Dear Widener Students and Families,

Let me say first, I am impressed you are taking the time to read a letter from the dean of students. Either you have found yourself with an inordinate amount of time on your hands, or you are genuinely interested in what I have to say about this experience on which you are about to embark. Regardless, I thank you and hope you enjoy it all the way to the end.

My role as dean of students is to serve as the primary advocate on behalf of the student body. It is a role I have played for many years and the fulfillment of a dream I had while I was an undergraduate. Thus, you can rest assured I will be focused on the student experience.

Although I am not new to the dean of students role, you should know that, like you, I am new to Widener University. I was “accepted” into Widener around the same time as many of you and began my Widener journey this summer. I chose Widener for the same reason as many of you—it has a small, family-like community committed to providing a personalized, high quality student experience. Together, we will discover many of the hidden treasures of this wonderful university. In 2021, we will celebrate its bicentennial. It says something about an institution that is still around 200 years after its founding. I hope to live to 100 but suspect I will not look as good as this beautiful campus.

Students—The experience that you begin today is one for which you are wholly responsible. Every guidebook at every institution makes the same general claim that their university will “provide a transformational experience for students.”

However, only you can transform your life. Institutions can and do provide opportunities for you to do so. You can count on that happening here. Today, at this orientation program, is the first day of the rest of your life—if you make it so. If not, there is always tomorrow. Unfortunately, you eventually run out of tomorrows, so best to get on it now.

Two pieces of advice I have for students: (1) Work hard. (2) Have fun. Don’t get the order mixed up. Because if you move too quick to number two, you probably will never get around to number one. That is why it is number one. Still paying attention? You get the point. Two overarching rules on campus: (1) Be nice. (2) Be smart. That’s all I got for you students. The rest is up to you, but we will be here with you every step of the way. You have my word.

Parents and Families—(thanks for your patience, as students are always first at Widener)—I have raised my own children and will not be presumptuous enough to tell you how to raise yours. What I will tell you is having your child attend a university, let alone dropping them off at our doorstep, is a leap of faith. Thank you for trusting us. You made a good choice. We will do everything within our power to provide the best opportunities possible for your student to learn, grow, and enjoy the experience. The faculty and staff at this institution are committed to the student experience, inside and outside the classroom, and wherever the students may go beyond Widener’s doorstep.

We want to partner with you and the best way to do so is for both of us to assume the following:

1) You did a good job with your child and they are prepared for what’s next.
2) You made a good decision in choosing and trusting Widener.

If we both use these as working assumptions, good things will happen. Please know we will treat your student as an adult, but when we believe it is in their best interest, we will contact you. We want your student to be successful and look forward to a positive, collaborative effort with you. Everything we do is guaranteed to be done with the students’ best interests in mind. Every day, every decision, no exceptions.

Well look what you have done? You have made it all the way to the end of the dean’s letter. I am humbled. I look forward to working closely with you and hope you will introduce yourself to me when you see me on campus.

Best wishes and welcome to Widener. Go Pride!

Sincerely,

John P. Downey, PhD
Dean of Students
Welcome to Widener University and the beginning of your journey into the Pride Experience!

As the assistant dean of students, I have the pleasure of overseeing the planning and programming for the Pride Experience orientation program. I coordinate Transfer Orientation, as well as a variety of student engagement initiatives throughout the year that are hosted by the Office of Student Engagement. Student development and empowerment are our mission.

The Pride Experience is a multifaceted orientation program designed to prepare you for a successful college experience and introduce you to the tools needed to succeed academically and socially at Widener University. We believe that your transition to college is an important period that will undoubtedly set you up for future success.

There are two important and mandatory parts of the Pride Experience orientation program:

■ Pride Experience 1: Summer Registration — Summer Registration is a day-long program designed to connect you with other classmates while you register for fall classes, learn about valuable resources available at Widener, and get an in-depth preview of the Pride Experience 2 program. Our CREW Leader Team is a highly trained group of upperclassmen students who are ready to assist you and your family at orientation. Your family will have the opportunity to hear from and meet with university administrators to learn about the resources available. All sessions are designed with the student in mind. You will be able to meet in small groups and have your individual questions answered directly.

■ Pride Experience 2: August Orientation — The August Orientation will begin on Tuesday, August 20, at which time you will move into your residence hall if you will be living on campus. Move-in day will be a breeze, as you will be assisted by Widener faculty, staff, and students. Even President Wollman will lend a helping hand. This four-day program is packed with educational and social events that will acclimate you to our campus and your classmates. Take advantage of every opportunity to learn something new or connect with someone. Our CREW Leader Team will be front and center to help guide new resident and commuter students.

All August Orientation events from Tuesday, August 20, through Friday, August 23, are mandatory. Optional activities are planned for Saturday and Sunday, August 24–25. Interested in arriving to campus a bit early to get involved sooner? Check out pages 5–7 in this booklet for more information on the following pre-orientation programs:

■ The 1821 Experience: Students will explore how multiculturalism adds to the Widener experience and gain connections to the campus, community, and each other. We’re All Widener! This program is sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs.

■ Project Lead: Students will expand leadership development through assessments, teambuilding exercises, and the creation of a civic engagement project. This program is sponsored by the Center for Civic and Global Engagement.

■ Summit Widener: This program is facilitated by the Outdoor Adventure Club and will offer students an opportunity to go camping in tents, backpacking, and canoeing throughout the week while getting to know fellow students.

Finally, I will leave you with simple advice. First, get involved with student organizations inside or outside your academic program. Second, utilize all the student support services on campus—these offices are here to help you. Third, build a meaningful relationship with professors, academic advisors, and the professional staff in Student Affairs. Fourth, check your Widener email often, as many great opportunities are right at your fingertips.

I look forward to meeting you this summer!

GO PRIDE!

