Dear Class of 2020,
Welcome to the Pride Experience! We look forward to having you as an active member of the Widener community. The Office of Student Life has planned multiple exciting and educational events for you.

The Pride Experience is a multifaceted program designed to prepare you for a successful college experience and introduce you to the tools needed to succeed academically and socially at Widener. We will also help you and your family identify resources available to help guide you through this important transition period.

There are two mandatory parts of the program:
- **Pride Experience One: Registration** — The Pride Experience begins with registration—a day-long program. You will register for fall classes, take academic placement tests, learn about the various resources available at Widener, and get an in-depth preview of Pride Experience Two—all while meeting other first-year students and student CREW leaders. Parents will have the opportunity to meet with university administrators to learn about the resources available to guide them in supporting first-year students. The sessions during Pride Experience One: Registration are designed with you in mind, so you can meet in small groups and have all your individual questions answered by our student leaders and professional staff.

- **Pride Experience Two: Orientation** — This begins on Tuesday, August 23, when you move into your residence halls assisted by Widener staff, faculty, and students. This four-day program is packed with social events and essential academic information. CREW leaders will guide all new students (commuters and residents) through the program ending Friday, August 26. Attendance from August 23 to August 26 is mandatory. Attendance on Saturday, August 27 and Sunday, August 28 is optional. Please refer to your *Pride Experience* booklet or [www.widener.edu/pridexp](http://www.widener.edu/pridexp) for a complete schedule and answers to frequently asked questions.

There also are optional pre-orientation programs to help you acclimate to college life more easily and get to know your future classmates better.

The pre-orientation programs are:
- **The 1821 Experience**: Students explore how multiculturalism adds to the Widener experience and gain connections to the campus, community, and each other.
- **Project Lead**: Students expand leadership development through assessments, teambuilding exercises, and the creation of a civic engagement project.

These pre-orientation programs are sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs and the Office of Civic Engagement.

These programs enable you to meet other students, learn about campus resources, engage with faculty and staff, and get involved in fun activities and events. We encourage you to take advantage of all the opportunities offered during the Pride Experience. These programs will prepare you for a successful first year at Widener University. The Office of Student Life looks forward to seeing your future contributions to campus life.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Michele Craig, EdD
Assistant Dean for Student Life
Dear Widener Student and Family,

Welcome! You are about to begin your first semester as a Widener student and no doubt your family shares this sense of excitement. Please know that Widener faculty, administrators, and staff are eager to assist you in every way as you make the transition to life and learning in our supportive campus community. Widener offers an education that prepares students to be engaged, civic-minded citizens who can succeed in the global society in which they will live. Living, studying, and collaborating with others who are different is the most essential building block of the multicultural skill set necessary for global citizenship. Our student population reflects the full diversity and challenge of the whole human race.

During the college years, a student needs other people to provide support, pay attention, and listen so they can find answers to their own questions. Ultimately, my job as dean of students is to ensure undergraduate students have all the tools and resources they need to be their best selves, answer those questions, and fully achieve their potential. It is our work to see that everything done in the classroom, in residence halls, in co-curricular programs, in relationships, and in knowledge gained reflects the key components of the Widener experience and to combines academic quality with career preparation and a commitment to community service.

Living in a university community means that some challenges will require important decisions and I urge you to talk together as a family about issues such as expectations for alcohol use, how often you will communicate with one another by phone and text and how you expect to share with one another your interests, concerns and worries about college life before and during your first year.

Finally, I want to share our approach regarding contacting parents. Because we believe college students are young adults learning to be responsible for their own lives, we usually work directly with them. It is not our practice to contact parents or guardians unless the sharing of a problem is necessary to protect the student or others from serious harm or we need your help with a comprehensive plan to deal with problem behavior. If there are serious and/or frequent violations of handbook regulations, or if your student is reluctant to obtain assistance for problem behaviors, we will share this information with the parent/guardian, usually with the student’s knowledge. In most alcohol related cases, parents can expect to be notified if their son or daughter has a second or third alcohol-related violation so they can join the university in evaluating the situation. In the case of medical emergencies, parents will be contacted with or without the student’s knowledge.

We encourage you to keep in close touch with your son or daughter throughout the year, as the first year of university life is where the transition and adjustments are the greatest. Remember that there will be virtually unlimited opportunities for engagement and leadership for your son or daughter, so please encourage them to get involved in the life of the community and to reach out for assistance should they need it. We are eager to assist both you and your child in every way as your child makes the transition to life at Widener.

Warm wishes as you embark on this important journey together,

Denise Gifford, EdD
Associate Provost and Dean of Students
**Student Schedule** *(Locations and times subject to change)*

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*Please don’t forget to turn in your Pride Experience One: Registration Evaluation to a CREW Leader.*
Frequently asked questions about the Pride Experience

How is Pride Experience One: Registration different from Pride Experience Two: Orientation?
During Pride Experience One: Registration, the main goals are: 1) to select classes, 2) complete placement testing, and 3) learn what to expect in the fall during Pride Experience Two: Orientation. Pride Experience Two: Orientation is your official welcome to the campus community. You will make new friends while learning about campus resources, academic and community expectations, and how to make the most of your Widener experience!

Is there a special schedule for commuter students?
Yes! Commuters will have the majority of their sessions with residential students, but there will be certain sessions tailored to their needs. The commuter schedule accommodates the need for potential evening travel.

I’m a transfer student and went through orientation at my last university. Am I required to attend orientation at Widener?
Every school is different, so we require transfer students to attend orientation to learn about our unique programs. Transfer students will be contacted by the Admissions Office regarding whether they attend traditional orientation on August 26–29 or transfer orientation on August 21.

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### Pride Experience Two: Orientation

Orientation is mandatory for all students new to Widener. Orientation runs from Tuesday, August 23, through Friday, August 26. Classes begin Monday, August 29.

This is an advance schedule with key events for orientation and is subject to change. You will receive a final schedule when you check in on August 26. Be sure to consult the final schedule during orientation.

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<td>9:00 am–2:00 pm</td>
<td><strong>Orientation Check-in: “Welcome Home” (University Center Atrium)</strong></td>
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<td>New students residing on campus will pick up their orientation schedule, residence hall keys and student IDs.</td>
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<td><strong>Lunch (Dining Hall)</strong></td>
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<td>3:00–3:30 pm</td>
<td><strong>Commuter Student Check-In (University Center Atrium)</strong></td>
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<td>New Commuter Students will check in and pick up their Orientation schedules. This is also an opportunity to meet the CREW and ask questions prior to going to the Commuter Meeting.</td>
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<td><strong>Welcome Remarks (Outside Old Main/Rain Location: Dining Hall)</strong></td>
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<td>This marks the beginning of the Fall Orientation program. Students, family and friends are invited to join President Julie E. Wollman as she welcomes you to the Widener University community.</td>
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<td><strong>Families Say Goodbye (Outside Old Main/Rain Location: Dining Hall)</strong></td>
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<td>Take this time to kiss your family goodbye! It’s now time to embark on your Widener Experience!</td>
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<td>4:00–7:00 pm</td>
<td><strong>Pride BBQ (Freshmen Quads)</strong></td>
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<td>Come out to the Freshman Quads and enjoy a BBQ while meeting your fellow classmates and participating in fun games and activities.</td>
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<td>4:00–5:00 pm</td>
<td><strong>Freshmen Day of Service Meeting (Alumni Auditorium)</strong></td>
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<td>This meeting is required for all freshmen living in Living Learning Communities.</td>
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<td>6:00–6:45 pm</td>
<td><strong>Commuter Meeting (Alumni Auditorium)</strong></td>
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<td>New commuter students will learn about resources created just for them and learn what to expect during the first day of Orientation and hear from the Office of Student Life.</td>
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7:00 pm  **Widener Welcome: Group Melrose (Lathem Hall)**
Get excited and pumped about Orientation! Learn what to expect during the first day Orientation and hear from the Office of Student Life.

7:00 pm  **Widener Welcome: Group Legacy (KLC 1)**
Get excited and pumped about Orientation! Learn what to expect during the first day Orientation and hear from the Office of Student Life.

7:00 pm  **Widener Welcome: Group Pride (Kirkbride 149)**
Get excited and pumped about Orientation! Learn what to expect during the first day Orientation and hear from the Office of Student Life.

8:30 pm  **Residence Life Floor Meetings (Residence Halls)**
During this required meeting, Resident assistants discuss the expectations and policies associated with living in a residence hall.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2016 (Mandatory)**

7:00–9:15 am  **Breakfast (Dining Hall)** (Don’t forget to bring your ID!)

9:15 am  **Morning Welcome: CREW Leader groups (various locations)**
Get excited and learn what to expect during the remaining days of Orientation.

10:15 am  **Sex Signals (Blue Wristbands) (Alumni Auditorium)**
An alcohol awareness and sex education program from the perspective of a former college student. The session mixes creativity and humor, as well as sharing personal stories and others’ exploits while under the influence.

10:15 am  **Step Up! (Black Wristbands) (Founders 109)**
An interactive bystander awareness program that provides students with the tools to speak up in emergency situations, information on providing the appropriate assistance and campus resources.

10:15 am  **Experience Widener (Yellow Wristbands) (Lathem Hall)**
Hear testimonies from current Widener students about their experiences at Widener. In addition, you will learn about how to get involved and make the most of your Widener experience.

