

PRIDE GUIDE

2023

A Guide for
Widener
Students



Widener University



DEAR WIDENER STUDENTS AND FAMILIES,

I am delighted to be among the first to congratulate you on your choice to attend Widener, and to offer my assistance at any time I might be able to help you along the way. I work with a significant network of staff who, likewise, are here to get to know you, support, advise and mentor you, and celebrate your many accomplishments as you complete your degree and prepare for your bright future!

As a new member of the Widener Pride, all students will participate in the Pride Experience Orientation Program—a program designed to help you succeed both academically and personally. The programs we provide are specifically tailored to address questions you might have, information you need, and will help start your university experience on solid footing.

Our Pride Experience Orientation Programs are important and mandatory for new first year students.

Undergraduate students arriving in the fall semester participate in our Pride Experience I and II Programs. Transfer students (arriving fall or spring semesters) participate in our Pride Experience III Program.

Pride Experience I: Summer Registration is designed to help you connect with classmates, register for fall classes, learn about academic and personal resources available at Widener, and get an in-depth preview of the fall Pride Experience II program. You will be guided by our CREW Leader Team, a highly trained group of current students ready to assist you and your family.

Pride Experience II: Fall Orientation is packed with educational and social events that will acclimate you to campus and your classmates. Pride Experience II includes lots of time for fun, tons of useful information, and introductory activities with your classmates and CREW Leader. Pride Experience II also includes Academic Convocation, which is an inspiring event that launches the school year.

Pride Experience III: Transfer Orientation is specially designed as an orientation program for incoming students transferring in from another institution. You'll have an opportunity to connect with other transfer students, finalize registration for classes, and learn about the broad array of resources available at Widener.

As you're planning to join us at Widener, we also urge you to consider attending the 1821 Experience Pre-Orientation Program and Living Learning Community:

The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (MSA) invites incoming new and transfer students to participate in an opportunity to ease into the Pride family by joining the 1821 Experience Pre-Orientation Program from August 18–22, 2023. Over five days of exciting workshops and activities, students will learn about transitioning to college life, meet new friends, explore campus, connect with student leaders, and move in early, if living on campus. All students are welcome! International, commuter, and first-generation students are encouraged to apply. The participation fee is \$100. Register early, as participation is limited to 20 students. Contact the Assistant Director of Multicultural Student Affairs at kasmith1@widener.edu for more information.

As Dean of Students, I am honored to serve as a strong advocate for all students and would love to get to know you. I offer three pieces of advice.

Excel academically: Take advantage of the services provided by your academic advisor, the writing or math center, tutoring, and your professor’s office hours.

Promote a healthy mindset: Our professional staff in the Health Center and Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) areas exist to provide you with convenient, confidential, and compassionate care throughout your journey—as many times as you need—free to you as a student.

Get involved: I also urge you to get involved in campus life. Join clubs, try out for teams, visit the Pride Recreation Center, consider becoming a member of a fraternity or sorority. I am confident you will quickly find other students who share your interests, and you are also likely to find new interests as you explore campus.

We are excited that you have chosen us to share your path toward success, and we are ready to get to know you better. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to me at any time I might be of assistance, or even if you just want to stop by to say hello. My office is on the main floor of the University Center, and I would be delighted to see you anytime.

Warmly,



Sarah L. Swager, Ph.D.
Dean of Students

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STUDENT SUCCESS

College courses are much more demanding than high school—it's up to you to **make the right decisions and manage your time and responsibilities**. The primary difference: 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 and inactions. As a new student, you are encouraged to take advantage of resources that can enhance your academic experience and success at Widener.

Tips for Success: Life in the Classroom

- **Go to class 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 schedules, assignments, deadlines, involvements, jobs, and life in general. Pick whatever works for you, and use it.
- **Come to class prepared** – Pen, notepad, syllabus, planner, and books and laptop if applicable.
- **Participate in class** – Turn your cell phone off, take careful notes, ask questions, and turn assignments in on time.
- **Get to know your professors** – They're people too and can help you if you're struggling in class or are especially interested in the topic they teach. Introduce yourself and visit during office hours.
- **RESPECT** your professors and other students in your classroom.





→ **The First-Year Experience** brings together academics, student-life activities, and community engagement around a shared theme. The theme for 2023 is transformation.

