

A photograph of a large, multi-story brick building with a modern glass and concrete entrance. The building has "MCGWELL" and "SCIENCE A" visible on its facade. In the foreground, several students are walking on a paved plaza. One student is wearing a blue sweatshirt with "DKV" on it, and another is wearing a red sweatshirt with "DKV" on it. There are some pink flowers in the bottom left corner of the image.

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About Our Guides

University Parent Media works closely with institutions around the country to bring together the most relevant, timely information into one all-inclusive resource.

We have published this guide with the mission of helping you easily navigate the university and its surrounding community. Ultimately, we hope these resources help nurture your connection and involvement in your student's college years!

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- Hang on to your Guide! Inside you'll find information that's useful all-year long, including important phone numbers, web sites and calendars.
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- Pass it along to parents of prospective college students to promote the school.
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Welcome to University of the Sciences!

Dear New Families,

On behalf of the Division of Student Affairs, I am pleased to welcome you to our community. This publication is designed to address commonly asked questions from incoming students and their families. We will provide more detailed information during the June Orientation programs and also during the Welcome program in August. These programs will provide general overviews of the various departments, programs, and services supporting the educational goals of students. You will also have time to ask questions and obtain important contact information for future reference.

The Division of Student Affairs is dedicated to supporting students in their educational pursuits and personal development. Each department within Student Affairs—including Residential Life, Campus Recreation, the Student Health and Counseling Center, Career

Services, Greek Affairs, Multicultural Affairs, the Student Conduct Office, Student Activities, Student Life, Academic Advising and Student Academic Support Services—provides services, programs, and activities. Additionally, the Student Government Association and student organizations offer students opportunities to pursue common interests and to become engaged in our community.

The Student Affairs staff invites you to work with us in developing an exciting, productive, and rewarding long-term relationship. Please let us know of other ways we can help and further enrich the experience. Thank you for joining our community.

Best Wishes,

William Cunningham, PhD
Dean of Students ■



Helpful Tips for Families

Your student is getting ready to start a very important aspect of his/her life—attending college. Each student adapts to college life differently. To help parents and family members, the Division of Student Affairs has developed this resource.

The Family Guide is an introduction to the USciences community and a guide to campus services. We encourage you to read through this guide, and we hope it will assist you with any questions you may have, especially as you help guide your student to the appropriate services. It also answers some of the frequently asked questions that most students face within the first semester of college. While this guide will be a tool for you, it will not provide all the answers.

Whether your student is living on campus or commuting, he/she may experience some challenging situations. What can you as a family member do to help?

Let your student talk about any struggles or new challenges he/she is experiencing. Sometimes, having someone with a listening ear is all that is warranted. Ask open-ended questions, invite some discussion, and help guide him/her to the appropriate resources on campus. These resources and campus services are listed in this guide and in the Student Handbook. Remember to encourage problem-solving behavior.

These experiences are part of the journey to developing important social and academic skills.

We look forward to working with your student and helping to smooth the transition.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Family Orientation

Going to college can be a fun yet anxious time for students and family members. The Department of Student Life along with faculty, staff, and students coordinate a comprehensive Orientation. Family Orientation is on the first of the two-day program. Family members participate in workshops highlighting the academic and student services within the University so you will know how to best support your student.

Fall Fest/Family Day— October/November

During the fall semester, students, alumni, faculty, staff, friends, and family members are invited to a carnival hosted by student organizations. As a family member, you will be able to spend some time with your student and meet some of his/her new friends and faculty members. ■



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The mission of USciences is to educate students to become leaders and innovators in the sciences, the health professions, and emerging related disciplines. Building on our legacy as the nation's first college of pharmacy, we provide excellence in teaching, research, and service.

We accomplish our mission by achieving the following objectives:

- ✓ Our graduates will have the knowledge, skills, and values to be successful in their professional careers.
- ✓ Through academic and personal development, our graduates will gain the intellectual, cultural, and ethical understanding and awareness needed to become leaders and innovators in a global society.
- ✓ Our students will embrace the value of service.
- ✓ The University will promote the advancement and dissemination of knowledge through teaching, research, and scholarly activity.
- ✓ The University will provide a student-centered learning and living environment.
- ✓ The University will foster and cultivate an environment of respect and appreciation for diversity among people, cultures, and ideas.
- ✓ The University will be an active partner with our local communities to promote the values and practice of responsible citizenship.
- ✓ The University will commit itself to institutional effectiveness and continuous improvement throughout the organization. ■

Academic Advising

FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)

Families are understandably interested in the academic status of their students. However, professional academic advisors are legally limited in terms of what information can be shared with families. One or more of the following criteria must be met in order for advisors to share certain information:

- **Written consent from the student through the signed submission of an Authorization for Release of Information.** Forms can be obtained from the advisor but can be revoked at any time by the student. Families and students are encouraged to develop open dialogue about the University experience.
- **A subpoena.** Verification of student dependence on the parent's Federal Income Tax. The Department of Academic Advising is committed to the success, welfare, growth, and development of every student assigned to this office. To learn more, visit www.usciences.edu/advising.