10:15 am  **Experience Widener (White Wristbands) (Kirkbride 149)**
Hear testimonies from current Widener students about their experiences at Widener. In addition, you will learn about how to get involved and make the most of your Widener experience.

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11:30 am–1:00 pm  Lunch *(Dining Hall)*  (Don’t forget to bring your ID!)  Commuters can check in with the Office of Student Life to pick up a meal pass.

1:00 pm  **Sex Signals (Yellow Wristbands) *(Alumni Auditorium)***  An alcohol awareness and sex education program from the perspective of a former college student. The session mixes creativity and humor, as well as sharing personal stories and others’ exploits while under the influence.

1:00 pm  **Step Up! (White Wristbands) *(Founders 109)***  An interactive bystander awareness program that provides students with the tools to speak up in emergency situations, information on providing the appropriate assistance and campus resources.

11:00 am  **Honors Program in General Education Meeting *(Founders 109)***  This event is only for invited freshmen students who are accepted into the Widener Honors Program.

3:00 pm  **Hospitality Management Freshmen Bonding Excursion *(By invitation only)***  This event is for all freshmen who are majoring in Hospitality Management.

4:00–7:00 pm  **Dinner *(Dining Hall)***  Don’t forget to bring your ID!

7:30 pm  **Student Life Experience Fair *(UCTR Atrium)***  Stop by our Student Life Experience Fair to learn about various ways to get connected. Student Government Association, Commuter Student Association, Fraternity/Sorority Life, Alternative Spring Break, Pride Activities Council, PMC history and other opportunities for involvement.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2016 *(Mandatory)*

7:30–9:15 am  **Breakfast *(Dining Hall)***  (Don’t forget to bring your ID!)

9:30–10:00 am  **Morning Welcome *(Lathem Hall, Alumni Auditorium, Widener Charter School)***  Start your day in your prospective interest group and get ready to live part of Widener’s mission!

- Leadership Track Multicultural/Pluralism Track *(Alumni Auditorium/Widener Charter School Auditorium)*
- Civic Engagement Track *(Lathem Auditorium)*

10:00 am–5:00 pm  **Follow the Schedule for your Assigned Track**

11:30 am–1:30 pm  Lunch *(Dining Hall)*  Students will attend lunch based on the schedule for their assigned track.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2016 *(Mandatory)*

7:30–9:00 am  **Breakfast *(Dining Hall)***  (Bring your ID!)

9:30–10:45 am  **Convocation *(Bown Garden)***  Convocation marks the official start of your academic career at Widener, and serves as the bookend to Commencement. Faculty will be present in academic regalia; please dress appropriately for this event.

11:00 am–1:00 pm  **First Year Student Advising Sessions**  Arts & Sciences, Alumni Auditorium  Education, 205 Founders Hall  Business Administration, Kapelski Lecture Hall 1  Engineering, 149 Kirkbride Hall  Exploratory Studies, Old Main Annex—Room 201  Hospitality Management, Marriott Dining Room, ACN Center for Social Work Education, 122 Bruce Hall  Nursing, Founders Hall 109

12:30–2:00 pm  **Lunch *(Dining Hall)***  During this time, students will also be able to relax, settle into their rooms, explore campus and take care of any business relating to Widener University.

12:30 pm  **Honors Program in General Education Lunch *(KLC Portico)***  Lunch for students who have been accepted in the Honors Program.
Pride Experience Two: Orientation

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2016 (Mandatory)

1:30 pm  Academic Success & Campus Cruiser (Alumni Auditorium and Founders 109) Come learn about the resources available to aid in your student success. In addition, learn how to use Campus Cruiser and take an optional campus tour.

3:30 pm  Academic Success & Campus Cruiser (Alumni Auditorium and Founders 109) Come learn about the resources available to aid in your student success. In addition, learn how to use Campus Cruiser and take an optional campus tour.

4:00–7:00 pm  Dining Hall (Dining Hall) Dinner will be provided free of charge for new students. (Don’t forget to bring your ID!)

8:00 pm  Evening Activity (Alumni Auditorium)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2016 (Optional)

10:00 am–1:30 pm  Brunch (Dining Hall) Brunch will be provided to students with a meal plan. (Don’t forget to bring your ID)

11:00 am  Shuttles to Walmart and King of Prussia Mall
Meet in front of the Wolfgram Library for the buses leaving for King of Prussia Mall. The Shuttles for Walmart leave at various times throughout the day.

12:00 pm  Volleyball Game (UCTR Sand Volleyball Court)

2:00–3:00 pm  BINGO (Lathem Hall)
Don’t expect your grandma’s Bingo—come out for twenty rounds of BINGO and win some AMAZING prizes.

4:30–7:00 pm  Dinner (Dining Hall) (Don’t forget to bring your ID!)

5:00–7:00 pm  SGA Freshmen Social (Freshmen Quads)
End Orientation with games, music, food and friends outside of your residence halls. Meet the members of SGA and see how you can get involved.

8:00 pm  Evening Activity (Alumni Auditorium)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2016 (Optional)

10:00 am–1:30 pm  Brunch (Dining Hall) (Don’t forget to bring your ID!)

3:00–7:00 pm  Welcome Back Bash (Kapelski Portico Behind Kapelski Learning Center)
Join the Pride Activities Council as it welcomes back the entire Widener University community for dinner, live music, entertainment, and giveaways throughout the night.

4:00 pm  Reception for Humanities Majors (PMC Museum – Alumni Auditorium)
Join the faculty from the various Humanities departments for a small reception.

Be sure to review your events calendar for campus activities. Students will receive their official schedule during check-in.
Pre- and Post-Orientation Programs for New and Transfer Students

The 1821 Experience

Multicultural Student Affairs (MSA) Pre-Orientation Program

The Multicultural Student Affairs Pre-Orientation Program will run from August 18–22 prior to the general orientation program. It is specifically designed for students from diverse backgrounds but open to all incoming new and transfer students. The program provides opportunities for students to:

- Become a member of the Widener University community before the beginning of the academic year.
- Residential students can move into the residence halls early.
- Meet and interact with other incoming and returning students, faculty, staff, administrators, and alumni.
- Attend workshops, seminars, and discussion panels that address a variety of topics and offer strategies for a successful transition to college life.
- Become familiar with the Chester Campus and learn about the available resources for all students.
- Participate in unique group explorations and cultural immersions.

Completed MSA Pre-Orientation Program applications must be submitted to the Director of Multicultural Student Affairs no later than August 1 of each year. There is a charge of $150 per student to attend, and registration is limited to 30 students.

Contact Multicultural Student Affairs Director Michelle Meekins-Davis at mmdavis@widener.edu or 610-499-4488.

Tradition #2

Homecoming Pep Rally

During the week of Homecoming, the Student Government Association and the Pride Activities Council host a huge pep rally on Memorial field. This event includes live music, the Homecoming Court, the Organization Golf Cart Parade, student contests, live music, and lots of giveaways.
PRIDE Mentoring Program
The PRIDE Mentoring Program provides on-going support, mentoring, and guidance through individual and group workshops and personal development activities. The program supports each student’s needs and aspirations.

The program helps new students:
- Improve academic performance.
- Make connections throughout the university.
- Adjust to college life.
- Understand academic culture.
- Develop productive relationships with peers, faculty, and administrators.
- Develop leadership skills.

Program Description
The Widener University PRIDE Mentoring Program is administered by the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs within the Student Affairs Division and is designed to improve the retention and graduation rates of students that participate in the program. The Widener University PRIDE Mentoring Program provides support services to students from a wide variety of backgrounds.

The Widener University PRIDE Mentoring Program provides an opportunity for students to forge social and cultural ties essential for academic success, while strengthening identities and enhancing satisfaction with the entire undergraduate experience.

Program Participants
The Widener University PRIDE Mentoring Program is open to any incoming new or transfer student who is committed to being academically successful at Widener University by participating in an array of academic, social, cultural, and professional activities offered through the Widener University PRIDE Mentoring Program.

Features of the PRIDE Mentoring Program
- Weekly connections between protégés and mentors.
- Monthly social activities and events that are planned by protégés and mentors.
- Community service projects.
- Celebration and recognition events.

For more information on the Pride Mentoring Program, contact Michelle Meekins-Davis, Multicultural Student Affairs Director, at mmdavis@widener.edu.
**Project Lead**

The Project Lead pre-orientation program jump starts leadership development in a fun and transformational way. During the five-day program, students will learn the practices of effective leadership and understand how to promote sustainable positive change on a local and global level.

Project Lead participants engage in fun, hands-on leadership development activities, spend the day in Philadelphia learning about the leadership practices of our country’s founders, and serve members of our community at a local non-profit organization. Throughout the program, students discover or reignite their passions to contribute to our greater community and appreciate the diverse backgrounds, skills, and identities of effective leaders. Project Lead participants leave the program with a stronger understanding of their strengths and how to build and lead a team to bring about positive change. Project Lead runs from August 18 to 22, 2016. The capacity for the program is 30 students, and it costs $150.

Check the web for more information, and direct any questions to Gretchen Mielke, Assistant Dean of Civic Engagement, at 610-499-4596 or e-mail gkmielke@widener.edu.