Students are invited to reflect on this theme by asking questions such as: How is transformation different than just change? How do knowledge and experiences transform us?

The goal of the First-Year Experience is to consider questions from multiple perspectives, share ideas and conversations in the classroom and beyond, and introduce students to intellectual life and community at Widener.

Widener's new general education curriculum, Foundations and Transformations, will be a cornerstone of the



First-Year Experience—including the first course,

ASC 101: Thinking Through. Choose from more than 30 complex questions to explore during the fall semester of your first year. As you dig deeper, you'll examine the big issues that shape our world and our ways of relating to one another.

You'll review these topics and register for one course with help from your academic advisor during the Pride Experience I: Summer Registration orientation program.

• **The PRIDE Mentoring Program** provides ongoing 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

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, enabling students to forge social and cultural ties essential for academic success, while strengthening identities and enhancing satisfaction with the entire undergraduate experience. It's 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.

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, and academic deadlines, including withdrawal (course or university) and add/drop dates by checking the Undergraduate Course Catalog and Student Handbook found at catalog.widener.edu.
- Understand university, general education, and academic program 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.

• **The Office of Student Success** is located on 14th Street from addresses 520-528. The office works with undergraduate students to connect them to offices and resources that can enhance academic performance and success. There are no additional costs for its services, which include everything from tutoring services to academic coaching. Its staff is here to support each student in reaching their full academic potential. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Cairy, Executive Director of Student Success, at 610-499-1193 or via email at tjcairy@widener.edu.



Academic Coaching is provided through one-on-one sessions and group meetings with a trained academic coach who will assist students in a variety of areas. Academic coaches offer many academic success workshops throughout the academic year. Any full-time undergraduate day student can sign up to meet with an academic coach.

Tutoring is available for most introductory and upper-level courses at Widener. A trained staff of Widener students is available throughout the academic year for one-on-one tutoring at the student's request. For some courses—like physics, biology, and chemistry—walk-in sessions are held to foster collaboration and group learning.

• The **Math Center** provides tutoring in mathematics for all Widener students. Experienced professional and undergraduate tutors provide help with all courses with mathematics content. **NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED!** The campus math center is located in room 131 on the ground floor of Kapelski Learning Center. Please, walk in between the hours of 11a.m. and 9p.m. Monday through Thursday or 11a.m. and 3p.m. on Friday. Tutors are waiting to assist you with all your mathematics needs. The virtual math center operates simultaneously, between the hours of 4p.m. and 9p.m. Please call 610-499-1253 before clicking on the link, widener.zoom.us/my/mathtutor1821, during virtual math center hours on Monday through Thursday, so that you can be received by the math Center tutors in a timely manner.

For more information, please email Dr. Hallenbeck, Math Center Director, at kxh0002@widener.edu.

At the **Writing Center**, you'll receive personalized one-on-one help with a research paper, essay, or other writing assignment from one of our faculty members, many of whom teach English courses at Widener. The Writing Center assists undergraduate and graduate Widener University students in both in-person appointments (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) and virtual appointments (4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.). Contact the Writing Center at 610-499-4332 or stop by the Writing Center in Old Main Annex (first floor) to set up an appointment.

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 a major; guidance for writing resumés, 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 and networking. We offer virtual and in-person coaching sessions, workshops, special programs, classroom and organization presentations, website tools, industry specific career fairs, and networking events. Visit our **myWidener** page to take a virtual tour of our resources available to you. All Widener students have access to Handshake, a one-stop career planning and job search portal that provides access to hundreds of job opportunities every month and even offers students customized job and career event suggestions. Incoming students can activate their Handshake account and access all of Handshake's benefits for their entire time at Widener. Go to **widener.joinhandshake.com** and enter your existing Widener email and password (single sign-on) to activate an account.

Student Accessibility Services works with Widener students with disabilities by approving and facilitating accommodations that provide equal access to Widener's academic and campus programming. Whether you had an IEP or a 504 plan in high school, or were recently diagnosed with a disability, you can work with Student Accessibility Services to see what supports may be available. To learn more about how Student Accessibility Services can help you, visit our **New Student's Accessibility Services Page**.