Key to Academic Success

Welcome! The Department of Academic Advising is committed to a holistic approach to student needs and issues. Each of the six professional academic advisors possesses an advanced degree and years of experience. Each student will be assigned a faculty member or professional academic advisor to serve as their academic advisor. Upper-class students will have academic advisors who are faculty members within the



department of their major. Academic advisors will assist students in the following areas: development of an educational plan to facilitate educational and personal goals, selection of appropriate courses and other educational experiences, and interpretation of University policies and procedures. They will also provide recommendations for additional University resources that may be helpful to the student. Students who need to know the name of their advisor should call the department of their major or the Director of Academic Advising. Additional information is available on the Web at www.usciences.edu/advising. Students may also e-mail advising@usciences.edu for advising questions and information.

It is always the responsibility of the student to take advantage of this important resource. The department maintains regular hours (8:30 a.m. through 5:30 p.m. weekdays). Students are encouraged to make appointments to ensure advisor availability, but the office does maintain a "walk-in" policy for students confronting unanticipated concerns. After the initial meeting with his/her respective advisor, each student is expected to advocate for him/herself. Success is often dependent upon such self-advocacy, and it should be strongly encouraged. ■



Office of Academic Accommodations

The University has designated the Office of Students with Disabilities to assist students with disabilities in accessing and participating in the opportunities available here. Any student at any time during his/her enrollment has the right to request reasonable accommodations for a disability.

The office operates in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which defines a disability as “a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.” For a student, a disability would limit his/her ability to fulfill any degree requirements or participate in employment opportunities on campus or other campus-related activities. Upon entering college, students are no longer covered by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or Section 504 to develop an Individualized Education Program (IEP). College students seeking accommodations are covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). What this means for families and students:

Students in college have much more independence and are individually responsible, instead of their families, for self-identifying prior to requesting services.

Students interested in applying for accommodations or seeking information about the process must set up an appointment by calling (215) 596-7480.

If accommodations are approved, the student’s respective faculty will be notified by letter. The student is then responsible for initiating a meeting or meetings with faculty member(s) to discuss the implementation of the accommodations. Approved accommodations are reviewed with the student each spring semester.

If the student fails to attend, accommodations may not be renewed. Our goal is to empower students through accommodations, skills development, and resources to reach for their educational goals. ■

Campus Life

Student Life provides a balanced schedule of social, cultural, educational, and civic activities. Being involved helps students gain experience in leadership and develop interpersonal skills and provides a context in which they can enhance life skills.

The USciences recognizes 70+ professional, social, cultural, community, and Greek Life organizations. Last year, Student Government, the Campus Activities Board, and our organizations hosted over 220 events on and off campus. Encourage your student to participate. For further information regarding campus life, go to www.usciences.edu/currentstudents.aspx.

The Athletic/Recreation Center (ARC) is a complete fitness resource available to all students, faculty, and staff who are interested in living a healthy and active lifestyle. It’s a great place to create new social networks and build lifelong friendships. More importantly, the ARC is a positive outlet for relieving stress. Students can play intramurals, join a club sports team, take a group fitness class, or cheer on the Devils. Learn more about the Department of Campus Recreation and its offerings (intramurals, club sports, group fitness, etc.) at www.usciences.edu/lifeatUSciences/arc. For more information on athletics, visit devilsathletics.com. ■



Finance

Financial Aid

The Financial Aid Office works with students and families to assist in applying for and obtaining the variety of aid types—federal, state, and institutional grants; work-study; and federal and private loans—for which a student is eligible. The Financial Aid Office is located in Griffith Hall Room 172. Phone: (215) 596-8894. Fax: (215) 596-8554. Website: www.usciences.edu/financialaid. Walk-in appointments are available.

Billing

The Office of Student Accounts issues bills and advises students in meeting their financial responsibilities. Students should become familiar with payment policies in the Catalog and Student Handbook, access their financial information securely from WebAdvisor, and seek help from Student Accounts whenever necessary.

All-Campus Account

Students can deposit money in an All-Campus Account that can be used to make purchases at the bookstore or transfer into their vending account for photocopies and laundry. Contact Student Auxiliary Services for details.