**First-Year Common Experience**

The First-Year Common Experience brings together academics, student life activities, and community engagement around a big theme or question. The central component of the experience is a book selected by the English Department and taught in all sections of ENGL 101 as well as in other introductory courses. The academic work of reading, writing, and thinking about the book is complemented by panel discussions and lectures with faculty, staff, and community partners, art exhibits, film screenings, and excursions into Chester and Philadelphia. The goal of the First-Year Common Experience is to explore questions from multiple perspectives, share ideas and conversations not just in the classroom but beyond, and introduce students to intellectual life at Widener.

The common reading for 2016–2017 is *Letters to My Younger Self*, edited by Jayne Thompson (English Dept.) and Emily DeFreitas (student). It is an anthology of writings by incarcerated men at S.C.I. Graterford Prison. This unique book shows the power of storytelling around issues of social justice and the effects of mass incarceration in our society.

For additional information on the First-Year Common Experience, contact Janine Utell, Professor and Chair of English, at 610-499-4527, or via e-mail at jmutell@mail.widener.edu.
Welcome to Your New Home!
Residence Life: Living & Learning @ Widener

On behalf of the Office of Residence Life, welcome to Widener University’s residence halls and your new home-away-from-home! It is our pleasure to have you as a member of our residential community. Whether you are a resident student or a commuter, you are bound to spend time in our residence halls. Our residence halls are a vibrant and exciting part of campus life.

We strive to create a comfortable living environment and design our residence life program to provide opportunities for cultural, recreational, social, and academic growth. We encourage our students to contribute to our community by being open to different ways of life and teach others about their own lifestyles and background. In addition, there are programs and opportunities in our halls that will enable you to develop valuable leadership skills.

We are committed to making on-campus living a lasting influence on our students’ development. From organized activities sponsored by residence hall staff and the residence hall association, to spontaneous informal gatherings, we emphasize developing an individual’s sense of responsibility, while at the same time encouraging personal growth.

The staff members who work for Widener University’s Office of Residence Life are committed to assisting you to resolve any concerns that may arise during your time living on campus. Our live-in staff includes area coordinators, resident directors, and resident assistants. They serve as valuable resources and are trained to assist you in a variety of situations. Please do not hesitate to contact them or any staff in the central office in University Center if you need assistance. We hope that your time with us will be fulfilling and enjoyable and that we can support you in achieving your goals as a member of the Widener University community.

We look forward to seeing you at summer registration and welcoming you to your new home later this summer!

Catherine Feminella, MEd
Assistant Dean for Student Development and Engagement
Campus Housing

For those of you moving onto campus, chances are this fall will be the first time away from home and living on your own. You are probably really excited to begin a new journey but apprehensive about lots of things. As you begin to pack and prepare for the journey, you are probably concerned about classes, roommates, and your overall experience.

The key to having a successful and fulfilling college career is understanding where to find information and resources that will enhance your experience. Please read on for more details and helpful hints to prepare you for life in your home-away-from-home.

Additional information can be found on the residence life website at www.widener.edu/campus_life/living.

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There are several possible halls for freshman housing.
How do I apply for a room assignment, and when do I find out where I’ll live?
Once you are accepted to Widener, you can apply for housing online with the housing application. We ask questions about your living preferences with a roommate and other interests, and this questionnaire helps to place you with another student with similar interests. If you want to request a roommate, you must indicate that on the housing application. If you submitted applications by May 1, you should receive an e-mail correspondence about your assignment from the Office of Residence Life via CampusCruiser by July 31.

Do I have to live on campus as a freshman?
Freshmen must live on campus unless they live with parents or guardians within 25 miles of the university. Freshman students who live on campus must understand that the housing application and agreement they sign is binding for the coming academic year. The effective date of your agreement is the date you sign in or occupy your residence hall space. Any additional information can be found in the Widener University Student Handbook or on the Residence Life website, www.widener.edu/campus_life/living.

What if I want a different room or roommate?
We have a room change period in the beginning of the semester. During this period, students can meet with their area coordinator and talk about the room change request. If there are vacant rooms available and the area coordinator approves the room change, the students can change rooms.

What comes with my room?
Most residence halls have the following basic amenities: a XL twin bed, desk, study chair, wardrobe, and one dresser for you and your roommate to share.* Cable television, wired and wireless Internet access, and laundry facilities are also included.

*Some residence halls may vary in furniture type; please refer to the link below for more information. www.widener.edu/campus_life/living/housing/res_halls

What should I bring?
We suggest bringing a study lamp. Although most freshman residence halls have overhead lighting, some students enjoy extra light. Be sure to bring your own cleaning supplies for your room, as housekeeping personnel clean only public areas and bathrooms.

You may also bring a refrigerator (five cubic feet or smaller) and a microwave (under 10 amps).

Please refer to the link below for more information about what to bring to campus: www.widener.edu/campus_life/living/housing/checkin.

Do I need property insurance?
You are strongly encouraged to see that you are covered under your parents’ or guardians’ homeowner policies or to take advantage of special insurance programs available for college students. The university does not assume responsibility for lost or damaged personal property. The safety of your belongings is important to us, and having insurance is the sure way to be safe. Student personal property insurance can be purchased from companies such as National Student Services, Inc. (www.nssi.com). This is something that you and your parents/guardians should discuss at length.

Where can I send or receive my mail?
The university Post Office is located in the University Center. Your address is:

Your Name
Widener University, Box #
One University Place
Chester, PA 19013

Is there a bank near campus?
TD Bank is located in University Crossings at 1410 Providence Ave. Chester, PA 19013
Phone: 610-499-3660

Hours:
Monday–Wednesday: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Thursday–Friday: 8 a.m.–6 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m.–3 p.m.
Sunday: 11 a.m.–4 p.m.
When can I move in?
Move in day is Tuesday, August 23, the first day of Pride Experience Two: Orientation. However, if you are participating in university athletics, academic organizations, or pre-orientation activities, the advisor will provide an earlier check-in date.

Where can I wash my clothes?
Each freshman residence hall has laundry facilities; you can use your ID card to pay for washing clothes. We have two kiosks on campus, and you can refill your card to do laundry.

Is there staff available in the residence hall to help me?
Yes, there are resident assistants and area coordinators who live and work in the residence halls.

■ Resident Assistants (RAs): RAs are responsible for creating a feeling of community among their residents by establishing community standards, advising roommate agreements, enforcing university policy, and being a resource to campus services and activities.

■ Area Coordinators (ACs): The AC’s primary role is to assist students in building an inclusive community to enhance personal and academic growth. The AC’s work is performed within the framework of the Residence Life mission and includes intentional efforts to interact with students, assess their needs, and promote community growth and development. Supervision of resident assistant staff and undertaking various leadership areas are also central to the area coordinator role.

How do I request housing accommodations due to a documented disability?
To request housing to accommodate a disability, please visit the website for the Office of Disabilities Services at www.widener.edu/disabilities. Please forward your request and supporting documentation to:

Widener University Disabilities Services
c/o Ms. Anna Bachus
One University Place
Chester, PA 19013
610-499-1191
apbachus@widener.edu

Accommodation requests are reviewed once all documentation is received. Please note that all deposit and application deadlines for housing must be met. Late requests will be considered on a space available basis.

Living on Campus or Commuting?
Studies show that students who live on campus benefit in the following ways: higher test scores and graduation rates; proximity to library, Pride Recreation Center, classrooms/labs, and dining hall; as well as creating friendships and memories that last a lifetime. This is why Widener’s residential policy states that freshman, sophomore, and junior full-time students must reside on campus unless they qualify for commuter status.

Students may commute from home if they live with a parent or legal guardian, and their home is within 25 miles of campus. Off-campus status is also available to married students, military veterans with two years of service, and students age 24 and older. Contact the Office of Residence Life for more information about off-campus status.

If you meet these requirements and want to change your status to “commuter,” contact the Admissions Office at 610-499-4126, then the Office of Residence Life at 610-499-4390. If you received a financial aid offer as a residential student, you also need to contact Student Financial Services at 610-499-4161.
Commuting to Campus

Be familiar with our commuter services

**Commuter Student Association (CSA)** is a group of undergraduate commuters who work with the Office of Student Life (OSL) to plan monthly events and send information updates to the commuter population. CSA also acts as the “voice” of the commuter population and represents commuters at SGA meetings and meetings with campus administrators. Students interested in being involved with CSA should contact the Office of Student Life and “friend” the Widener Commuter Student Association on Facebook.

**Free Lockers in the Library:** Wolgram Memorial Library offers free lockers that can be reserved on a semester basis to all students. Students interested in obtaining a locker should inquire at the library’s main desk. Lockers are limited and are issued on a first come first serve basis.

**Commuter Pit Stops:** Once a month, the CSA and OSL hosts Commuter Pit Stops in the Lower Level Lounge of University Center. Each pit stop is themed with a different activity ranging from trivia challenges to BINGO games. Students who participate in the pit stops have the opportunity to win prizes ranging from gift cards to movie passes!

**Commuter Card:** The Office of Student Life issues commuter cards to commuter students that can be “punched” at every commuter event. Once a card has received a maximum of “punches,” the card can be entered into a raffle at the end of each semester. There is no maximum to the amount of events you can attend or cards you can submit into the raffle. The more involved you are, the better your chances, so get involved!

**Commuter E-mail List via CampusCruiser:** All commuter students are automatically placed on the commuter e-mail list on CampusCruiser. All major announcements and updates will be sent to this commuter list, known as a “listserve.” Through the listserve, commuter students can also connect with other commuters to find car pool buddies and discuss other topics pertinent to the commuter population.