The Center for Civic and Global Engagement (CCGE) provides global engagement opportunities for the Widener community through an extensive cross-cultural, educational, and social calendar of programs. The Center promotes civic engagement initiatives for all students, faculty, and staff through volunteer service and service learning in the Chester community. Scholars within civic engagement are empowered through capacity-building, economic development, political engagement, and advocacy experiences in the Center's civic engagement Scholars program. The Center also provides support for Widener's international students and scholars, and all students and faculty, with short-term and long-term study abroad programs. **International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS)** provides immigration services to Widener's international community and assists international students with adaptation to life in the United States. The **Study Abroad Office** provides support to Widener students looking to take their studies abroad for a short-term or full semester. Our membership to the National Student Exchange (NSE) allows students to study away from campus while remaining inside the United States. The Civic Engagement Scholars program, International Student and Scholar Services, and the Study Abroad Office strive to prepare all students for success in a diverse and global society.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) is staffed by a team of licensed mental health clinicians dedicated to supporting students' emotional well-being while enrolled at Widener. The office offers individual counseling and psychotherapy services, in addition to education and outreach programming. Services provided through CAPS are free and confidential. Its work is guided by a short-term solution focused model. When appropriate, members of CAPS will work in partnership with faculty and staff across campus to connect students to additional student supports that may be beneficial to their success here. Some students might choose to come for one session or multiple sessions. Staff will also consult with off-campus providers to support a student's success and well-being. Often, it is found that maintaining a connection with a prior treatment provider can further assist their transition to a new environment. If you have specific questions about accessing services at CAPS or how to access resources, contact **counselingcenter@widener.edu**.

WOLFGRAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY



The Wolfram Memorial Library is a great place to study, collaborate with others, and find help with your research. To enter the library and use its services, including printing, you must bring your Widener ID card. The library offers a variety of study spaces, ranging from individual quiet study to collaborative group spaces—come find your favorite spot!

Stop by the Library Information Desk to check out books, study room keys, course reserves or even board games! You can also borrow a laptop or a charger for your cell phone or tablet.

The library is open an average of 95 hours per week, with extended hours during key periods of the semester, such as finals. Visit the Research Desk or set up an appointment when you need help tackling that first research paper!

Regular Semester Hours*

- Monday–Thursday: 7:30 a.m.–11:30 p.m.
- Friday: 7:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
- Sunday: 12:00 p.m.–11:30 p.m.

**Hours are subject to change.*

widener.edu/wolfram

The library homepage at widener.edu/about/campus-community-resources/wolfram-memorial-library is your access point to online databases, journals, videos, and eBooks. You can reserve a study room, check out hours, or even chat with library staff. If you need a resource that we don't have, Interlibrary Loan service can get it for you for free.

The library also has desktop computers, black and white and color printers, a photocopier, a microfilm system, and a scanner. The Technology Support Center (TSC), located on the main [second] floor, is the walk-up support center where students, faculty, and staff can go for assistance with their computers and handheld devices. No appointment is necessary.

For contact information and hours, go to my.widener.edu/task/maincampus/stsc

CAMPUS SAFETY

The Office of Campus Safety is located in Old Main. Officers patrol the campus utilizing gas and electric vehicles and walking patrols 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. The campus and surrounding neighborhood is closely monitored via 450 closed-circuit surveillance cameras.

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 and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and in 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 Chester campus.

Services Offered by Campus Safety include:

- 24-hour escort service
- Transportation to local medical facilities
- A shuttle bus that circulates the campus from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on Saturday, and 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. on Sunday. The shuttle also accommodates those with physical disabilities. Shuttles also provide transportation to the nearby Wawa, Walmart, Springfield Mall, and Target.
- Contact Campus Safety at 610-499-4200, or visit widener.edu/campussafety.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

Feeling under the weather or have health-related questions? Look no further than Student Health Services. Here, you'll access free, confidential medical services and educational resources to empower you to seek appropriate health care for wellness, illness, and injury.

The Student Health Services staff looks forward to your arrival on campus and meeting your medical needs in the years ahead. The office strives to educate students to be responsible and obtain appropriate health care as needed. In addition, university policies, initiatives, and programming support Widener's commitment to a healthy campus. The team includes a board-certified physician, nurse practitioners, 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 vaccination
- Tuberculosis IGRA blood test and travel medicine consults
- Evaluation of athletic injuries and annual pre-season physicals for returning athletes
- Health and wellness education and counseling
- Specialty referrals as needed
- Student health insurance management

For more information, please visit us at sites.widener.edu/studenthealth or contact us at studenthealth@widener.edu or 610-499-1183.