Austin L. Duckett
Assistant Dean of Students
Office of Student Engagement
2019 Pride Experience One: Summer Registration
(One-day event. Dates: June 18–20 and July 9–11)

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Please don’t forget to turn in your Pride Experience 1: Registration Evaluation to a CREW leader.
Frequently asked questions about the Pride Experience

How is Pride Experience One: Registration different from Pride Experience Two: Fall Orientation?

During Pride Experience One: Registration, the main goals are to select classes, connect with new classmates, and learn what to expect in the fall during Pride Experience Two: Fall Orientation. Pride Experience Two: Fall Orientation is your official welcome to the campus community. You will move into your residence hall (if living on campus), engage with 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 commuters’ 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 to determine if they will attend the August Orientation Program from August 20–23 or a Transfer Transitions Program on August 16.

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Tradition #1

Widener Pride Statues

The fourth day of the Pride Experience Orientation Program begins with the student tradition of rubbing the Pride Statues for good luck throughout the year as the incoming class is welcomed by the SGA President.

Schedules (continued)

2019 Pride Experience Two: Fall Orientation is your OFFICIAL WELCOME to Widener University!

Mandatory Dates: Tuesday, August 20 – Friday, August 23, 2019
Optional Dates: Saturday, August 24 – Sunday, August 25, 2019

What do I need to do to prepare for fall orientation?

- Prepare to report to the University Center Atrium at your assigned check-in time
- Review your housing assignment and list of items to bring
- Submit Health History and Certificate of Immunizations Forms to Student Health Services (forms can be submitted during the orientation check-in process)
- Create your e2campus Alert Account (visit https://www.e2campus.net/my/widener/)
- Complete the Alcohol EDU and HAVEN health and safety courses. Information detailing how to complete both courses will be sent to your Widener email address
- Obtain your parking permit decal (if applicable)

What is the schedule of events?

Below is a general overview of activities that are subject to change. Students will receive the official New Student Orientation schedule during check-in on August 20.

Tuesday: The day starts with student check-in at the University Center. Freshman living on campus will check-in starting at 9:00 a.m. and then move into their residence halls with the help of Widener staff and students. Commuter students will check-in at 3:00 p.m. Welcome remarks are delivered by President Wollman, followed by a BBQ celebration. The day will end with resident student floor meetings hosted by the Office of Residence Life.

Wednesday & Thursday: Students spend the next two days getting adjusted to campus and learning about the university mission through workshops, seminars, and activities led by CREW leaders and Orientation staff. Entertainment will be provided for opportunities to get to know new classmates.

Friday: New students will attend advising sessions and have the opportunity to connect with their academic advisors and fellow classmates in the same major. Additional Pride Night festivities will be held later in the evening.

Saturday & Sunday: Optional activities are available on campus, including bus trips to the King of Prussia Mall and Wal-Mart. Students can spend the day decorating their rooms and preparing for class. CREW leaders will be available throughout the weekend to answer questions and assist students with their preparation for the first week of classes. The annual Welcome Back Bash will be held on Sunday for all Widener students.

For more information, please visit www.widener.edu/orientation.
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 be held from August 15–19, 2019, prior to the general orientation program. It is specifically designed to help students transition from high school to college while experiencing Widener University’s diverse and inclusive campus community. The 1821 Experience Pre-Orientation Program is open to all 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.
- 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 available resources for all students.
- Participate in unique group explorations and cultural immersions.

Completed 1821 Experience Pre-Orientation applications must be submitted to the Office 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 Kortne Smith, Program Coordinator in the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs at kasmith1@widener.edu to apply and/or for additional information.

**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, food, the announcement of the Homecoming Court, student contests, the golf cart parade, and plenty of free giveaways. Don’t miss out!
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 and is designed to improve the retention and graduation rates of students who participate in the program. The program provides support services to students from a wide variety of backgrounds.

The Widener University PRIDE Mentoring Program enables 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.

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

For more information about the PRIDE Mentoring Program, please contact Kortne Smith, Program Coordinator in the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs at kasmith1@widener.edu.
**Project Lead**

The Project Lead pre-orientation program jump starts leadership development and civic engagement 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 in our communities on a local and global level.

Project Lead participants engage in hands-on leadership development activities, form incredible friendships, 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 traits 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 15 to 19, 2019. The capacity for the program is 30 students, and it costs $150.

For more information about the Project LEAD Program, please contact Gretchen Mielke, Center for Civic and Global Engagement, at gkmielke@widener.edu or 610-499-4596.

**First-Year Common Experience**

The First-Year Common Experience brings together academics, student life activities, and community engagement around a shared theme. The theme for 2019 is *home*. Students are invited to reflect and build on this theme by asking: What role does home play in our personal journeys of departure and growth? How might home factor into our academic and professional lives? How does home shape family, our communities and social groupings? And in what ways are we inhabitants of a common home, involving the earth, sustainability, and global responsibility?

Each year a new common theme is explored in events, activities, and readings taught throughout the first-year curriculum. The goal of the First-Year Common Experience is to consider questions from multiple perspectives, share ideas and conversations not just in the classroom but beyond, and introduce students to intellectual life and community at Widener.

For additional information on the First-Year Common Experience, contact Janine Utell, professor and chair of English, at jmutell@widener.edu or 610-499-4527.
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.

Our housing policy is designed to support the success of our students. Students who live on campus have been found to have better grades, higher graduation rates, and easier access to campus resources, which enhances their experience. Therefore, all freshmen, sophomore, and junior full-time students must reside on campus unless they qualify for commuter status.

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 teaching 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 in the Office of Residence Life are committed to your success during your time living on campus. Our live-in staff includes several Area Coordinators, a Resident Director, 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 located in the Central Office in University Center if you need assistance. We hope that your time with us will be fulfilling and that we can support you in achieving your goals as a member of the Widener University community.