How to Get Here

**Driving:** Commuting students should know as much about Widener’s campus and its surrounding areas as resident students. Review the campus maps on page 17 and 36, and familiarize yourself with the location of buildings, landmarks, streets, and parking lots. Also, for safety and convenience, learn more than one way to get to and from school.

Since parking is at a premium at Widener, students without a specific need are advised not to bring a vehicle to campus. Both university and public transportation provide access to the entire university and surrounding areas everyday.

**Parking Permits:** If you drive, permits are required to park in campus lots. Parking permits must be obtained online at [www.widener.edu/ParkingStore](http://www.widener.edu/ParkingStore). A commuter parking permit is $150 for the academic year.

We recommend that you arrive at least 15 to 20 minutes before your classes start to ensure you get a parking place. It is your responsibility to be on time.

**Public Transportation:** Two SEPTA bus routes—Route 109 on Providence Road and Route 113 on Melrose Avenue—connect you to the region-wide mass transit network. Both serve 69th Street Terminal and the Chester Transportation Center, where you can ride the regional rail train into Center City Philadelphia.

Everything you need to know about using SEPTA is online at [www.septa.org](http://www.septa.org) or by calling 215-580-7800. Schedules are also available in University Center, and tokens are available for sale by the Student Government Association in the Bookstore.

**Campus Shuttles:** Campus Safety operates a shuttle service during the evening that takes students to key campus locations and nearby off-campus locations by request.

Shuttles run the regular route every 20 minutes starting at 6 p.m. There is also special transportation during the holiday season. Contact Campus Safety at 610-499-4200 if you have any questions, or for more information, visit [www.widener.edu/campussafety](http://www.widener.edu/campussafety).
Where to Eat?
Dining Services

Whether you’re in a hurry and need a quick bite or have the time to sit down for a real meal, Widener’s campus dining facilities have just what you need. Please note that hours listed are subject to change.

Pride Café Dining Hall
University Center, Main Floor
The Pride Café Dining Hall will be your destination for great food and good times. Whether you decide on hot pizza out of our wood-burning oven, fresh rotisserie meats, or chef-prepared meals, you will truly be in for a culinary adventure. The Pride Café offers an all-you-care-to-eat dining venue. Students have the ability to choose from a variety of freshly prepared, made-to-order options on a daily basis.

In the dining room, you can catch up with friends or check your e-mail while eating at a variety of comfortable tables, booths, and banquettes. The Pride Café is our residential restaurant.

The Pride Café accepts your Campus1Card, Dining Dollars, cash, and credit/debit cards.

Monday–Friday:
Breakfast, 7 a.m.–10 a.m.
Light Breakfast 10 a.m.–11 a.m.
Lunch, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
Light Lunch, 2 p.m.–4 p.m.
Dinner, 4 p.m.–8:30 p.m. (closes at 7 p.m. on Friday)

Saturday and Sunday:
Brunch, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Light Lunch, 2 p.m.–4 p.m.
Dinner, 4 p.m.–7 p.m.

Hours may be subject to change.

Widener Meal Plan
Students who purchase a meal plan must present their student ID card—the Campus1Card—upon entering the Pride Café. Students who do not have their Campus1Card or are not on a meal plan must use Dining Dollars, cash, or credit/debit to gain access to the Pride Café. All undergraduate students living in a residence hall will be required to purchase a meal plan. Students living off-campus may purchase a plan if they choose. More details on voluntary meal plans and adding Dining Dollars on your card is available at www.widener.campusdish.com.

Meal Plan Costs:
- Platinum Unlimited — $375 *D.D. per semester — $3,264
- Gold Unlimited — $300 D.D. per semester — $3,202
- Silver Unlimited — $200 D.D. per semester — $3,120
- 180 Residence Block Plan — $425 D.D. per semester — $2,758
- 25 + 3 Commuter Block Plan — $275 D.D. — $552
- 75 + 10 Commuter Block Plan — $525 D.D. — $1,382
- 105 + 10 Commuter Block Plan — $275 D.D. — $1,382
- 500 Dining Dollars Plan — $500

* (D.D. stands for Dining Dollars)

• Freshmen and sophomores in residence halls must purchase one of the three unlimited plans.
• Freshmen and sophomores in Metro & Harris residence hall apartments with kitchens must purchase one of the three unlimited meal plans.
• Juniors and seniors in residence halls (other than Metro & Harris residence hall apartments with kitchens) must purchase at least a 180 residence block plan.
• Juniors and seniors in Metro & Harris residence hall apartments with kitchen are not required, but may purchase a meal plan.
• Block plans (other than 180 residence) are only available to commuters and juniors and seniors in Metro & Harris Hall apartments with kitchens.
• Block plans include guest passes: 3 guest passes for 25 block plan and 10 guest passes for 75 and 105 block meal plans.
• Block meal plans must be used in the semester they are purchased. Meals and dining dollars do not carry forward to the next term.
• Commuters can purchase any available meal plan.
• You can use your meal plan in Subway, Burger Studio, Einstein Bros. Bagels, or Moe’s Southwest Grill to purchase a defined equivalent meal as part of any of the meal plans. However, if you use the swipe in the retail location, you will not be able to enter the Pride Café until the next meal period.
• Unlimited meal plan members are allowed to use the swipe as a defined meal equivalent once a day during the scheduled meal periods of breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

For more information, please go to www.widener.edu/BursarOffice.

Commuter Meal Plans
If you are commuting, you may purchase a Commuter Meal Plan from www.widener.edu/DiningStore. These plans are semester-based plans and are used during the semester they are purchased.
MacMorland Commons
MacMorland Commons, a food court, is on the main floor of University Center. Choices include:

- **P.O.D.**
  Provisions On Demand (P.O.D.) blends the features of a quick convenience corner store with modern market style and service. P.O.D. offers a variety of fresh food and produce, prepared meals, and everyday essentials. Dining Dollars, cash, and credit/debit cards are accepted.
  
  **Monday–Thursday:** 8 a.m.–midnight
  **Friday:** 8 a.m.–1 a.m.
  **Saturday:** 11 a.m.–1 a.m.
  **Sunday:** 11 a.m.–midnight

- **SUBWAY**
  SUBWAY offers quick meals that are fresh and delicious. Dining Dollars, cash, and credit/debit cards are accepted meal exchange.
  
  **Monday–Thursday:** 11 a.m.–9 p.m.
  **Friday:** 11 a.m.–9 p.m.
  **Saturday:** 4 p.m.–9 p.m.
  **Sunday:** 4 p.m.–9 p.m.

- **Burger Studio**
  Customize your fresh-off-the-grill burger, cheese steak, or chicken breast with more than 30 toppings. Dining Dollars, cash, and credit/debit cards are accepted meal exchange.
  
  **Monday–Thursday:** 11 a.m.–midnight
  **Friday:** 11 a.m.–1 a.m.
  **Saturday:** 4 p.m.–1 a.m.
  **Sunday:** 4 p.m.–midnight

- **WU Brew Café**
  Kapelski Learning Center, 1st Floor Lobby
  If you are looking for a great cappuccino or espresso, Widener’s own WU Brew Café is the place to go! Along with its gourmet coffees, market fresh smoothies, lattes, and gourmet teas, WU Brew Café also offers a delectable selection of gourmet sandwiches, salads, and pastries baked fresh daily.
  Dining Dollars, cash, and credit/debit cards are accepted.
  
  **Monday–Thursday:** 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m.
  **Friday:** 7:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

- **Kirkbride Express**
  Kirkbride, 2nd Floor
  Kirkbride Express offers “grab & go” beverages and snacks.
  Dining Dollars, cash, and credit/debit cards are accepted.
  
  **Monday–Thursday:** 7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
  **Friday:** 7:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

- **P.O.D. Express**
  Freedom Hall, 1st Floor Lobby
  P.O.D. Express offers a variety of fresh salads and sandwiches, beverages, and everyday essentials. The P.O.D. Express also features WU Brew coffee that is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
  Dining Dollars, cash, and credit/debit cards are accepted.
  
  **Monday–Thursday:** 8 a.m.–4 p.m.
  **Friday:** 8 a.m.–3 p.m.

Hours may be subject to change.

Also On Campus

- **Moe’s Southwest Grill**
  James T. Harris III Residence Hall, 15th Street
  Welcome to Moe’s! Serving fresh, awesome southwestern fare right on the campus.
  Dining Dollars, cash, and credit/debit cards are accepted meal exchange.
  **Monday–Friday:** 11 a.m.–8:30 p.m.
  **Saturday and Sunday:** 11 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
  **Catering available.**

- **Einstein Bros. Bagels**
  James T. Harris III Residence Hall, 15th Street
  Fresh baked bagels, smears, sandwiches, and more.
  Dining Dollars, cash, and credit/debit cards are accepted meal exchange.
  **Monday–Friday:** 7:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
  **Saturday and Sunday:** 8 a.m.–2 p.m.
  **Catering available.**
Achieving Academic Success

Adjusting to College
Making the transition from high school to college is a big challenge. College courses are much more demanding than high school, and it’s up to you to make the right decisions and manage your time and responsibilities.

It is important for you to recognize that college life is dramatically different from high school. The primary difference to understand is that in high school, you could simply follow rules that were strictly enforced. In college, you must choose responsibly, or you will face the consequences of actions or inactions.