LOCATION AND HOURS*

- **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–Thursday
9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

**Hours are subject to change.*



Enrollment Services is here to help you take care of the important details of the business of going to school:

- Paying your bill — Students: widener.edu/mybill Authorized users: widener.edu/ebill
- Instructions for registering for classes — sites.widener.edu/registrar/mc
- Financial Aid information — sites.widener.edu/financialaid/mc
- Information about your Campus1Card — sites.widener.edu/campus1card

Enrollment Services is located in Lipka Hall. If you have any questions about any of our services, please stop by our office, call us at 610-499-4161, or email us at enrollmentservices@widener.edu. Also, follow us on Twitter [@LipkaHall](https://twitter.com/LipkaHall).

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 “Information and Links.”

You can also view and pay semester tuition bills or set up a Widener payment plan online at the Widener University Student Account Suite at widener.edu/mybill.

e-Billing Payment Due Dates for 2023–2024 Academic Year

- Fall Semester 2023 e-Bill Due Date: August 10, 2023
- Spring Semester 2024 e-Bill Due Date: January 16, 2024

Online Registration

Approximately three weeks prior to the beginning of online registration, the Registrar’s Office will send an email to all currently enrolled students to notify them of the dates and times for their registration. The email also informs students how to look on myWidener to determine when they will be given access to register.

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 Master Promissory Note MPN for Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loans available online at studentaid.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 into 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)** 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.

Campus1Card

Your Campus1Card is your official university student photo ID. It grants you access to the Wolfgram Library, academic buildings, the Pride Recreation Center, your residence hall, meal plan, and 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 sites.widener.edu/campus1card.

For assistance or questions, contact the Campus1Card office at campus1card@widener.edu or 610-499-4145 or the Office of Campus Safety at 610-499-4200 .

Features of the Campus1Card

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 must be used before the end of the spring semester, which ends on the last day of exams in May.]

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 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 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 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 get.cbord.com/widener. Use your Widener login ID and password to gain access to the account.



CAMPUS DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Multicultural Student Affairs

Widener University is a welcoming, diverse, and inclusive campus that actively promotes respect for others and a spirit of belonging for all members of the Pride 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 Multicultural Student Affairs (MSA) Office hosts a variety of programs and activities that will provide opportunities to meet new friends and share ideas and experiences from around the world, while challenging your views and broadening your perspectives.

Our Pride community embraces the expression, "We're All Widener, You Belong Here." It reflects our welcoming campus climate, which encourages diversity, inclusion, and respect among our students, faculty, and staff. The MSA Office also provides services that assist with the recruitment, orientation, retention and graduation of students from diverse backgrounds.

For more information about the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, 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., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Black Student Union (BSU), Black Men United (BMU), Hillel, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Latinos Unidos, Muslim Student Association, National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA), and Widener Newman Catholic Club.

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.

Supportive Spaces for Members of Our LGBTQA+ Community

Many faculty and staff are trained and recognized as LGBTQA+ allies on campus. These faculty and staff can provide safe places on campus for students that may need support with issues concerning gender identity, the coming-out process, bullying or harassment, and other related issues. These are judgment-free zones where trained allies will listen, assist you in working through an issue, and offer additional resources as needed. More than 175 faculty and staff members have completed the Safe Space Ally training workshops. A "safe space" decal is displayed in the office spaces of recognized allies. Faculty and graduate interns in our well-regarded Center for Human Sexuality Studies assist with the development and facilitation of the training. For additional information, contact the Chief Diversity Officer and Director of Multicultural Student Affairs at: mmdavis@widener.edu.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

**Technical support
24 hours a day,
7 days a week,
365 days a year**

Technology Support Center

Having a technology problem? The Technology Support Center (TSC) is a walk-in support center [located in the library] where students, faculty, and staff can go for assistance with their computers and mobile devices. No appointment is necessary. For information and hours, visit

my.widener.edu/task/maincampus/stsc

24/7/365 Assistance

Visit my.widener.edu to search for easy-to-find answers to commonly asked questions.

Technology FAQ (including how to change your password): my.widener.edu/collection/all/technology-services. Call **(610) 499-1047** to talk to a Client Experience [CX] specialist 24/7/365. Need to enter a support ticket?