We look forward to seeing you during Summer Registration and welcoming you to your new home later this summer!

GO PRIDE!

Catherine Feminella, MEd
Associate Dean of Students
On-Campus Housing

For those of you living on campus, chances are this fall will be the first time you are away from home and living on your own. You are probably really excited to begin a new journey, but apprehensive about many things. As you begin to pack and prepare for the journey, you are probably concerned about classes, roommates, and your overall collegiate 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 Office of Residence Life website at www.widener.edu/campus_life/living.

Housing Policy... Easy as 1, 2, 3...

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**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 on campus housing by completing the housing application online. We ask questions about your living preferences with a roommate and other interests; 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 by creating a group. If you submitted your application by May 1, you should receive an e-mail correspondence about your assignment from the Office of Residence Life via your Widener e-mail account on or before August 1.

**Do I have to live on campus as a freshman?**

Our housing policy is designed to support the success of our students. Students who live on campus have been found to have better grades, higher graduation rates, and easier access to campus resources, which enhances their experience. **Therefore, all freshmen, sophomore, and junior full-time students must reside on campus unless they qualify for commuter status.** Freshman students who live on campus must understand that the housing application and agreement they sign is binding for the upcoming academic year. The effective date of your agreement is the date you check-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](http://www.widener.edu/campus_life/living).

**What if I want a different room or roommate?**

We have an open 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 process. If there are vacant spaces available and the Area Coordinator approves the room change, the students may 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/res_halls](http://www.widener.edu/campus_life/living/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 only clean 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/checkin/checkin_faq.aspx](http://www.widener.edu/campus_life/living/checkin/checkin_faq.aspx).

**Do I need property insurance?**

You are strongly encouraged to see if 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’s 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–Friday: 8:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.  
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.  
- Sunday: 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

**When can I move in?**

Move in day is Tuesday, August 20, the first day of Pride Experience Two: Fall Orientation. However, if you are participating in university athletics, academic organizations, or pre-orientation activities, the program advisor will provide an earlier check-in date.
Where can I wash my clothes?
Each freshman residence hall has laundry facilities; these services are free of charge to all residential students.

Is there staff available in the residence hall to help me?
Yes, there are Resident Assistants, Area Coordinators, and a Programming Coordinator who live and work in the residence halls.

- **Resident Assistants (RA):** RAs are student staff members 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 (AC):** ACs are full-time professional staff members whose 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.

- **Programming Coordinator:** This is a part-time professional staff member who also assists students in building an inclusive community to enhance personal and academic work. They work alongside the ACs and perform their duties within the framework of the Residence Life mission to institute quality programming that compliments the in-class learning experience.

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/disabilitiesserv. Please forward your request and supporting documentation to:

Widener University
Office of Disabilities Services
c/o Ms. Rebecca Ross
One University Place
Chester, PA 19013
610-499-1191
rross@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.

Room rates for 2019–20
Room rates vary from $3,836 per semester for a basic double room to $4,084 per semester for an air conditioned room. The rates depend on the residence hall; see additional room rates in the Tuition Rate and Payment Guide online at www.widener.edu/BursarOffice
Commuting to Campus

Be familiar with our commuter services

**Commuter Student Association (CSA):** is a student-led organization dedicated to assisting commuter students at Widener University through mentorship, advocacy, programming, outreach, and resource sharing. In collaboration with the Office of Student Engagement (OSE), CSA hosts many signature events, collaborations, and off-campus excursions for commuter students to connect with campus resources, make new friends, and discuss community needs. Students interested in being involved with CSA should e-mail commuters@widener.edu or follow the group on social media through their handle @widener_csa.

**Free Lockers:** Wolfram Memorial Library and University Center offer free lockers that can be reserved on a semester basis to students. Students interested in obtaining a locker should inquire at each location. Lockers are limited and are issued on a first-come, first-serve basis.

**Commuter Coffee Stops:** Once a month, CSA hosts Commuter Coffee Stops on campus for students to enjoy a free grab & go style breakfast on their way to class. Students who participate in the coffee stops have the opportunity to win prizes ranging from gift cards to movie passes!

**Commuter Freshmen Luncheon & Commuter Appreciation Day:** The Commuter Freshmen Luncheon provides an opportunity for our first-year students to connect with peers and upperclassmen on-campus during Welcome Week. Commuter Appreciation Day, in the spring semester, is filled with a series of events celebrating Widener University’s commuter student population of over 1,000 students. Events include off-campus excursions, on-campus movie viewings, giveaways, and lots of free food!

**Commuter Club Page:** All commuter students should join the Commuter Association Club page on myWidener. All club announcements and updates will be sent to commuter students using the club email distribution list. Through purposeful involvement with CSA, commuter students can better connect with other commuters to discuss 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 and familiarize yourself with the location of buildings, landmarks, streets, and parking lots. It is helpful to know 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. We recommend that you arrive at least 15 to 20 minutes before your classes start to ensure you get a parking spot. It is your responsibility to be on time to each class. Both university and public transportation provide access to the entire university and surrounding areas every day.

**Parking Permits:** If you choose to drive, parking permits are required to park in campus lots on Main Campus. Parking permits for commuter students are sold at a reduced cost for the academic year and can be purchased online at widener.edu/parkingstore/ or by visiting Lipka Hall.

**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 or by calling 215-580-7800. Schedules are also available in the University Center by the information station in the Atrium.

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

Shuttles run a regular on-campus route every 20 minutes starting at 5:00 p.m. and students are encouraged download the mobile app to stay connected by visiting widener.transloc.com/info/mobile.

Contact Campus Safety at 610-499-4200 if you have any questions, or for more information, visit www.widener.edu/campussafety.
Where to Eat? Dining Services

Meal plan rates for 2019–20

Incoming resident freshmen can choose between three meal plans that include unlimited meals in the Pride Café and different amounts of Dining Dollars for use in the Food Court.