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About the Syllabus
- **What is a syllabus?** It is a roadmap for the course.
- **What is included in a syllabus?** Course objectives, important dates, office hours, assignments, attendance policy, grading system, student expectations.
- **When do you need it?** Always. You should review it frequently and use it with a date planner.

Widener Lingo You Should Know
- **GPA** – Grade point average
- **Semester/Cumulative GPA**—Each semester’s average grades and total of all semesters’ average grades
- **CampusCruiser**—Widener’s way to communicate with you via e-mail and announcements
- **RA**—“Resident Assistant,” leader in the Residence Hall

Classroom Expectations of You
- Regular attendance (be prompt)
- Come to class prepared
- Turn assignments in on time
- Take notes/ask questions
- Turn off cell phones
- Participate
- RESPECT professors and other students
Study Help: Academic Support

**Academic Support Services** is comprised of programs designed to help you maximize your academic success. Participation in these programs and services is included in your tuition—no extra fee is charged for any of these services. Please take advantage of these offerings that will help you become a better student.

Academic coaching and tutoring services are available to all full-time, undergraduate day school students, and the services are located in the Pineapple House at 522 E. 14th Street.

**Academic Coaching:** Academic coaching is provided through one-on-one sessions or group meetings with a trained academic coach who will assist the student(s) in a variety of areas. Academic coaches also perform many Academic Success Workshops throughout the academic year. Any full-time undergraduate day school student can sign up to meet with an academic coach.

**Tutoring:** Tutoring services are available for undergraduate students in most academic areas. There is both a special Writing Center and a Math Center for students needing help in those subjects, and both offer day and evening hours. Tutoring is also available in science, business, history, nursing, psychology, and more. Students can sign up for tutoring by visiting the Pineapple House (522 E. 14th Street) or by going on CampusCruiser to Tutoring Office Space and complete the online request form. The list of tutors is also available on CampusCruiser.

**Office of Student Success and Retention:** This office supports the success of undergraduate students through academic monitoring and outreach to students, faculty, and staff. This office coordinates the Early Assessment program aimed at identifying at-risk freshmen. Parents and students with concerns are encouraged to call the director of Student Success and Retention at 610-499-1193.

**Writing Center:** Get personalized one-on-one help with a research paper, essay, or writing assignments by one of our faculty members, many of whom teach English courses at Widener. The Writing Center will assist any undergraduate or graduate Widener University student.

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Other assistance is available from the Office of Academic Support Services:

- **Disabilities Services** assists students with learning disabilities, physical disabilities, or psychological disabilities. This office works cooperatively with students to ensure that all students have an equal opportunity to access academic programs and other aspects of university life.

- **The Counseling Center** provides students access to counseling, psychotherapy, education, assessment, and psychiatric services.

- **Career Services** offers students a breadth of services in person and online. Our staff is ready to help students in many ways: choosing a major; exploring the different career paths available for that major; guidance for writing résumés, cover letters, and thank you notes; finding internships, co-ops, or jobs; selecting and applying for graduate schools; and assistance with professional skills such as dining etiquette, professional dress, or networking. We offer one-on-one coaching sessions, workshops, special programs, classroom and organization presentations, website tools, career fairs, and handouts.

## The Wolfgram Library

The Wolfgram Memorial Library is a great place to study quietly, to work with others, and find help with your research. To enter the library and use its services, you must bring your Campus1Card student ID card. The 14-digit barcode located on the back of the Campus1Card is used for the library.

The library supports the main campus academic programs of Widener University with a collection of 200,000 print volumes, 135,000 e-books, 200 current print periodical subscriptions, and more than 5,600 electronic periodical subscriptions, 174,000 microforms, access to more than 80 online databases, and a diverse collection of audiovisual and multimedia materials.

A team of 8 faculty librarians and 19 staff members keeps the library open an average of 95.5 hours per week to assist students and faculty with effective use of these services. They are here to help you!

### Regular Semester Hours

- Monday–Thursday: 7:30 a.m.–11:30 p.m.
- Friday: 7:30 a.m.–8 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Sunday: 12 noon–11:30 p.m.

For schedules during non-semester times and more information, visit [www.widener.edu/wolfgram](http://www.widener.edu/wolfgram)
Information Technology Services

24 hours, 7 days a week, 365 days a year
technical support at www.widener.edu/its

The Office of Information Technology Services (ITS) offers members of the Widener University community 24/7 Helpdesk Support.

- Search the KNOWLEDGE BASE for easy to find answers to commonly asked questions.
- Pick up a phone and call your campus helpdesk number to TALK to a support specialist 24/7/365!

Student Technology Support Center

Having a technology problem? The Student Technology Support Center (STSC) is a walk-in support center where students can go for assistance with their computers and mobile devices. No appointment is necessary.

Hours: 3:00–10:00 p.m. Monday–Thursday, and 3:00–6:00 p.m. on Friday.
Location: University Center Computer Lab (Lower Level)
Helpdesk Phone number: 610-499-1202
Helpdesk E-mail: helpdesk@widener.edu

Internet/Network Information

Wireless Internet access is currently available in all student areas, including academic buildings, dormitories, and social areas.

Each student is required to register his or her devices on the Widener Network through Campus Manager. (Instructions are on the USB Flash Drive given to you at Summer Registration.)

The Virtual Student Computing Office in CampusCruiser is the place to go for lab hours, to change your password, CampusCruiser tutorials, discounted hardware and software, and more. From the My Cruiser page, choose Student Computing under My Offices.

Game Systems can be registered on the network. (Instructions are on the USB Flash Drive given to you at Summer Registration.)

Campus Safety

Centrally located on the ground level of Old Main, the Campus Safety Department provides 24-hour-per-day, 7-day-a-week service and protection. The department uses highly visible officers on bicycles, vehicles, and foot patrols. The campus is closely monitored via surveillance cameras; emergency call stations are located throughout the campus.

All of Widener’s officers receive mandatory on-the-job and in-service training and are certified by the American Red Cross in First Aid, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), and how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

Widener enjoys an excellent working relationship with the City of Chester Police Department, which has primary police jurisdiction for the Main Campus.

Services Offered by Campus Safety include:

- Campus safety officers will escort students for individual protection.
- Transportation to nearby medical facilities for emergencies.
- Two shuttle buses that circulate the campus three times per hour from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on weekdays and until 3:00 a.m. on weekends. Shuttles also provide transportation to nearby off-campus locations.
- Accessible shuttle that provides shuttle transportation for students with physical disabilities between 6:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. on weekdays and until 3:00 a.m. on weekends. Van service can be scheduled by calling Campus Safety at 610-499-4200, 20 minutes ahead of desired pick-up time.
Your Campus1Card is your official university student photo ID. It grants you access to the Wolfgram Library, academic buildings, the Pride Recreation Center, your residence hall, meal plan, and your Pride Bucks debit account. Even if you’re a commuter, be sure to carry your card with you at all times for entry into various buildings and campus events.

Replacement cards are $25 if yours is lost, damaged, or stolen, so treat your card with care. For more information regarding your Campus1Card, visit www.widener.edu/campus1cardoffice.

For assistance or questions, stop by the Campus1Card office in the Enrollment Services Center, Lipka Hall, or call 610-499-4161. During the academic year, Lipka Hall is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Contact the Office of Campus Safety at 610-499-4200 for assistance outside of business hours.

Features of the Campus1Card

Debit Accounts:
- Dining Dollars—this account is activated when a student has a resident or commuter meal plan. Dining dollars can be used in any ARAMARK food service location on campus.

(Please note: Dining Dollars that are associated with the resident meal plans are to be used during the academic year, which ends on the last day of exams in May. They do not roll over into future years. Dining Dollars associated with commuter meal plans must be used in the semester they are purchased.)

- PRIDE Bucks—a declining balance account in which money is placed on the Widener University Campus1Card and can be used in the following locations:

  On Campus:
  - Campus Bookstore, Vending Machines, ARAMARK Food Service Locations
  - Laundry Facilities (Resident Students)
  - Student Health Center
  - Printing & Copying
  - Parking & Library Fines (Enrollment Services)

  Off Campus:
  Visit www.widener.edu/campus1cardoffice for locations.

Deposits can be made to your PRIDE Bucks account at any time through the Office of Enrollment Services by cash or check, or at any one of the four Cash Value Terminals on campus, or by credit card or online at www.widener.edu/PrideBucksStore. No cash withdrawals are allowed. Funds not used will carry over into future years.

- Printing Dollars—students will receive 400 pages per semester to use in university computer labs and the Library.

(Please Note: Printing Dollars are not for use in the copy machines. They are to be used during the current semester. They do not roll over into future semesters.)

Students who have Dining Dollars and Printing Dollars
These accounts will be used first in their respective locations. When these funds are depleted, the expense will automatically come out of the PRIDE Bucks account, if funded.
Enrollment Services is here to help you take care of the important details of the business of going to school:

- Paying your bill ([widener.edu/ebill](http://widener.edu/ebill))
- Registering for class ([widener.edu/registraroffice](http://widener.edu/registraroffice))
- Processing financial aid ([widener.edu/financialaidoffice](http://widener.edu/financialaidoffice))
- Getting a parking permit ([widener.edu/parkingstore](http://widener.edu/parkingstore))
- Providing your Campus1Card ([widener.edu/campus1cardoffice](http://widener.edu/campus1cardoffice))

**On Campus:** Enrollment Services Center is located in Lipka Hall. If you have any questions about any of our services, please call us at 610-499-4161, e-mail us at enrollmentservices@widener.edu, or stop by and visit us in Lipka Hall (near the university’s main entrance at Providence Avenue and 14th Street). Also, follow us on Twitter: @LipkaHall.