Visit quickticket.widener.edu.

Technology Discounts

Free Office 365, available online and downloadable, for all students! Discounts at Apple, Dell, JourneyEd, and CDW-G. For information regarding what discounts are available and much more, visit sites.widener.edu/its

Canvas

Each term, students will see their courses listed in Canvas—widener.instructure.com/courses. Be sure to log in with your Widener credentials and set up your profile and notification preferences.

For 24/7/365 assistance with Canvas, visit the student support hotline via live chat or (844) 865-8963.

Wireless Internet Access - available throughout campus.

Connecting your device to the **wu-secure** or **wu-secure-resnet** network and accessing a browser will automatically take you to the registration page [To gain access, students are required to register their iPad, PC, tablet, laptop, or cell phone—use your widener credentials: username and password].

Most gaming systems will automatically register and allow you to play immediately. Unfortunately, some gaming systems [very new or very old] and devices such as Smart TV, Apple TV, Firestick, and Amazon Echo require you to submit a ticket to the CX Team, quickticket.widener.edu, fill out the form, and provide the MAC address of the device.

For more information please go to my.widener.edu/task/all/securewireless.

• 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 sustainability 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.

• Proud to be Tobacco-Free

We are committed to eliminating environmental tobacco smoke [ETS] exposure, promoting best health care practices and choices for individuals, and establishing a university culture of wellness. This means that no students, parents, faculty, staff, or visitors are allowed to smoke or use smokeless tobacco products anywhere on Widener’s campuses, either inside or outdoors. The ban includes all parking lots, campus walkways, and lawns. Widener University Student Health Services offers a number of free resources to support students who want to quit smoking.

The Widener Bookstore

is your place to find apparel to show off your pride and materials to further your academic career!

The Bookstore can be accessed online and at our on-campus storefront.

Visit us at bkstr.com/widenerestore.



Mail Call!

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 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

LIVING AND DINING ON CAMPUS

On-Campus Housing

For those of you living on campus, this fall may be the first time you're away from home and living on your own. You're likely excited to begin a new journey, but apprehensive about many things. As you begin to pack and prepare for the transition, you may be concerned about classes, roommates, and your overall college 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.

As a reminder, housing assignments for new first-year students will be sent to your Widener email account on June 12, and will also be available on the Housing Portal. June 13 through June 25, new first-year students will be able to participate in an open-room change period by visiting us in-person during the Pride Experience I: Summer Registration Program or joining us for an online session to process room change requests this summer.

Additional information can be found on the Office of Residence Life website at widener.edu/student-experience/housing-dining.

**What should I do if I need special housing accommodations?
When are quiet hours?
Check out our Living on Campus FAQs at
widener.edu/livingfaqs.**

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• **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. We recommend that you arrive at least 15-20 minutes before your classes start. 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.

Since parking is at a premium at Widener, students without a specific need are advised not to bring a vehicle to campus. If you choose to drive, parking permits are required to park in campus lots on Main Campus.

While on campus, take advantage of the commuter friendly spaces on campus, like The Melrose Lounge, lovingly referred to as The Garage by our commuter students. This is a dedicated Commuter Lounge located on the lower level of the University Center.

Where do I park?

Check out our
Commuting FAQs at
widener.edu/commutingfaqs.

Dining Services

Whether you're in a hurry and need a quick bite or have the time to sit down for a real meal, Widener's campus dining facilities have just what you need! All freshmen and sophomore students living on campus will be required to purchase a meal plan. Incoming resident freshmen can choose between three unlimited meal plans in the Pride Café.

Visit us at widener.edu/dining for more information.

Descriptions of our meal plan and accompanying rates are located at widener.campusdish.com.

The Pride Café is our residential restaurant and 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. Whether you decide on pizza out of our wood-burning oven, fresh rotisserie meats, or chef-prepared meals, you will truly be in for a culinary adventure. Our True Balance station is an Allergen-Friendly Certified station that features food excluding the top eight allergens. We look forward to serving you in our residential and retail locations. Retail dining features mobile-friendly ordering solutions from our various campus locations. Make sure to download the Grubhub food-ordering app.

HAVE A QUESTION?

Visit widener.edu/diningfaqs.

