

The Center for International Programs (CIP) is the designated office on campus to provide special assistance, advising and programming for the members of the WCU international community. The CIP is familiar with the challenges of living in a culture outside your own and are prepared to assist you during the period of your stay on campus.

1. International Student Programs and Services

- Timely, professional advising on facilitating compliance with U.S. Immigration regulations.
- Special programming for students and scholars to help with integration and adjustment into the academic, cultural, and social life of WCU.
- Coordinates events on and off campus designed to give students an opportunity to get involved in campus life.

2. English as a Second Language (ESL)

- INTERLINK Language Center offers Intensive English, cultural orientation, and academic preparation that is humanistic, experiential, and engaging.

3. Study Abroad and Student Exchange

- Education Abroad opportunities in over 50 countries are offered by WCU faculty members and affiliate organizations.
- Exchange agreements with universities around the world.
- Study Abroad opportunities and exchange programs with a number of universities provide for a vibrant internationally minded campus.

WEST CHESTER GOES GLOBAL!

West Chester University is committed to comprehensive internationalization focused on providing opportunities for students to achieve global literacy, international education, and cultural exchange. The Center for International Programs is dedicated to implementing the vision of comprehensive internationalization.



WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY: VITAL STATS

- A public, regional, comprehensive institution, founded in 1871, West Chester University is the fourth largest university in the Philadelphia region.
- One of the 14 universities that comprise Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education.
- Approximately 16,011 (as of fall '14) degree seeking students: specifically, 2,165 graduate students and 13,846 undergraduate.
- Organized into five colleges: Arts and Sciences; Business and Public Affairs; Education; Health Sciences; and Visual and Performing Arts.
- Currently offers more than 116 undergraduate, 86 master's degree programs, and a doctorate of nursing practice taught by 658 full-time and 277 part-time faculty.
- International students come from over 74 different countries and are served by the Center for International Programs.
- Average class size is 25-30 with a student to faculty ratio of 20:1.
- Over 300 students study abroad with official University exchange partnerships in Asia, Africa, Europe, and Central and South America.



GET INVOLVED!

Academics are important, but life at West Chester University is not just about your classes, it's also about making friends and experiencing new things. In addition to your studies, your tie at WCU is an opportunity to get involved in campus life. Whether you are looking to join a club, take a trip off campus, visit a museum, or help educate your fellow students about your home country, there is something for everyone. There are many events and organizations in which you can participate such as International Education Week, IFest, and the many culturally based student organizations.



What International Students Need to Know

- Students must receive a formal admission letter to West Chester University before any immigration document will be issued.
- All I-20's are mailed first class and takes an average of 7-10 days for delivery. We will e-mail your SEVIS number to you once your I-20 has been issued. This number will allow you to make a visa appointment at the U.S. Embassy.
- Proof of financial support must be a financial statement or letter from your financial institution. The statement must have your name or the name of your sponsor. If you have a sponsor, a letter from his/her employer is required that must include the sponsor's annual income and length of employment. It must be a current statement that shows evidence of funding to cover the estimated annual education expenses.
- All international students are required to purchase and maintain adequate health insurance coverage as required to maintain your legal status.

The amount of financial support varies each year depending on the tuition costs. Tuition is set each year in July for the following academic year. For the 2014-2015 academic year, the estimated expenses posted on your I-20 and for which you must show support are as follows:

| Undergraduate | Graduate |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Tuition\$17,050 | Tuition\$12,258 |
| Fees \$2,693.80 | Fees \$2,596.50 |
| Living Expenses\$12,000 | Living Expenses\$12,000 |
| Insurance \$1,188 | Insurance \$1,188 |
| TOTAL \$32,931.80 | TOTAL \$28,042.50 |

There are a limited number of competitive Graduate Assistantships available to offset tuition costs. Additional competitive and limited undergraduate international student scholarships may also be available for those starting fall 2015.



“I want to personally welcome you to explore the many outstanding academic programs, student opportunities, and lively internationally supportive campus at West Chester University. If you need assistance, please feel free to reach out to me personally or to our excellent staff in the Center for International Programs.”

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ACADEMICS: RANKINGS, ACCREDITATIONS, AND QUALITY!

- Over 20 programs have attained national and international accreditation. The University's business programs hold prestigious international accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).
- West Chester University is ranked by *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* as a "Best Value" among the country's top 100 public universities for its top-flight academics and affordable costs. In 2014, Kiplinger's also rated West Chester as #14 in the United States for all public universities under \$30,000/year.
- West Chester University has the only School of Music in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. Fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music, it is among a small number of prestigious "All Steinway" schools worldwide.
- The Masters in Applied Statistics (Mathematics) is one of the most competitive programs nationally.
- In the College of Health Sciences, the Master's program in Public Health (MPH) created the first accredited track in integrative health in the country.
- Education remains the most popular major among the University's undergraduate and graduate students.
- The Science, Mathematics, and Tech programs – Biology, Pre-Med, Chemistry, Computer Science, Pre-Engineering/Physics, and Mathematics (including Applied Statistics and Actuarial Science) – are highly competitive programs at both the undergraduate and graduate level.
- Every year, the University conducts the nation's largest conference devoted exclusively to poetry.
- West Chester University created the first pharmaceutical product development program in the country through extensive dialog with key industry leaders.
- The University's computer science program is one of only a handful (1%) of college and university programs certified by the National Security Agency.



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