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.

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 banquette. The Pride Café is our residential restaurant. We are happy to accommodate special diet restrictions, and develop personalized plans, please contact campudining@widener.edu to set-up an appointment with our team.

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

**Monday–Friday:**
- Breakfast, 7:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.
- Light Breakfast 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.
- Lunch, 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
- Light Lunch, 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
- Dinner, 4:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m. (7:00 p.m. on Friday)

**Saturday and Sunday:**
- Brunch, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
- Light Lunch, 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
- Dinner, 4:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

*Hours are subject to change.*

**Widener Meal Plan**

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. 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 with them in person must find their card, or can use cash, credit, or debit to gain access to the Pride Café. Students who are not on a meal plan can use Pride Bucks (PB), cash, or credit / debit to gain access to the Pride Café. Dining dollars cannot be used without purchasing a meal plan, and are different from Pride Bucks. More details about all meal plans are available at [www.widener.campusdish.com](http://www.widener.campusdish.com).

- **Platinum 7-day Unlimited** w/$375 DD = $3,532
- **Gold 7-day Unlimited** w/$300 DD = $3,465
- **Silver 7-day Unlimited** w/$200 DD = $3,375
- **Weekday 5-day Unlimited Meals** w/$300 DD = $2,990
- **180 Resident Block Plan** w/$425 DD = $2,990
- **105+10 Guest Meals Block Plan** w/$275 DD = $1,500
- **75+10 Guest Meals Block Plan** w/$525 DD = $1,500
- **$500 Dining Dollars w/ 5 Guest Meals** = $500
- **30 Block + 2 Meal Kits Plan** w/$180 DD = $545

- Freshmen & Sophomores in residence halls must purchase one of the three unlimited plans.
  - Freshmen in Metro & Harris residence hall apartments with kitchens must purchase one of the three unlimited meal plans.
  - Sophomores in Metro & Harris residence hall apartments with kitchens can purchase one of the three unlimited meal plans or the Weekday 5-day Unlimited Meal Plan.
- Juniors and seniors in residence halls (other than Metro & Harris residence hall apartments with kitchens) must purchase at least a 180 Resident Block Plan.
- Juniors and seniors in Metro & Harris residence hall apartments with kitchen are not required but may purchase a meal plan.
- Block plans are only available to commuters and juniors and seniors in Metro & Harris Hall apartments with kitchens.
- Block plans include guest passes: 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, Moe’s Southwest Grill, or Uno’s Chicago 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 can use the swipe as a defined meal equivalent twice a day during the scheduled meal periods of breakfast, lunch, and dinner. For more information, please go to [www.widener.edu/BursarOffice](http://www.widener.edu/BursarOffice) and see Tuition and Fees.

**Commuter Meal Plans**

If you are commuting, you may purchase a Commuter Meal Plan from [www.widener.edu/DiningStore](http://www.widener.edu/DiningStore). These
plans are semester-based plans and are used during the semester they are purchased.

MacMorland Commons
MacMorland Commons, our food court located on the main floor of the University Center, includes the P.O.D., SUBWAY, and the Burger Studio. Cash, debit/credit cards, and Pride Bucks are accepted at all locations. If you have a meal plan, then meal exchange and dining dollars are accepted at SUBWAY and the Burger Studio in addition to traditional forms of payment.

- **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. 
  **Monday–Thursday:** 8:00 a.m.–midnight  
  **Friday:** 8:00 a.m.–1:00 a.m.  
  **Saturday:** 11:00 a.m.–1:00 a.m.  
  **Sunday:** 11:00 a.m.–midnight

- **SUBWAY**
  SUBWAY offers quick meals that are fresh and delicious.  
  **Monday–Friday:** 10:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m.  
  **Saturday:** 4:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.  
  **Sunday:** 4:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

- **Burger Studio**
  Customize your fresh-off-the-grill burger, cheese steak, or chicken breast with more than 30 toppings.  
  **Monday–Thursday:** 11:00 a.m.–midnight  
  **Friday:** 11:00 a.m.–1:00 a.m.  
  **Saturday:** 4:00 p.m.–1:00 a.m.  
  **Sunday:** 4:00 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, lattés, and gourmet teas, WU Brew Café also offers a delectable selection of gourmet sandwiches, salads, and pastries baked fresh daily.

Dining Dollars, Pride Bucks, cash, and credit/debit cards are accepted.  
**Monday–Thursday:** 7:30 a.m.–5:00 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, Pride Bucks, cash, and credit/debit cards are accepted.  
**Monday–Thursday:** 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.  
**Friday:** 8:00 a.m.–2:00 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, Pride Bucks, cash, and credit/debit cards are accepted.  
**Monday–Thursday:** 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.  
**Friday:** 8:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

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**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.

Meal Exchange, Dining Dollars, Pride Bucks, cash, and credit/debit cards are accepted.  
**Monday–Friday:** 11:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.  
**Saturday and Sunday:** 11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.  
**Catering Available.**

**Einstein Bros. Bagels**
James T. Harris III Residence Hall, 15th Street
Fresh baked bagels, smears, sandwiches, and more.

Meal Exchange, Dining Dollars, Pride Bucks, cash, and credit/debit cards are accepted.  
**Monday–Friday:** 7:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.  
**Saturday and Sunday:** 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.  
**Catering Available.**

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Hours are subject to change.
Achieving Academic Success

Adjusting to College
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. 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. As a new student, you are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the academic resources Widener University has to offer.

Academic Advising
Think of your academic advisor as a tour guide. You wouldn’t go on a tour alone in a foreign country; don’t try to go it alone in your education. Academic advisors help you translate your goals and interests into an effective and successful educational experience. They help you understand and navigate academic requirements, policies and procedures while guiding you in course selection. Make a point to see them at least once each semester and build a meaningful relationship.