Athletics

Widener's athletic teams compete at the NCAA Division III intercollegiate level and the University places the highest priority on the overall quality of the student-athlete educational and athletic experience. **The Pride** compete as a member of the Middle Atlantic Conference, one of the oldest and largest Division III conferences in the nation. The University sponsors 24 varsity sports teams. Men compete in baseball, basketball, football, golf, lacrosse, soccer, and volleyball. Women compete in basketball, field hockey, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, and volleyball. Additionally, indoor and outdoor track & field, swimming, cross-country, and Esports are available to both men and women.

The department also sponsors a cheerleading program that competes and represents the university as non-NCAA activity. The athletic department is also supported through intramural and club sports and physical education.



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 multi-media, all-purpose classroom.

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 you reach your health and fitness goals.

Additionally, the Pride Recreation Center hosts a variety of group fitness classes and also oversees informal recreation, club sport, and intramural programs. The facility has a variety of recreational games and equipment available for students to check out free of charge.

Club Sports Programs

- Men's Rugby
- Women's Rugby
- Men's Soccer
- Women's Soccer
- Ice Hockey

Intramural Programs

- Soccer
- Flag Football
- Dodgeball
- Volleyball
- Basketball

For more information and hours, please visit widener.edu/priderec.

The Widener Student Experience: What Will Your Next Adventure Be?

TRY SOMETHING NEW

Widener University hosts 70+ recognized student clubs and organizations that provide something for everyone. Please visit us online at widener.presence.io for a complete list or stop by the Office of Student Engagement located on the lower level of the University Center.

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? Email 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 and 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 events in Philadelphia, comedy shows, and other live entertainment. You can also join Widener Spike, 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 Latinos Unidos. The French Club provides 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. Students with literary interests can write stories or poems for Widener Ink, the university's literary journal.

EXPERIENCE WIDENER CALENDAR
FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON AT WIDENER.PRESENCE.IO

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 performances by comedians and hypnotists, novelties, sporting events, field trips, and dance parties. 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 working to enrich their residential experience. Make sure you check out its annual Late Night Breakfast at the end of every semester.

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, National Pan-Hellenic Council, College Panhellenic Council, and Council of Independent Organizations—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—On Friday and Saturday Nights throughout the fall and spring semesters, Recognized Student Organizations (RSOs), in collaboration with the Office of Student Engagement, host Pride Nights between 7:00 PM - 12:00 AM. The events vary but are always fun, engaging, and free!

SGA Town Hall Meetings—To help stay connected, the Student Government Association will host a series of Town Hall meetings each semester. Town Hall meetings are meant to help students stay informed and provide feedback on important campus projects, initiatives, and events. Town Hall meetings are open to all undergraduate students.

Involvement Fair—This themed event occurs every semester and gives our 70+ student organizations and clubs the opportunity to showcase and 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.

Late Night Breakfast—At the end of the fall and spring semesters, RHA sponsors a late night breakfast at the dining hall. During this time, students can take a break from studying while enjoying a great breakfast and entertainment.

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

International Week—Celebrate different cultures on campus and learn about study abroad opportunities during our annual International Education Week. This week offers 30+ events including tours and restaurant trips of Philadelphia, nearby major cities, international films and discussions, and a variety of cultural performances, ending the week with the “We’re All Widener” Multicultural Fair with food and music from all over the world.