**On the Web:** The Enrollment Services website at [www.widener.edu/onestop](http://www.widener.edu/onestop) provides information on the services that we provide to our Widener parents.

Here you will find information on semester course registration, e-Billing, all Widener tuition and fee costs, financial aid, Widener payment plans, e-Check-in, campus parking permits, and the Campus1Card.

Information on budgeting and financial planning, paying for college, saving money, protecting your credit, preventing identity theft, and dealing with credit and debit cards can be found on our financial planning website Cash Course at [www.cashcourse.org](http://www.cashcourse.org).

**Complete Your Federal Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Note (MPN):**
If you are interested in borrowing a Federal Direct Loan, please be sure you have completed both your Entrance Counseling and your Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN) available online at [studentloans.gov](http://studentloans.gov). You will need your FSA ID to log into the site. This is the same FSA ID that you used to sign your FAFSA. Your Federal Direct Loan proceeds cannot be disbursed until both tasks have been completed. Once a Federal Direct MPN is completed and Widener University has disbursed the funds to your student account, you will not have to sign the MPN again as it is valid for 10 years.

**The FAFSA:** Each year, Widener requires that you file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) to apply for need-based aid. The priority deadline for continuing undergraduate students is March 1 annually. You should also ensure that you meet the deadlines for state grant aid if you qualify. The federal school code to release the information to Widener is 003313. We will review your application and make an offer of aid. Additional documents supporting your FAFSA information may be requested to finalize your offer.

Students borrowing a Federal Direct Loan must complete a **Federal Direct Loan Electronic Master Promissory Note (MPN).** Once a Federal Direct Loan MPN is completed and Widener disburses the loan to you, you do not have to sign the Federal Loan MPN again (it is valid for 10 years). To complete the MPN, you must go to [studentloans.gov](http://studentloans.gov). Use your U.S. Department of Education PIN—the same PIN used to sign your FAFSA—to sign your MPN electronically. After you sign your MPN, notification will be sent to Widener. Widener may not disburse your Federal Direct Loan unless you have completed both your MPN and Entrance Counseling.

**Paying Your Bills**

**Semester e-Billing:** All billing is done through Widener University e-Billing. You can log-in through CampusCruiser to view your e-Bill, pay bills, set up a payment plan, and assign authorized payer(s) to view and pay your semester account. Links to information on billing, Widener payment plans, and authorized user set up for parent users are provided on the left toolbar under the MY BILL section.

You can also view and pay semester tuition bills or set up a Widener payment plan online at the Widener University Online Student Account Suite at [www.widener.edu/ebill](http://www.widener.edu/ebill).

**e-Billing Payment Due Dates for 2016–2017 Academic Year**

**Fall Semester 2016**
- e-Bill Due Date: August 11, 2016

**Spring Semester 2017**
- e-Bill Due Date: January 17, 2017

**Online Registration**

Approximately three weeks prior to the beginning of online registration, the Registrar’s Office will send an e-mail to all currently enrolled students to notify them when registration begins. The e-mail also informs the students how to look on CampusCruiser to determine when they will be given access to register.
Get Involved!

Join Up!
There are more than 80 recognized clubs and organizations ranging from service to academic honors organizations. Visit www.widener.edu/campus_life/clubs to see a complete list.

Not sure which clubs are for you? E-mail studentlife@mail.widener.edu so we can help you get connected. And stop by the semiannual Involvement Fair in University Center held early each semester. We guarantee a group will meet your needs. Plus, if you have six friends and a faculty advisor, you can start your own club with help from the Office of Student Life.

Give back to your community
Is service important to you? Then you’ll fit right in at Widener. We are committed to serving the local and campus communities through volunteerism and philanthropy. Groups such as Alternative Spring Break, Habitat for Humanity, and Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity provide countless opportunities for students to give back.

Have some fun
There are many fun and interactive events for undergraduates. Meet other students and have a great time at their free campus movies, professional sporting event outings in Philadelphia, comedians, and other live entertainment. You could also join the Outdoor Adventure Club, Widener Dance Company, or Anime Club (SOS Brigade).

Find your family away from home
Learn more about other cultures or find your family away from home with multicultural groups such as the Black Student Union, Latinos Unidos, and the International Club. The French Club and China Corner give you opportunities to practice your language skills. The Interfaith Center can help you find your spiritual community at Widener.

Build your network
Join a fraternity or sorority to make friends and contribute to campus life. Learn more about your future profession with academic groups such as Society of Women Engineers, Biological Society, and Bachelor of Social Work clubs.

Interested in media? You can report and write and even serve as an editor for the Blue & Gold: Widener’s Student Media News site, or you can DJ on Widecast Radio or host a show for the Widener TV Club. Students with literary interests can write stories or poems for Widener Ink, the university’s literary journal.

Be sure to check out the Experience Widener calendar at www.widener.edu/experience to find out what’s going on.

Student Organizations and Leadership Opportunities

Student Government Association (SGA)—Serves to empower students to advocate their concerns and ideas through one common voice. SGA addresses student issues and suggests solutions to the campus administration. Membership is open to all full-time undergraduates.

Pride Activity Council (PAC)—The university’s main student programming board plans small and large scale events on a weekly basis. Events include comedians, hypnotists, novelties, sporting game excursions, mall trips, dance parties, and other traditional events. Membership is open to all Widener undergraduate students.

Residence Hall Association (RHA)—RHA advocates for the students on campus, providing them with things they both need and want to enrich their campus experience. RHA is responsible for helping with Go Green initiatives and small-scale programming, as well as the annual Late Night Breakfast.

Black Student Union (BSU)—In existence since 1969, the BSU stands as a vehicle for fulfilling those cultural, spiritual, and educational needs of African American students. BSU is open to all students and plans events and programs throughout the academic year.

Alternative Spring Break (ASB)—Students travel to various Habitat for Humanity sites during spring break to participate in service and enjoy the break. To be eligible, students must be accepted into the program through an application process and complete a designated amount of fundraising events.
Interfraternity Council, Intercultural Greek Council, and Panhellenic Association—These councils for Widener University fraternities and sororities coordinate programs and work as a collective unit to address issues that affect the Greek community.

LEAD—The Office of Student Life’s leadership program is offered for six weeks in the fall and spring and is open to all students interested in gaining and improving leadership skills. Applications are available at the Involvement Fair and the Office of Student Life.

Major Events

Welcome Back Bash—A fun event where the Pride Activities Council welcomes back the entire Widener University community with dinner, live music, entertainment, and giveaways throughout the night.

Pride Nights—Twice a month on Friday nights, Student Life provides fun programming from 9 p.m. to midnight for students. These events are free!

Weekend Boredom Busters—There’s no reason to go home on the weekend. Student organizations create programs on Fridays and Saturdays from 9 p.m. to midnight to keep you engaged. Look out for these events on CampusCruiser.

SGA Town Hall Meeting—This is the first official meeting of the Student Government Association in the fall semester. During this meeting, SGA presents its budget and discusses future initiatives and open student positions.

Involvement Fair—More than 80 student organizations host tables in the University Center Atrium during the beginning of the fall and spring semesters. Student organizations use this fair as an opportunity to promote events and recruit new members.

Homecoming—Two fun-filled days of events and programs for alumni and current students. Events include a football game, homecoming picnic, homecoming concert, and crowning of the homecoming king and queen.

Songfest—A dance, lip-sync, and lyrical competition between Widener Greek letter organizations hosted annually to raise funds for a charitable cause.

Greek Week—A week full of events and competitions sponsored by our fraternity and sorority community.

Stressbusters Week—Several days of fun games, events, and relaxing activities to help students prepare for final exams in the fall and spring semesters. These activities are normally held in the University Center.

Midnight Breakfast—On Reading Day during the fall and spring semesters, RHA sponsors a midnight breakfast at the dining hall. During this time, students can take a break from their studying while enjoying a great breakfast and entertainment.

Spring Fling—A week full of events to celebrate the spring. Expect lots of music, games, fun, and prizes sponsored by Student Life.
Take Care: Student Health Services

To freshmen and transfers,

The Student Health Services staff looks forward to your arrival on campus and meeting your medical needs in the years ahead. We strive to educate students to be responsible and seek appropriate health care for wellness, illness, and injury. Our university policies, initiatives, and programming serve to support our commitment to “Healthy Campus 2020” related illness prevention, health promotion, and wellness to improve campus patterns of healthy behaviors, values, and attitudes.

Please complete pre-matriculation Health History and Immunization information no later than July 13. Failure to complete these forms will prevent you from registering for classes. If you have questions regarding this requirement, contact our staff at 610-499-1183 or visit our website at www.widener.edu/campus_life/wellness. Please call or e-mail us with questions as you begin to navigate your college journey.

Lynn A. Nelson Russom, MSN, CRNP, ANP-BC
Director of Student Health Services

Student Health Services Hours and Location
Metropolitan Lane
Fall and Spring Office Hours:
Monday–Friday: 9:00 a.m.–4:45 p.m.
Summer Office Hours:
Monday–Thursday: 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Winter and Spring Break: Office Closed

Student Health Services Staff
Our team consists of a board certified family medicine physician, nationally board certified nurse practitioners, a registered nurse, and professional administrative assistants.