To make the most of your advising experience, you should do the following:
- Meet with your advisor each semester (by October/March) before you register for classes.
- Make sure you’re aware of important policies, procedures, academic dates and deadlines including withdrawal (course or university) and add/drop by checking the Undergraduate Catalog and Student Handbook found at http://catalog.widener.edu.
- Understand university, general education, and your academic programs requirements.
- Seek out information and make decisions regarding your academic/career goals.
- Take advantage of campus resources (found throughout this guidebook).
- Write down questions you have for your advisor and ask for help!
- Assume final responsibility for course scheduling, program planning, and successful completion of graduation requirements.

About the Course 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 planner.

Tips for Success: Life in the Classroom
- Go to class, and ON TIME! That seems obvious, but it’s important to remember. How can you be successful if you’re not actually in class?
- Use a planner. It’ll be your most important tool. It doesn’t matter if you use your phone or buy a paper calendar, you’re going to need a system to organize your class schedule, assignments, deadlines, involvements, jobs, and life in general. Pick whatever works for you – and use it!
- Come to class prepared (every time!) – writing utensil, notepad, syllabus, and your planner.
- Participate in Class — Turn your cell phone off, take careful notes; ask questions; turn assignments in on time, every time.
- Get to know your professors. They’re people too and can help you if you’re struggling in class or you’re just really interested in the topic they teach. Introduce yourself and visit during office hours.
- RESPECT your professors and other students in your classroom.

Academic Integrity Statement
Widener University strongly supports the concept of academic integrity and expects students and all other members of the Widener University community to be honest in all academic endeavors. Cheating, plagiarism, and all other forms of academic fraud are unacceptable; and considered serious violations of university policy. The University expects all students to be familiar with university policies on academic integrity. The university will not accept a claim of ignorance—either of the policy itself or of what constitutes academic fraud—as a valid defense against such a charge. For additional information, please refer to the Academic Integrity Policy located in the online Undergraduate Course Catalog at http://catalog.widener.edu.
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 a 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 completing the online request form.

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 Design and Development** 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 professional dress, or networking. We offer one-on-one coaching sessions, workshops, special programs, classroom and organization presentations, website tools, career fairs, and handouts. **EXCITING NEWS!** Career Design and Development is pleased to announce that Handshake has arrived on campus! This one-stop career planning and job-search portal provides access to thousands of opportunities every month and even offers students customized suggestions. Incoming students can activate their Handshake account and access all of Handshake's benefits for their entire time at Widener at widener.joinhandshake.com. Students enter their existing Widener e-mail and password (single sign-on) to activate their account.

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**The Wolfgram Library**

The Wolfgram Memorial Library is a great place to study quietly, to work with others, and to find help with your research. To enter the library and use its services, you must bring your Campus1Card student ID card. Use the 14-digit barcode located on the back of the Campus1Card to access the library’s databases and electronic resources from off campus.

The library supports the main campus academic programs of Widener University with a vast collection of print and electronic books and journals, databases, microforms, and multimedia materials including streaming videos. A team of faculty librarians and staff members keeps the library open an average of 96 hours per week, with extended hours during final exams week, to assist students and faculty with effective use of these resources and library services. They are here to help you!

**Regular Semester Hours**

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For schedules during non-semester times and more information, visit www.widener.edu/wolfgram.

**Information Technology Services**

24 hours a day, 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** my.widener.edu for easy to find answers to commonly asked questions.

- **Call** your campus helpdesk number to talk to a support specialist 24/7/365. The Student Computing Office in my.widener.edu is the place to go to get answers to common questions such as change your password, how to download Office, and more.
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: Right side of Main Floor, Wolfgram Library
Helpdesk Phone number: 610-499-1202
Helpdesk E-mail: helpdesk@widener.edu

Technology Discounts
FREE Office 2016 ProPlus for all students.

Widener’s purchasing discounts are extended to students. For information regarding what discounts are available go to the ITS website. http://www.widener.edu/ITS.

Canvas (courses)

Each term, students will see their courses listed in Canvas here: https://widener.instructure.com/courses. For assistance in Canvas, we have provided a 24/7 Student support hotline via live chat or phone (844) 865-8963. Be sure to log in with your Widener credentials and set up your profile and notification preferences.

Internet and Network Information

Wireless Internet access is available throughout the campus.

To gain access, students are required to register their iPAD, PC, Tablet, Laptop, or Cell Phone. Connecting your device to the Widener or WUDorm network and accessing a browser will automatically take you to the registration page.

Most gaming systems will automatically register and allow you to play immediately. Unfortunately, some gaming systems (very new or very old), and all other devices such as SmartTV’s, Apple TV’s, Firestick’s, Amazon Echo’s require you to submit a ticket to the Help Desk. To submit a ticket, simply open a browser, go to quickticket.widener.edu, fill out the form and provide the MAC address of the device.

Campus Safety

Centrally located on the ground level of Old Main, the Campus Safety Department provides 24-hours-per-day, 7-days-a-week service and protection. The department uses highly visible officers on bicycles, in vehicles, and on 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. To reach the Campus Safety Department, please call 610-499-4200.

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 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, and 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Shuttles also provide transportation to nearby off-campus locations.
► Accessible shuttle that provides shuttle transportation for students with physical disabilities between 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, and 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.
Your Campus1Card: Don’t Leave Home Without It!

Your Campus1Card is your official university student photo ID. It grants you access to the Wolfram 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 lost, damaged, or stolen, so treat your card with care. For more information regarding your Campus1Card, visit www.sites.widener.edu/campus1card.

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 your Widener University Campus1Card and carries over from year to year while you are an enrolled student. PRIDE Bucks can be used in the following locations:
  - On Campus:
    - Campus bookstore, Aramark food service locations
    - Student Health Center
    - Printing & copying
  - Off Campus:
    - Visit www.sites.widener.edu/campus1card for locations.