Student Traditions

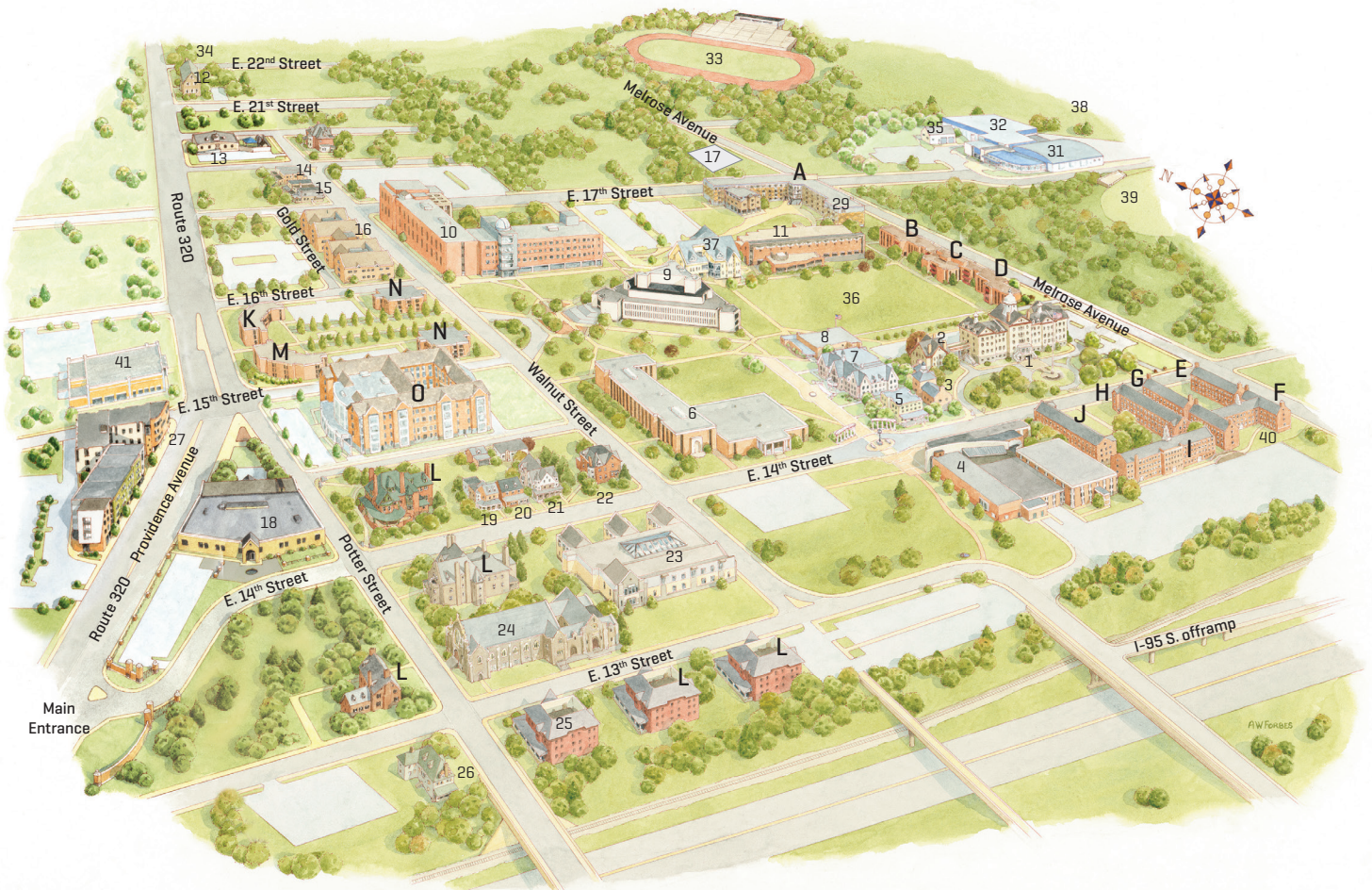
Rubbing the nose of the Pride statues is a source of good luck and courage for our students. Situated at the heart of campus, the father lion, Chester, is named after our home city. The mother, Melrose, is named after the main road that runs through our campus. And hiding in the back is Legacy, a baby lion that symbolizes an opportunity to leave your "paw print" at Widener.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR TRADITIONS
AT WIDENER.EDU/TRADITIONS.**

CAMPUS MAP & KEY



Widener University



Numerical Key

- 1** Old Main
- 2** Old Main Annex AG ♀
- 3** Muller Hall [Admissions] AG ♀
- 4** University Center [MacMorland Food Court, Pride Café] AG ♀♂
- 5** Hyatt Hall [Center for Graduate & Continuing Studies; Graduate Admissions & Enrollment; Honors Program; Osher Lifelong Learning Institute] AG ♀♂
- 6** Kapelski Learning Center AG ♀♂
- 7** Founders Hall AG ♀♂
- 8** Alumni Auditorium AG ♀♂
- 9** Wolfgram Memorial Library AG ♀♂
- 10** Kirkbride Hall AG ♀♂
- 11** Academic Center North AG ♀♂
- 12** Providence House
- 13** Child Development Center
- 14** Biofeedback Clinic & Certification Center
- 15** Organizational Development Services
- 16** Robert J. Bruce Graduate Center; Cottee Hall AG ♀♂
- 17** Julie E. Wollman Hall [Chester Community Clinic; Speech-Language Pathology Clinic] AG ♀♂
- 18** Lipka Hall
- 19** Student Accessibility Services & Tutoring Services AG ♀♂
- 20** Counseling & Psychological Services [CAPS]
- 21** Career Design & Development; Academic Advising; Exploratory Studies; Office of Student Success AG ♀