Student Healthcare Services
Student Health Services provides primary, chronic, and urgent care. For after-hour medical emergencies, call Campus Safety at Ext. 4200. Be prepared with the following information:
- name of injured or ill person
- exact location of person

Instructions will be given for the course of action to be taken, dependent upon the information provided to Campus Safety.
Medical and Nursing Services

• Evaluation and treatment of acute and chronic illnesses and injuries
• Routine sexual health exams and sexually transmitted infection screening
• Allergy injections (first injection must be given by private allergist or primary provider)
• Laboratory testing as indicated
• Wellness screenings, TB testing, and travel medicine consults
• Annual sports pre-season screenings and evaluation of injuries
• Health and wellness education and counseling
• Specialty referrals as needed
• Student health insurance management

Charges/Eligibility

There is no charge to students for basic medical services provided by university personnel in Student Health Services. There are charges for prescription medication, lab tests, and specific medical equipment. These charges can be billed to the student’s school account, applied to Campus1Card, or paid for in full by the student. Widener University will not directly bill any third party insurance company for these charges but will provide any required information for students and/or parents to submit charges to an insurance company. Services performed outside Student Health Services are the financial responsibility of the student.

Confidentiality of Records

All protected health information (PHI) created, received, transmitted, or maintained by Student Health Services is confidential and remains the property of Health Services. Confidentiality extends to PHI in any medium, including information that is on paper, in the computer systems of Widener University, or communicated verbally. Employees do not divulge, copy, transfer, alter, or destroy any PHI, or remove except as authorized by Student Health Services. Employees hold in strictest confidence any and all access codes, passwords, and/or authorizations provided by Student Health Services.

Student Health Insurance

Widener University requires all full-time undergraduate students to have personal health insurance. All students are annually charged for health insurance on their account statement. To have this charge removed, you need to complete the online enrollment/waiver module found in CampusCruiser Web Advisor. If you choose the university insurance option, complete the enrollment section of the module. Annual coverage is in effect from August 25, 2016, through August 24, 2017.

International students are required to enroll in the university health insurance plan.

Health Education Literature and Programming

Health and wellness literature is available on most current health topics. Professional staff is available for both individual and group programs upon request. The “Wellness Niche” located in Student Health Services is a place where students can relax and learn more about health-related topics through print and online materials.

Human Sexuality Peer Educators—SEXPERTS

Our peer educators are a source for accurate, comprehensive health and sexuality information. They are trained to effectively communicate openly about sexual topics. They are a resource for their peers by being non-judgmental about others’ beliefs, lifestyles, and behaviors, and respecting each individual’s choices.

We welcome incoming students who are interested in participating as active learners in understanding the issues that influence your Widener University peers. E-mail Student Health Services if you are interested in the Peer Education team at SEXPERTS@mail.widener.edu.

Widener University
Student Health Services
One University Place
Chester, PA 19013-5792
t. 610-499-1183
f. 610-499-1181
e: studenthealth@mail.widener.edu
A Reminder for Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Club Sport Student-Athletes:

**Widener University/NCAA Requirement:** According to NCAA bylaws, athletic physicals must be completed by primary care providers **within six months prior to participation** in any practice, competition, or out-of-season conditioning activity. If an athlete has sustained any major illness/injury/surgery/hospitalization within the past 12 months, documentation from the treating professional must be provided with the completed physical and forwarded to Student Health Services. Documentation should include: diagnosis, treatment, and any limitations as a result of that injury. Failure to comply will jeopardize an athlete’s eligibility to participate at the collegiate level.

**Sickle Cell Testing Requirements:** All new (freshmen and transfer) student-athletes must do one of the following to meet the university sickle cell trait status requirement:

- Provide test results of prior sickle cell trait testing to Health Services
- Get tested for sickle cell trait and submit the test results to Health Services (testing must be done prior to arrival on campus)

**NCAA—Stimulant Requirement:** Student athletes who are currently taking prescribed stimulant medication will be required to complete and provide a **Student-Athlete Stimulant Evaluation Form** to Student Health Services prior to team roster clearance. These forms will be sent to students upon review of a completed health history or can be found on Health Services and Athletic Department websites. Students will be annually required to provide Student Health Services with updated prescription information.

**Office, Phone, E-mail Information:** Health Services Office, 610-499-1183, e-mail studenthealth@mail.widener.edu
Workout at the Pride Recreation Center

Stay fit between classes by working out at the Pride Recreation Center. Widener’s state-of-the-art fitness facility features cardiovascular and strength training equipment, two group fitness rooms, functional training areas, and a rock climbing wall.

Students also have access to the gym, pool, and track facilities of the attached Schwartz Athletic Center when not in use for team practices or meets. Pride Recreation Center staff is available to help you get the most out of your workouts by providing equipment orientations and a variety of programs and special events to help each student reach his or her health and fitness goals.

The Pride Recreation Center also hosts a variety of group fitness classes such as Zumba, Pilates, and spinning and oversees recreation, club sport, and intramural programs. In addition, the facility has a variety of recreational equipment available for students to check out free of charge.

Club sports include:
- men and women’s rugby
- ice hockey
- roller hockey
- men’s volleyball
- kronum
- water polo
- wrestling

Some intramural offerings include co-ed:
- soccer
- dodgeball
- rock climbing
- volleyball
- handball
- flag football
- basketball

For more information and hours, please visit www.widener.edu/wellness
Campus Diversity

Multicultural and International Student Services
Widener University actively promotes diversity, civility, and respect for self and others within our campus community. While you’re here, you will meet new people from different countries, cultures, and ethnic groups; people with different religious beliefs and political philosophies; and people with different sexual orientations or gender identities.

The offices of International Student Services (ISS) and Multicultural Student Affairs (MSA) sponsor a wide range of programs and services that enable you to meet new people and share ideas and experiences from around the world, while challenging your views and broadening your horizons. Students are encouraged to explore their faith and spirituality through the many opportunities provided by the student organizations affiliated with the Interfaith Center.

The campus-wide “We’re All Widener!” pluralism campaign promotes a campus environment that encourages and welcomes student diversity. Additionally, many of the programs and services offered by the MSA Office assist with the recruitment, orientation, retention, and graduation of students from under-represented populations.

For more information about MSA, contact Michelle Meekins-Davis, director, at 610-499-4488 (mmdavis@widener.edu); for International Student Services, contact Kandy Turner, director, at 610-499-4498 (kkturner@widener.edu); and for the Interfaith Center, the contact number is 610-499-4413 (chaplain@mail.widener.edu).

Multicultural Student Organizations
In collaboration with the Office of Student Life, MSA supports the leadership development of multicultural student groups through its monthly Presidents Council meetings. Members of groups with missions supportive of diversity in all forms partake in discussion and event planning to foster a community that promotes cultural awareness and inclusion. Current student organizations that are represented on the council include Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA), Delta Sigma Theta, and Zeta Phi Beta sororities, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Black Student Union (BSU), Caribbean Club, International Club, Latinos Unidos, LOGOS, Lumen Fidei, Muslim Student Association, Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA), and Theta Delta Sigma Multicultural Society.

The Multicultural Student Affairs office is located on the lower level of University Center. The director, graduate assistant, and student employees in the office are available to all students throughout the academic year for assistance in developing events and programs. The director is available for assistance in responding to difficult and/or challenging situations and to discuss individual and personal concerns.
**Mail Call: Post Office Services**

The Widener Post Office is a contract station of the United States Post Office. Our Post Office offers students most of the services of a “regular” post office, including the ability to buy stamps, USPS money orders (until 3:00 p.m.), mail packages, and purchase special mailing services, such as Priority Mail, etc. Each resident student is assigned a mailbox to receive mail and is notified electronically as soon as a package is scanned into our package tracking system. Here’s the address to use when sending mail or a package to a resident student:

Student’s Name  
WU Box # ______  
Widener University  
1 University Place  
Chester, PA 19013-5792

The Widener Post Office is located on the lower level of University Center. The service window is generally open from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Going Green: Recycling and Sustainability**

The Widener Blue and Gold Goes Green

Widener University supports green initiatives and encourages our campus community to do the same!

Here are few of our initiatives:

- Recycle bins are located in most campus buildings for plastics and paper.
- The Dining Hall is “tray-less” to support our community using less water to wash dishes.
- Student organizations are using technology for meeting agendas and minutes to avoid wasteful printing.
- Numerous senior projects have identified ways that Widener can reduce its carbon footprint for future generations.

**Tradition #4 Midnight Breakfast**

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) sponsors a Midnight Breakfast each semester on Reading Day. This event has lots of free food, music, and fun in the cafeteria to help reduce exam stress.
Who can help?

Campus Contacts

If you have a question, there is someone on campus who can assist. Widener has you in mind, whether you’re staying safe or getting fit, need course tutoring, or want to join a student organization.

Keep this contact list handy! All of these campus extensions can be dialed directly when begun with the prefix 610-499- and then the four-digit phone extension.

Can’t find what you are looking for? Don’t forget that our web site at www.widener.edu and CampusCruiser are also excellent resources.

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Student Code of Conduct and Student Handbook

Widener University’s Student Code of Conduct is direct and simple: Widener students are expected to be honest, mature, and responsible and to respect the rights and property of others. The purpose of the Student Code is to promote, preserve, and protect the educational mission of the university. Violations of any policy, rule, regulation, or standard of the university are subject to the sanctions set forth in the Campus Student Conduct System.