Deposits can be made to your PRIDE Bucks account at any time through the Office of Enrollment Services by cash or check, at any one of the three Cash Value Terminals on campus, or by credit card online at https://get.cbord.com/widener. 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. Use GET FUNDS for online account management of your Campus1Card by visiting https://get.cbord.com/widener. Use your Widener login ID and password to gain access to the account.
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)
- Instructions for registering for class (widener.edu/registraroffice)
- Financial information (widener.edu/financialaidoffice)
- Information on providing your Campus1Card (widener.edu/campus1cardoffice)

On Campus: Enrollment Services 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.

Enrollment Services provides information and services to our Widener students and parents.

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 https://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 https://fafsa.ed.gov to apply for need-based aid. You should also ensure that you meet the deadlines for state grant aid if you qualify. The federal school code to release information to Widener is 003313. We will review your application and make an offer of aid after all required information has been submitted. Additional documents supporting your FAFSA information may be requested to finalize your offer.

Paying Your Bills
Semester e-Billing: All billing is done through Widener University e-Billing. You can log-in through myWidener to view your e-Bill, pay bills, set up a payment plan, and assign authorized payer(s) to view and pay your semester account. Information on billing, Widener payment plans, and authorized user set up for parent users is provided on widener.edu/bursaroffice under the Information and Links.

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.

e-Billing Payment Due Dates for 2019–2020 Academic Year

Fall Semester 2019
e-Bill Due Date: August 8, 2019

Spring Semester 2020
e-Bill Due Date: January 13, 2020

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 of the date and time of their registration. The e-mail also informs the students how to look on myWidener to determine when they will be given access to register.
Get Involved!

Clubs, Organizations, and Activities

Join up!
There are more than 80 recognized student clubs and organizations ranging from service to academic groups. Visit the Office of Student Engagement on myWidener to see a complete list of recognized student organizations.

Not sure which clubs are for you? Students can also stop by the Involvement Fair held each semester where organizations showcase their groups. Want to start a new student organization? E-mail studentengagement@widener.edu so we can help you get started.

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 or the Center for Civic and Global Engagement provide countless opportunities for students to give back.

Have some fun
Meet other students and have fun at student organization events such as 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 other special interest groups.

Find your family away from home
Learn more about other cultures or find your family away from home with groups such as the Black Student Union, the Sexuality and Gender Alliance, and the International Club. The French Club and Spanish Club 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 lifelong friends. Learn more about your future profession with academic groups such as the Society of Women Engineers, the Student Nurses’ Association, the Bachelors of Social Work Club, and the Public Relations Student Society of America. Interested in media? Join Blue&Gold, Widener’s Student Media News site. You can also 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 on myWidener by searching "Experience Widener Calendar" 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. All undergraduate students are automatically members of the Student Government Association.

Pride Activities 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 events, trips, dance parties, and other traditional events. Membership is open to all Widener undergraduate students.

Residence Hall Association (RHA)—RHA advocates for students living on-campus, providing them with things they need and want to enrich their residential experience. Make sure you check out their annual Late Night Breakfast during finals week.

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 participate in a designated amount of fundraising events.
Interfraternity Council, Intercultural Greek Council, and College Panhellenic Council—These governing councils for Widener University fraternities and sororities coordinate values-based programs and work as a collective unit to address issues that affect the fraternity and sorority community.

Major Events
Welcome Back Bash—A huge outdoor party where the Pride Activities Council welcomes back the entire Widener University community with dinner, live music, entertainment, and giveaways.

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

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—This themed event occurs every semester and gives our 80+ student organizations and clubs the opportunity to showcase and to recruit interested students.

Homecoming—Homecoming week is packed with events and programs for alumni and current students to enjoy. Events include the football game, homecoming picnic, and the crowning of the homecoming king and queen.

Greek Week—This week allows members of the Fraternity and Sorority Life community to come together through a series of events to promote unity. Events include the Fraternity and Sorority Life day of service, Songfest, athletic events, and a Fraternity and Sorority Life BBQ.

Stressbusters—This event is full of fun games 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.

SpringFest—This awesome spring event helps close out the semester with music, games, fun, and prizes sponsored by the Office of Student Engagement.

International Week—Celebrate different cultures on campus and learn about study abroad opportunities during our annual International week. This week offers 30+ events like restaurant trips to Philadelphia, foreign films, and a Japanese Opera and we end the week with the “We’re All Widener” Multicultural Fair with food and music from all over the world.
Take Care: Student Health Services

Welcome New Students,

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 and return the Health History Form and the Pre-Matriculation Certificate of Immunizations no later than June 24, 2019. 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 us online at www.widener.edu and searching ‘Student Health Services’ in the search bar. Please call or e-mail us with questions as you begin to navigate your college journey.

Ellen DeLuca, CRNP
Director of Student Health Services

Student Health Services Hours and Location
Metropolitan Lane (adjacent to Metropolitan Hall)
Fall and Spring Office Hours:
Monday–Friday: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Winter and Spring Break: Office Closed
Summer Office Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Student Health Services Staff
Our team includes board certified physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, a registered nurse, and professional administrative assistants. All are ready to serve your health and wellness needs.

Services Provided
Student Health Services provides primary, chronic, and urgent care. For after-hour medical emergencies, call Campus Safety at 610-499-4200. 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, depending on the information provided to Campus Safety.
Medical and Nursing Services

- Evaluation and treatment of acute and chronic illnesses
- Dispensing prescription and over-the-counter medicines as indicated
- Routine sexual health exams and sexually-transmitted infection screening and treatment
- Laboratory testing as indicated
- Immunizations including influenza vaccinations
- 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

Fees and 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, procedures, and specific medical equipment. These charges can be billed to the student’s school account, or paid for in full by the student (cash or check only). At this time, Widener University does not bill third party insurance companies for these charges but will provide required documentation 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 Student 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, destroy, or remove any PHI, except as authorized by Student Health Services. Employees hold in strictest confidentiality any and all access codes, passwords, and/or authorizations provided by Student Health Services.

