

International Student Transfer Fact Sheet – 2015/16



Why transfer to WCU?

West Chester University is a public, regional comprehensive institution founded in 1871 and located 25 miles west of Philadelphia in West Chester, PA. It is the largest institution in the 14-member Pennsylvania State System and is the fourth largest university in the Philadelphia region. WCU is consistently placed by US News & World Report in the Top Public Schools (North) and Regional Universities (North) rankings.

WCU offers more than 100 undergraduate degrees and 86 Master's degree programs organized into five colleges: Arts and Sciences; Business and Public Affairs; Education; Health Sciences; and Visual and Performing Arts – a full list of undergraduate programs can be found on the following website: <http://www.wcupa.edu/academics/programs/>

West Chester University is committed to comprehensive internationalization with a focus on providing opportunities for students to achieve global literacy, international education, and cultural exchange. West Chester University's 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.

Undergraduate Admission Requirements:

- Minimum GPA: 2.0 (some majors may have higher entry requirements)
- No minimum number of credits to transfer, though students with fewer than 30 college-level credits will be asked to supply a credential evaluation of high school qualifications
- TOEFL (iBT) score of 80 or overall IELTS band 6.0 required to satisfy English language requirements
 - TOEFL/IELTS requirement waived if 30 college-level credits have been completed at a US institution to include satisfactory grades in Composition I and II.
- Rolling admissions, but it is recommended that Spring semester applications are submitted by 1 November, and Fall semester applications by 1 May.

Scholarship opportunities: Provost's Scholarship for Global

Diversity and Academic Achievement: a limited number of these competitive \$2000 awards are available, renewable for one more year based upon academic merit

- **Requirement 1:** Successful admission to WCU
- **Requirement 2:** Student must be on an F-1 visa transferring to WCU
- **Requirement 3:** Overall 3.0 GPA from the transfer institution

Campus Fast Facts

- **Approximately 16,611 students enrolled (Fall '15) – 14,226 undergraduate; 2,385 graduate**
- **More than 116 undergraduate majors to choose from**
- **Average class size is 25-30**
- **Student to faculty ratio of 20:1**
- **Located in suburban West Chester, PA – only 35 minutes from Philadelphia**
- **F-1 student enrollment: 150+ students from over 40 countries (Fall '15)**
- **Over 300 student clubs and organizations are active on campus**
- **More than 1,700 students transfer to WCU every year**
- **As a transfer student from a community college, many of your classes will transfer into WCU**
- **WCU's Center for International Programs (CIP) is an office dedicated to international student programming and assistance**
- **Internship opportunities across all majors**
- **On-campus Career Development Center**

Tuition Information: For the 2015-2016 academic year, the estimated undergraduate expenses posted on your I-20 and for which you must show support are as follows:

Tuition: \$17,650
Fees: \$2,779.56
Living Expenses (approximate): \$12,000
Insurance: \$750

TOTAL: \$33,179.56

Housing: On-campus housing is available for international students who indicate interest on the application form. Most transfer students are housed on WCU's South Campus in either the Village or East Village Apartments. More information can be found here: <http://www.wcuhousing.com/>

Services for International Students: WCU's Center for International Programs (CIP) provides language assistance, advising, and programming for members of WCU's international community. For more information on this office, please refer to its website: <http://www.wcupa.edu/international/>

Transportation Information for Commuter Students: Parking on-campus is available to commuting students with a permit. In addition, there is also an Exton Train Station shuttle bus service which runs numerous times a day. SEPTA Bus 104 also has a stop on campus.

Extracurricular Opportunities: There are over 300 clubs and organizations to include 24 NCAA Division II athletic teams, 20 club sports, and 10 intramural sports. Service learning is also a vital part of the WCU experience, with over 812,000 hours of community service logged by students last year.

Employment Opportunities: On-campus employment is possible as long as WCU and/or USCIS are notified. CPT and OPT are also options. Please see the following website for additional information:
<http://www.wcupa.edu/international/f1StudentEmployment.aspx>

Undergraduate Degree Programs

Arts & Sciences

- Anthropology and Sociology
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Communication Studies
- Computer Science
- English
- Geology and Astronomy
- History
- Languages and Cultures
- Liberal Studies
- Mathematics
- Pharmaceutical Product Development
- Philosophy
- Physics and Physics/Engineering
- Pre-Medical Program
- Psychology
- Women's and Gender Studies

Business & Public Affairs

- 5 different Business concentrations: Accounting, Economics & Finance, Management, Marketing
- Criminal Justice
- Geography and Planning
- Political Science
- Social Work

Education

- Early Grades Education
- Middle Grades Education
- Secondary Education
- Special Education

Health Sciences

- Communicative Disorders
- Respiratory Care
- Environmental Health
- Public Health: Health Promotion
- Exercise Science: Pre-Physical Therapy, Pre-Occupational Therapy, Pre-Chiropractic Therapy
- Nutrition and Dietetics

Visual and Performing Arts

- Music: Performance, Theory & Composition, Education
- Art (BFA): Graphic + Interactive Design, Studio Arts (Painting/Drawing, Sculpture/Crafts, General Studio)
- Theatre

Learn More!



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