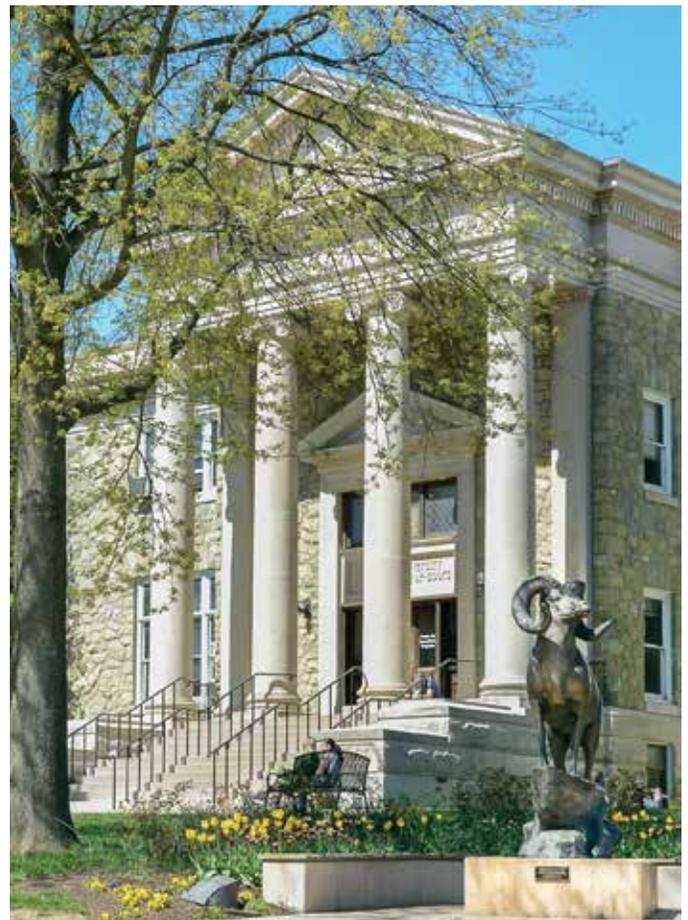
### OLD LIBRARY

- 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.

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*As you face the Old Library, cross over Church Street, turn left and walk towards **Anderson Hall**.*

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## ANDERSON HALL

- Houses the Academic Computing Center, IT Help Desk, Philosophy, and History Departments, as well as the office of the Dean of the College of Science and Mathematics.
- Student accessible computer labs are located on the first floor.
- Built in 1938. Named after Robert Anderson, a WCU graduate who returned and taught in the Mathematics Department for 40 years.

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

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## 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, and Literacy.
- 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 Starbucks coffee shop.





## 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).
- Houses Liberal and Professional Studies, English, Communication Studies, and the Women's and Gender Studies Departments, and the office of the Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities.
- More than 20 classrooms and WCU's largest lecture hall (which seats 390).

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

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## 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 Vice 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."



## 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.



## RUBY JONES HALL

*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 Department of Political Science and the Office of Student Conduct..

*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 and the department of Language and Cultures.
- It is also the location of the West Chester University ELS Language Center.



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*Past Mitchell Hall is our newest building the*  
**Business and Public Management Center.**

*Opened in January 2017*

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## BUSINESS AND PUBLIC MANAGEMENT CENTER

- This five-story facility is home to the departments of accounting, criminal justice, economics and finance, geography and planning, management, marketing, and public policy and administration.
- It also houses the Cottrell Entrepreneurial Leadership Center, the Center for Social and Economic Public Policy Research, and the Geographic Information Systems and Spatial Analysis Center.
- The center has 23 multimedia classrooms, five collaborative classrooms, 13 classrooms with tiered seating, a 189-seat lecture hall, five seminar/conference rooms, and 137 offices. Faculty offices border the perimeter of the upper levels, creating warm and personal spaces to mentor, teach, and write.
- The main corridors of the three academic floors have been designed with alcoves, where students can study alone or work in small groups.





## PEOPLES BUILDING

- Built in 1969, it houses the Psychology Department and Public Safety Offices.
- Public Safety is the umbrella office for Police Services, Residence Hall Security, and Parking Enforcement. Each division is responsible for enforcing all laws, rules, and regulations in order to ensure a safe campus environment.

- Police Services employs 25 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 12 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.

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

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## 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.

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*Walk past Hollinger Field House and enter Parking Lot D. The large multi-story buildings are residence halls: **Tyson Hall, Goshen Hall, Schmidt Hall, Killinger Hall, University Hall, Brandywine Hall, and Allegheny Hall.***

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## STUDENT RECREATION CENTER

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
- Smoothie Bar

## 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 Pre-Major Academic Advising Office, Academic Development, Career Development Center, Dining Services, Food Services, Office of Services for Students with Disabilities, Residence Life and Housing, the Learning Assistance Resource Center, and the Center for Women and Gender Equality, the Counseling Center, and New Student Programs.



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*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 Hall, Brandywine Hall, Killinger Hall and Commonwealth Hall**, which is our newest residence hall and is also the home for our Student Health Center and Service Learning and Volunteer Programs.*

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North Campus Housing at WCU: What's the difference between Traditional & Affiliated?

Traditional (Tyson, Goshen, Killinger & Schmidt Halls)	Affiliated (Allegheny, Brandywine, Commonwealth, & University Halls)
Traditional-style living with community bathrooms	Suite-style living with semi-private bathrooms
University owned and operated	Privately owned and operated by WCU Foundation
Occupancy agreement	Lease agreement
Billed with tuition by West Chester University	Billed separately by University Student Housing
All rooms are air conditioned	All suites have individual heat and air conditioning

*Continue along the pathway and you will come to West Rosedale Avenue. At this point you will be facing Sykes Student Union and standing in front of Wayne Hall. Cross the street at the designated walkway and enter the student union.*

**SYKES STUDENT UNION**

Within the student union you will find:

- The Campus 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 Lawrence A. Dowdy Multicultural Center, 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 the Center for Student Involvement.



*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.



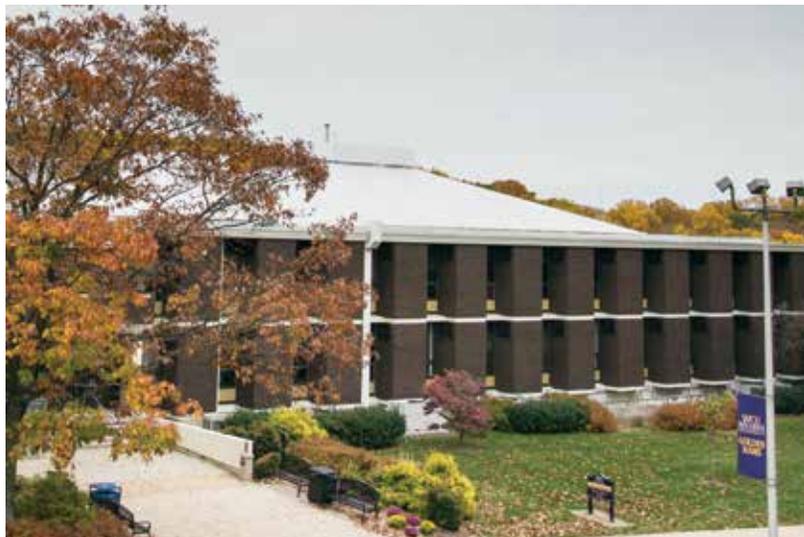
### SWOPE MUSIC BUILDING AND THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

- 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  $\frac{3}{4}$  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.

*Thank you for visiting*  
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