Student Health Insurance

Widener University requires personal health insurance of all full-time undergraduate students. Students are charged annually for the University-sponsored health insurance on their student account unless the coverage is waived. More information to follow about the health insurance and how to waive or enroll.

International students are automatically enrolled in the university-sponsored 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.

Widener University
Student Health Services
One University Place
Chester, PA 19013-5792

t. 610-499-1183
f. 610-499-1181
e: studenthealth@widener.edu
A Reminder for Varsity and Junior Varsity Student-Athletes:

Widener University/NCAA Requirement: According to NCAA bylaws, athletic physicals must be completed by a student’s primary care provider 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, or 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.

The Athletic Physical Examination form is provided by the Athletic Department.

Sickle Cell Testing Requirements: All NCAA 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 Student Health Services. A copy of results must be included with the physical form, or
- Get tested for sickle cell trait prior to the first day of practice and submit the test results to Student Health Services. Student Health Services can perform this test if it is not done by the time of arrival on campus.

A copy of the sickle cell lab report must accompany the completed Athletic Physical Examination Form.

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 required to provide Student Health Services with updated prescription information each year.

Office Phone and E-mail Information: Student Health Services Office, 610-499-1183, studenthealth@widener.edu
Tradition #3
Student Involvement Fair

During the first week of each semester, the Office of Student Engagement (OSE), hosts the Student Involvement Fair. More than 80 student organizations showcase their groups and recruit students to become involved on campus.

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 it 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’s rugby
- men’s soccer
- ice hockey
- women’s rugby
- women’s soccer
- roller hockey

Some intramural offerings include:
- soccer
- dodgeball
- rock climbing
- basketball
- flag football
- volleyball
- handball
- e-sports

For more information and hours, please visit www.widener.edu/priderc
Multicultural Student Affairs
Widener University is a welcoming inclusive campus that actively promotes diversity, civility, respect and acceptance of differences within our community. While you’re here, you will be provided with countless opportunities to meet new friends from different countries, cultures, and ethnic groups; friends with different faith traditions and political philosophies; and friends who have different sexual orientations and/or gender identities.

The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (MSA) hosts a wide range of programs and services that enable you to make new friends and share ideas and experiences from around the world, while challenging your views and broadening your perspectives.

The campus-wide “We’re All Widener!” pluralism campaign describes our campus environment that welcomes, promotes and encourages diversity and inclusion among our students, faculty and staff. Some of the programs and services offered by the MSA Office also assist with the recruitment, orientation, retention, and graduation of students from under-represented populations.

For more information about the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, please contact Michelle Meekins-Davis, Chief Diversity Officer and Director of MSA at mmdavis@widener.edu.

Multicultural Student Organizations
In collaboration with the Office of Student Engagement, MSA supports the leadership development of multicultural student groups through its monthly President’s 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 Sorority, Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Black Student Union (BSU), Black Men United (BMU), InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), Spanish Club, Widener Newman Catholic Club, Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA), and Hillel.

The MSA Office is located on the lower level of the University Center. In addition to facilitating diversity and inclusion themed workshops and events, the director and program coordinator are available to assist students during the academic year in developing programs. The director is also available for student assistance in responding to difficult and/or challenging situations and to discuss individual and personal concerns.
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.

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, 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 a 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.
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, needing course tutoring, or want to join a student organization.

Keep this contact list handy! All the campus extensions provided on the right can be dialed from off-campus by adding the prefix 610-499- to 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 myWidener are also excellent resources.

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 https://catalog.widener.edu/.

All students are responsible for familiarizing themselves thoroughly with all policies, rules, regulations, and standards of the university.

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Things to Remember: A Check List for You

Prior to the Start of Classes

- Familiarize yourself with myWidener
- Attend Pride Experience Two: Fall Orientation
- Direct all your academic questions to your academic advisor
- Look up campus jobs on myWidener or Handshake
- Be sure you have signed and submitted all financial aid paperwork by the deadlines indicated
- Complete your Alcohol Education Module by August 21
- Add Campus Safety's number in your cell phone: 610-499-4200
- Create your Student ID card online; visit optic.widener.edu if not already done
- Complete and submit all health forms to Health Services by June 24
- Be sure you know your check-in and move-in time
- Follow the official Widener social media accounts:
  - Facebook: @wideneruniversity, Widener University Official Class of 2023 Group
  - Twitter: @WidenerUniv
  - Instagram: @wideneruniversity
- Complete and mail enrollment/waiver health insurance card by June 24

Commuter Students

- Follow the Commuter Student Association (CSA) on Facebook and Instagram
- Plan your route to campus ahead of time—have alternate routes of travel in case of traffic delays
- Become familiar with campus parking lots—identify ahead of time where you should park in order to get to class on time

Resident Students

- Contact 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

- Attend the Involvement Fair
- Attend 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 25
- Join a student organization
- Look up the Campus Safety shuttle hours
- Find where the following resources are:
  - Career Design and Development
  - Writing Center
  - Math Center
  - Library
  - Computer Labs
  - Health Services
  - Your Advisor’s Office
- Sign up for spring classes in November

