A GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
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Get to know Widener, a leading research university located in the heart of America’s East Coast.
Settle into Your Second Home
Spend your days 20 km from Center City Philadelphia, 10 km from Philadelphia International Airport, and minutes from several historic towns.

Learning Spaces include
- Robotics engineering lab
- Nursing simulation lab
- Finance lab
- Rooftop observatory
- Arboretum for researching and exploring

Athletic & Fitness Facilities
- Rock climbing wall
- Championship-size swimming pool
- Basketball and sand volleyball courts
- Fitness and weightlifting facilities

Join international students from 25+ countries

3,200+ undergraduate students
2,200+ graduate students

24+ Division III varsity sports teams, including co-ed ESports

Dining Options
Without leaving campus, you’ll uncover dining options that meet your preferences and needs:
- Grab a slice of pizza, a fully-loaded burrito, and more at on-campus restaurants
- Choose bento sushi, fried chicken, or a fresh salad at one of many grab-and-go eateries
- Stop by the Pride Café, our on-campus dining hall, for breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Philadelphia At-a-Glance
- Population: 1.58 million—6th largest city in the U.S.
- Avg. temperature: 26°C in summer—2°C in winter
- Avg. snowfall: 33 cm per winter
- Avg. number of sunny days: 207 per year
- Time zone: Eastern Standard Time (UTC-5)

30% of student body consists of international citizens and U.S. students of color
Travel the World

Bring your curiosity with you. Throughout your Widener experience, you’ll benefit from opportunities to travel across the United States—and around the world—with support from our Global Engagement Office.

National exchange programs enable you to study for up to two semesters at 170+ American universities. Choose a theme-based program, from music business in Nashville, Tennessee, to geography and meteorology in the rolling hills of Indiana.

Semester abroad programs enable you to experience the world. Attend business technology school in China or participate in an honors conference and research competition in the Netherlands. Spend a semester in one of several international hubs, including Germany, Spain, Thailand, Mexico, Honduras, Dominican Republic, and Bolivia.

Day- and week-long cultural immersion programs allow you to visit cultural hubs and historic landmarks in the United States.

Join a Welcoming Community
Here, you’ll feel like an insider from day one.

On our campus and throughout the area, opportunities abound:
- Friendship Families program helps you adjust to American life as you interact with a local family.
- Global Pride Partners mentor program connects you with current Widener students from the United States.
- Annual Education Week and other programs offer opportunities to share your culture and explore American culture.
- Connection with Campus Philly, a nonprofit organization, provides access to special events and resources for international students.

Each step of the way, you’ll feel the support of our International Student Services staff, who advocate for you by:
- Providing immigration services.
- Assisting with acclimation to American life and integration into the Widener community.
- Facilitating meaningful interactions with both domestic and international students.

Chiamaka Oduah, a biomedical engineering student from Nigeria, always wanted to use her education for good. “I am hoping to use my degree to make a positive impact on the health system at home in Nigeria,” she says.

After applying for and receiving Widener’s inaugural #YouAreWelcomeHere scholarship for international students, Chiamaka knew she could accomplish her goal as a member of the Widener Pride. Today, Chiamaka lives on Widener’s campus and serves as the secretary for the Biomedical Engineering Society. Her goal of improving Nigeria’s health system? She’s well on her way to making it happen.
Earn a Powerful Degree
Choose from 40+ majors, 50+ minors, and 15+ accelerated bachelor’s-to-master’s programs. You can even earn a minor or certificate in leadership.

View all of our programs at widener.edu/majors

Colleges and Schools
• College of Arts & Sciences
• College of Health & Human Services
• School of Business Administration
• School of Engineering
• School of Nursing
• Two law schools: Widener Law Commonwealth and Delaware Law School

Popular Programs

Engineering: Select 1 of 6 engineering majors, including a breakthrough program in robotics engineering—the first of its kind in our region.

Computer Science: Conduct meaningful research and work with internationally celebrated companies through co-op and internship experiences.

Business: Choose 1 of 7 majors. As you gain real-world experience through internships, co-ops, and other career-defining experiences, you’ll get ready to thrive in a future business role.

Only 5% of business schools around the world—including ours—carry AACSB accreditation.

PROVEN. RESULTS.
No matter what program you pursue, you’ll encounter endless opportunities to gain the real-world experience you need to start fast, stand out, and get ahead.

“...I’m learning a lot of things that can only be learned through experience and not classroom learning. It’s really exciting that I can get this experience while still in school.”

- Taylor Kohnow ’22, robotics engineering major and co-op student at Exyn, a startup that builds autonomous, industrial drones.

Co-op Program
Gain work experience, get paid, and graduate in four years through our year-long co-op program, where you’ll take on a professional role and earn credits toward your degree.

Internship Program
Through connections with professors, career advisors, and industry experts, you can secure multiple internships in your field—all before you graduate.

INSIDER. ADVANTAGE.

Interested in a nursing or engineering degree? Check out our program-specific admissions requirements.
INVEST. SUCCEED.

SEE A CLEAR RETURN ON YOUR INVESTMENT. When you graduate, you won’t just start your career. You’ll continue the work you’ve been doing all along. AND IT WILL PAY OFF.

- **13:1 student-faculty ratio** ensures you’ll receive individual mentorship as you launch your career, something you won’t find at a large, public university.

- **Widener alumni earn $18,000 more than the national average.**

$101,100
Average mid-career salary of a Widener alumnus, placing our graduates in the top 18% nationwide. ~PayScale’s College Salary Report

91% of faculty have a doctorate or the highest degree in their field.

94% of recent graduates achieved their intended career goals within 6 months of graduation.

91% of students who complete 12 months of co-op graduate in 4 years—a full year sooner than co-op students at most American universities.

Teaching assistants never teach Widener classes. Instead, you’ll learn from faculty whose thinking, leadership, and research are shaping the field you’re preparing to enter.
Every year, scholarships help international students like you maximize their investment in a career-shaping, life-defining Widener education. Our exclusive international scholarships include:

• Widener Presidential Scholarship
• You Are Welcome Here Scholarship
• Global Development Scholarship
• International Baccalaureate Scholarship
• International A-Levels Scholarship
• A Variety of Specialty Scholarships—Honors Program, PSC, Music, ESports

International scholarships may award you up to $38,000 per year. Submit your free, online application to see what scholarships we can offer you.