- 22** Hannum House
- 23** Leslie C. Quick Center
- 24** Lathem Hall
- 25** Center for Education; Center for Human Sexuality Studies
- 26** Housekeeping
- 27** Bookstore; Best Western Widener Hotel
- 29** Student Health Services
- 31** Pride Recreation Center AG ♀
- 32** Schwartz Athletic Center AG ♀
- 33** Quick Stadium
- 34** Balin Hall [North on Providence Avenue]
- 35** Bartholomew Lab
- 36** Memorial Field
- 37** Freedom Hall AG ♀
- 38** Dixon Field [Edith R. Dixon]
- 39** Baseball Field
- 40** ROTC
- 41** UNO Chicago Grill

Residence Halls

- A** Metropolitan Hall AG ♀♂
- B** Moll Hall
- C** Sharples Hall
- D** Kapelski Hall
- E** Grasselli Hall
- F** Hanna Hall
- G** Thayer Hall
- H** Cann Memorial Hall AG ♀♂
- I** Howell Hall
- J** Turrell Hall
- K** Boettner Hall
- L** Fraternity, Sorority, and Themed Housing
- M** New Hall South
- N** Dixon Halls, N & S
- O** Harris Hall AG ♀

AG ♀ = All-Gender Restrooms
♂ = Accessible Restrooms

**GET MORE INFORMATION
ABOUT MAPS & DIRECTIONS AT
WIDENER.EDU/ABOUT/MAPS-DIRECTIONS.**

CAMPUS CONTACTS

If you have a question, there is someone on campus who can assist. Widener has you in mind, whether you're getting fit, need 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 **widener.edu** and **myWidener** are also excellent resources.

OFFICE	PHONE	EMAIL
Office of Student Success <i>[includes Tutoring & Student Accessibility Services]</i>	x1266	acadsupport@widener.edu
Athletics Department	x4444	athletics@widener.edu
Bookstore	x7012	wubookstore@widener.edu
Campus1Card Services	x1018	enrollmentservices@widener.edu
Campus Safety and Shuttle Service	x4200	ampluretti@widener.com
Career Design and Development	x4176	careers@widener.edu
Counseling and Psychological Services	x1261	jlhorowitz@widener.edu
Student Health Services	x1183	studenthealth@widener.edu
Honors Program in General Education	x4349	honorsprogram@widener.edu
Interfaith Center	x4103	mmdavis@widener.edu
Enrollment Services <i>[Lipka Hall]</i>	x4161	enrollmentservices@widener.edu
Financial Aid, Loans	x4161	finaidmc@widener.edu
Library	x4561	wolfref@widener.edu
Center for Civic and Global Engagement	x4657	ccge@widener.edu
Multicultural Student Affairs	x4413	msaoffice@widener.edu
New Student Orientation Program	x4411	orientation@widener.edu
ITS/ Client Experience [CX] - Technology Assistance	x1047	cxteam@widener.edu
Office of Residence Life	x4390	residencelife@widener.edu
Dean of Students	x4385	slswager@widener.edu
Office of Student Engagement	x4411	studentengagement@widener.edu
Student Government Association	x4470	widenersga@widener.edu
Pride Recreation Center	x1323	priderecreation@widener.edu
Writing Center	x4332	pmdyer@widener.edu

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College of Health & Human Services	x4351	deanshsp@widener.edu
Delaware Law School	302-477-2100	delawarelaw@widener.edu
School of Business Administration	x4300	sbadeansoffice@widener.edu
School of Engineering	x4037	engineering@widener.edu
School of Nursing	x4213	school.nursing@widener.edu
Widener Law Commonwealth	717-541-1955	admitcwlaw@widener.edu

◦ **FACULTY DIRECTORY**
WIDENER.EDU/FACULTY

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 catalog.widener.edu.

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

◦ **ACADEMIC CALENDAR**
WIDENER.EDU/ACADEMICCALENDAR