Commute Students

- Attend the Commuter Coffee Stops
- Join the Commuter Student Association

Resident Students

- Don’t miss your residence hall meetings
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Numerical Key
1 Old Main
   Administration
   Alumni Engagement
   Bovman Garden
   Campus Safety
   Corporate & Foundation Relations
   Development
   Donor Relations
   Government Relations
   Teaching, Learning, and Assessment
   University Relations
   Welcome Center
2 Old Main Annex
3 Muller Hall
4 University Center
   Art Gallery
   Housing and Residence Life
   Interfaith Center
   MacMorland Commons (food court)
   Burger Studio, P.O.D. (Provisions On Demand), and SUBWAY
   Post Office
   Pride Café Dining Hall
   Student Engagement
5 Hyatt Hall
6 Capek Learning Center
   College of Arts and Sciences
   Continuing Studies
   Java City
7 Founders Hall
   School of Nursing
   Osken Leadership Institute
8 Alumni Auditorium
   PMC Museum
9 Wolfgang Memorial Library
10 Kirkbride Hall
   School of Engineering
   Science Division of Arts and Sciences
   Kirkbride Java City Express
11 Academic Center North
   Center for Hospitality Management
   Information Technology Services
   Marriott Dining Room
12 Counseling Center
13 Child Development Center
14 Biofeedback Clinic & Certification Center
15 Widener Child Therapy Clinic
16 Organizational Development Services
17 Robert J. Bruce Graduate Center
   Center for Social Work Education
   Institute for Graduate Clinical Psychology
   Institute for Physical Therapy Education
   School of Human Service Professions
18 Lipka Hall
   Enrollment Services Center (Bursar, Campus1Card, Financial Aid, Registrar)
19 Disabilities Services
20 Pineapple House
   Academic Support Services
21 Career Design and Development & Honors Program in General Education
22 Hannum House
   Social Work Counseling Services
23 Leslie C. Quick Center
   School of Business Administration
24 Latham Hall
25 Center for Human Sexuality Studies
26 Housekeeping
27 Hub at University Crossings
28 Best Western Widener Hotel
29 Bookstore
30 Student Health Services
31 Pride Recreation Center
32 Schwartz Athletic Center
33 Quick Stadium
34 Basin Hall (North on Providence Avenue)
   Chester Comm. Physical Therapy Clinic
   Neuropsychology Assessment Center
35 Bartholomew Lab
36 Memorial Field
37 Freedom Hall
   COMS, Computer Science, and Digital Media Informatics
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38 Dixon Field (Edith R. Dixon)
39 Baseball Field
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Talking to Your Son or Daughter About Alcohol and Drugs

Going to college signifies a time of 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 student makes healthy, informed decisions while in college is to stay involved in their lives by talking and listening to them about all aspects of their 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 higher the likelihood students will make safe choices about alcohol and 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 student has been drinking, try to discuss the situation calmly without accusations or expressions of anger. Ultimately, the most crucial 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 an online alcohol education module. Whether or not your student drinks, this educational tool 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 student’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 a parent information session during our Pride Experience Summer Session.

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 student’s initial transition into college and effectively support their student’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 studentaffairs@widener.edu.
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.edu/gateway/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
2019–2020 Academic Calendar

FALL SEMESTER

August 2019
20 Tues. New student move-in; residence halls open 9 a.m.
20–23 Tues–Fri. New Student Orientation
23 Fri. Freshman Advising Day; Academic Convocation
26 Mon. Official start of fall semester for undergraduate, graduate, and extended learning and Module I classes

September 2019
2 Mon. No classes—Labor Day observed
3 Tues. Last day for dropping and/or adding classes for full semester and Module I courses
26 Mon. Last day for withdrawal from Module I courses

October 2019
7 Mon. Freshman Pre-advising Day
10–11 Thurs.–Fri. Final exams, Module I
11–12 Fri.–Sat. Homecoming Weekend
16 Wed. Deadline for finishing undergraduate incompletes from summer 2019
21 Mon. Module II begins
21–22 Mon.–Tues. Fall break
29 Tues. Last day for dropping and/or adding Module II courses

November 2019
4–22 Mon.–Fri. Registration for spring 2020 courses
5 Tues. Deadline for class withdrawal without academic penalty
11–15 Mon.–Fri. International Week
19 Tues. Last day for withdrawal from Module II courses
28–29 Thurs.–Fri. Thanksgiving holiday, no classes

December 2019
1 Sun. Residence halls reopen 9 a.m.
5–6 Thurs.–Fri. Final exams, Module II
6 Fri. Last day of classes
7–8 Sat.–Sun. Reading Days
9–13 Mon.–Fri. Final exams for regular semester courses
13 Fri. Official end of fall semester

SPRING SEMESTER

January 2020
12 Sun. New student move-in
13 Mon. Official start of spring semester; Undergraduates, Graduate, Extended Learning and Module I courses

February 2020
14 Fri. Last day for withdrawal from Module I courses
27–28 Thurs.–Fri. Final exams, Module I
28 Fri. Deadline for finishing undergraduate incompletes from fall 2019

March 2020
2–6 Mon.–Fri. Spring break
9 Mon. All classes resume; Module II begins
16–20 Mon.–Fri. Honors Week
17 Tues. Last day for dropping and/or adding Module II courses
30–Apr.17 Mon.–Fri. Registration for summer and fall 2020 courses
### April 2020
- **1 Wed.** Deadline for class withdrawal without academic penalty
- **15 Wed.** Last day for withdrawal from Module II courses
- **10 Fri.** Spring Holiday, no classes
- **23–24 Thurs.–Fri.** Final exams, Module II
- **24 Fri.** Student Project Day

### May 2020
- **1 Fri.** Last day of classes
- **2–3 Sat.–Sun.** Reading Days
- **4–8 Mon.–Fri.** Final exams for regular semester courses
- **8 Fri.** Official end of spring semester
- **16 Sat.** Undergraduate and graduate commencement

### 2020 SUMMER SESSION (SUM)*

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To view the full 2019–20 academic calendar, please visit [http://www.widener.edu/academics/calendar.aspx](http://www.widener.edu/academics/calendar.aspx).

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