The Student Handbook and the Code of Conduct can be found on the Widener University website at www.widener.edu/academics/handbooks.

All students are responsible for familiarizing themselves thoroughly with all policies, rules, regulations, and standards of the university.
Things to Remember: ✔ A Check List for You

Prior to the Start of Classes
- Familiarize yourself with CampusCruiser
- Attend Pride Experience Two: Orientation
- Direct all your academic questions to your academic advisor
- Look up campus jobs on CampusCruiser announcements
- Be sure you signed all your financial aid paperwork
- Complete AlcoholEd by August 23
- Buy your parking decal
- Put Campus Safety’s number in your cell: 610-499-4200
- Get your student ID (Campus1Card) and memorize your ID number
- Complete and submit all health forms to Health Services by July 13
- Be sure you know your check-in and move-in time
- Friend the following on Facebook:
  - Your CREW leader
  - Widener University Student Government
  - Widener University Class of 2020
- Complete and mail enrollment/waiver health insurance card by July 13
- Have a professional outfit ready for the required convocation event on August 26

Commuter Students
- Friend the Widener University commuters on Facebook

Resident Students
- Talk to your roommate prior to arriving, and coordinate room accessories
- Don’t forget your shower shoes and shower caddy
- Don’t forget your extra long twin sheets
- Be sure to put money on your student ID card for laundry
- Be sure to bring a surge protector

Fall Semester Checklist
- Go to the Involvement Fair
- Go to the Volunteer Fair
- Obtain the hours for the gym and exercise classes at the Pride Recreation Center
- Attend the SGA town hall meeting
- Go to the Interfaith Center for spiritual resources
- Learn the dining hours
- Attend the Welcome Back Bash on August 28
- Join a student organization
- Look up the Campus Safety shuttle hours
- Find where the following resources are:
  - Career Services Office
  - Writing Center
  - Math Center
  - Library
  - Computer Labs
  - Health Services
  - Your Advisor’s Office
- Sign up for spring classes in November

Commuter Students
- Attend the Commuter Pit Stops (one a month)!
- Join the Commuter Student Association

Resident Students
- Don’t miss your residence hall meetings
  - Get to know your RA
  - Join RHA

Tradition #5
Freshman Day of Service
During orientation, freshmen participate in service projects at multiple community locations.
Talking to Your Child About Alcohol and Drugs

Going to college signifies a time of exciting, new beginnings, but it can also be a challenging time with added peer pressure when it comes to making choices related to drug and alcohol use. Although peers have a strong influence on student behavior, parents set the foundation for factors such as peer pressure to have less influence on student alcohol use. Students’ relationships with their parents continue to play a major protective role in promoting their development and success throughout college.

The most important thing parents can do to help ensure their children make healthy, informed decisions while in college is to stay involved in their college-age children’s lives by talking and listening to them about their academic and social lives. Remain engaged through phone calls, texts, and e-mails, especially during the first few weeks and months of college life when students are most vulnerable and are at greatest risk of making high-risk decisions. Research has shown that the more involved parents are, the more likely their children are to make safe choices about alcohol and other drug use.

Helpful parent communication hints:

• Talk with your student about the freedoms and responsibilities that come with being at college.
• Encourage open dialogue that introduces the topic of drinking in terms of what you’ve read in the newspaper or seen on TV, allowing for less personal discussion of the topic.
• Talk in general terms about the legal, financial, health, and safety concerns related to drinking. Students do not always know the scope of the problems that can arise.
• Ask your student what there is to do on campus that doesn’t involve drinking. This encourages your student to think about the alternatives.
• Share with your student if there is a family history of alcohol or drug problems.
• Talk about date-rape drugs and the importance of never leaving a beverage unattended or accepting a drink without seeing it poured. This is a way to talk about partying without giving the impression that you assume your student is drinking.
• Assure your student that you will respect your student’s privacy related to health care and that you would rather they be safe than decline medical attention.
• If you discover that your college-age child has been drinking, try to discuss the situation calmly without accusations or expressions of anger. Ultimately, the most important factor is that students act responsibly in the future. Widener University is one of hundreds of institutions nationwide requiring every member of their first-year class to complete AlcoholEdu—a non-opinionated, science-based course taken by hundreds of thousands of students each year. Whether or not your student drinks, AlcoholEdu will empower your student to make well-informed decisions and provide simple strategies to help keep them safe.

The Widener Parents’ Network

Widener University invites parents to see themselves as our partners in supporting their child’s educational experience. The Widener University Parents’ Network provides families with detailed information about all aspects of Widener University, with particular emphases placed on financial aid, campus safety, academic support services, involvement on campus, and service activities that support Widener’s civic mission.

Through the Parents’ Network, families have the opportunity to raise questions or concerns to fellow parents as well as members of the university administration. Every parent is a member of the Widener University Parents’ Network. There is no cost to join, and parents can attend an optional hour-long meeting during the fall semester.

Families can also freely access up-to-date information and FAQs on the university’s website and social media outlets. Widener believes that when parents have access to university news and the opportunity to have their questions answered, they will feel more informed and comfortable about their child’s initial transition into college and effectively support their child’s educational experience throughout their time at Widener.

For more information, please contact the Dean of Student’s Office at 610-499-4385 or e-mail Anne Beaton at akbeaton@widener.edu.
Proud to be Tobacco-Free

Widener University is a tobacco-free campus. We are committed to eliminating environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) exposure, promoting best healthcare practices and choices for individuals, and establishing a university culture of wellness. This means that no students, parents, faculty, staff, or visitors are allowed to smoke or use smokeless tobacco products anywhere on Widener’s campuses, either inside or outdoors. The ban includes all parking lots, campus walkways, and lawns.

Widener University Student Health Services offers a number of free resources to support students who want to quit smoking.

The FERPA Act: What Rights Do I Have to Information?

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 (Buckley Amendment) was enacted to assure parents of students, and the students themselves if they are over age eighteen or attending a post-secondary educational institution, access to student records and to protect rights to privacy by limiting the sharing and disclosure of student records without their consent.

Download Widener University’s FERPA Policy at www.widener.edugateway/parents_family/financials.aspx

Frequently Asked Questions:
Q: How can I get a copy of my student’s grades?
A: The quickest, easiest way for parents to receive information about their child’s grades, financial statement, or other student information is for the student to provide it. Students can look up information online, print it out, and give or e-mail a copy to their parents.

Q: Isn’t there a FERPA provision that colleges and universities can contact parents if a student violates alcohol or drug policies?
A: FERPA regulations allow, but do not require, higher education institutions to provide notice to parents when a student violates federal, state, or local laws related to alcohol or drugs.

Q: Where can I find out more about FERPA?
A: The U.S. Department of Education is responsible for overseeing FERPA. See their website for additional information: www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/parents.html
FALL SEMESTER
August 2016
23 Tues. New student move-in; first day of New Student Orientation for undergraduates
24 Wed. Second day of New Student Orientation
25 Thurs. Third day of New Student Orientation
26 Fri. Fourth day of New Student Orientation; Freshman Advising Day; Freshman Convocation
29 Mon. Official start of fall semester for undergraduates

September 2016
5 Mon. No classes—Labor Day observed
6 Tues. Last day for dropping and/or adding classes
29 Thur. Last day for withdrawal from Module I courses

October 2016
10 Mon. Freshman Pre-advising Day
13–14 Thur.–Fri. Final exams, Module I
14–15 Fri.–Sat. Homecoming Weekend
19 Wed. Mid term; deadline for finishing Incompletes from Summer 2016
24 Mon. Module II begins
24–25 Mon.–Tues. Fall break (undergraduate classes only)

November 2016
7–25 Mon.–Fri. Registration for spring 2017 courses
8 Tues. Deadline for class withdrawal without academic penalty
14–18 Mon.–Fri. International Week
22 Tues. Last day for withdrawal from Module II courses
24–25 Thur.–Fri. Thanksgiving holiday

December 2016
8–9 Thur.–Fri. Final exams, Module II
9 Fri. Last day of classes
10–11 Sat.–Sun. Reading Days
12–16 Mon.–Fri. Final exams for regular semester courses
16 Fri. Official end of fall semester

SPRING SEMESTER
January 2017
15 Sun. New student check-in
16 Mon. No classes: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
17 Tues. Official start of spring semester; All Main Campus classes begin
24 Tues. Last day for dropping and/or adding classes

February 2017
17 Fri. Last day for withdrawal from Module I courses

March 2017
2–3 Thur.–Fri. Final exams, Module I
3 Fri. Mid-term; deadline for finishing Incompletes from fall 2016
6–10 Mon.–Fri. Mid-term break
13 Mon. All classes resume; Module II begins
20–24 Mon.–Fri. Honors Week
### April 2017
- **3–21 Mon.–Fri.** Registration for summer and fall 2017 courses
- **5 Wed.** Deadline for class withdrawal without academic penalty
- **14 Fri.** Spring Holiday
- **19 Wed.** Last day for withdrawal from Module II courses
- **28 Fri.** Student Project Day

### May 2016
- **2–3 Tues.–Wed.** Final exams, Module II
- **5 Fri.** Last day of classes
- **6–7 Sat.–Sun.** Reading Days
- **8–12 Mon.–Fri.** Final exams for regular semester courses
- **12 Fri.** Official end of spring semester
- **29 Mon.** Memorial Day holiday

### 2017 SUMMER SESSION (SUM)

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