Cashier

WebAdvisor is always available for students to make payments online. They may visit the cashier whenever they need to transact business in person.

WebAdvisor

Students will learn about WebAdvisor during Summer Orientation. To access private personal information, students must log in with a User ID and password at webad.usip.edu. Once logged in, students can view their class schedule, grades, GPA, and other personal information. ■



Living on Campus

Our residential community celebrates the diversity of its residents. In the residence halls, your son or daughter will interact with students from diverse cultural, ethnic, and social backgrounds.

The awareness and insights gained will help him/her prepare for future challenges, improving his/her ability to communicate, work cooperatively with others, and most importantly, build a strong, secure, and safe community.

Over 85 percent of incoming students live on campus, and this experience gives students the opportunity to develop social and interpersonal skills in a unique living and learning community. The majority of our incoming students live in either Goodman or Osol Halls. These facilities are staffed 24 hours a day with front desk personnel along with Residence Life student and professional staff.

Mail and Package Delivery

Each resident will receive an assigned mailbox within his/her residence hall. This information will be given to students when they receive their housing assignments

(mid July). Any packages should be mailed to the same address.

Tips for Communicating with Roommate(s)

While Residence Life members do their best to create effective learning communities, sometimes residents have difficulty discussing their expectations with their roommates. Here are some helpful tips for preventing and handling conflict with roommate(s):

Once students receive their housing assignments (mid July) they should contact their roommate(s) to begin discussing their expectations. For example, if your son or daughter likes to go to bed early and his/her roommate is a night person, roommates will need to discuss how to compromise their behavior to successfully live together.

At the time of move-in, it is important for all parties to discuss room configuration so that each person feels comfortable in the room. Discussing items like where to hang posters, where to place a refrigerator, etc., is a good place to start.

If a conflict occurs during the semester, your son or daughter should make an attempt to solve problems on his/her own but should not hesitate to ask the resident advisor (RA) for his/her advice on how to handle the situation.

If further guidance/intervention is needed, your student should contact his/her Residence Life Administrator (RLA). ■

RESIDENCE HALL CONTACT INFORMATION

Department of Student Life	(215) 596-8756
Goodman Hall Residence Life Office	(215) 895-8708
Osol Hall Residence Life Office	(215) 895-1162
Emergencies—Public Safety	(215) 596-7000

Public Safety

The USciences Department of Public Safety provides the highest level of public safety services to the University community, upholding and administering University policies and procedures while providing a safe environment in which our community can excel.

We encourage our community to take an active role in assisting the Department of Public Safety by registering for the Emergency Alert System, never leaving personal belongings unattended, locking doors and windows, crossing at crosswalks, traveling in well-lit highly traveled areas, removing all items from parked vehicles, and, most importantly, by reporting suspicious activity immediately. By working together, we can provide a safer environment.

To share your comments, suggestions, and ideas, please visit the Public Safety office located at 4500 Woodland Avenue, call us at (215) 895-1117, or e-mail us at dps@uscience.edu. To learn more, visit our website at www.usciences.edu/publicsafety. ■



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Career Services

The Career Services Department provides career planning and placement assistance to all students. Services include career counseling, with career assessment when necessary; a collection of career resources, including online; and employment and salary information on each major offered here. Students should also consult with their individual departments for additional job leads and internship postings. Students are encouraged to meet with the Career Services staff professionals in their first year to create a professional development plan as well as throughout their college career. Please visit us at www.usciences.edu/careerservices. ■



Student Health and Counseling (SHAC)

Medical Clearance and Immunization

To ensure the continued health and well-being of students as well as their uninterrupted academic progress, USciences requires that all full-time students comply with the campus policy regarding medical clearance and immunization, as mandated by state and local public health authorities and based on the American College Health Association's recommended practice guidelines.

Upon acceptance to the University, students are mailed a Student Health Information Packet, including Medical History Questionnaire, Physician's Health Evaluation, and Immunization Record. These forms must be completed and returned to the Student Health Office by August 10, 2011, in order to

avoid an additional processing fee of \$25.00 and denial of access to course registration and grades/transcripts.

Student Health Insurance

USciences partners with an external student health insurance provider to offer our students access to cost-effective health insurance coverage. The University requires that all full-time undergraduate and graduate students maintain health insurance coverage comparable to the University-sponsored plan in adherence to the American College Health Association's "Standards for Student Health Insurance/Benefits Programs" (2008).

Students with alternative insurance coverage are required to "waive out" of the University-sponsored plan prior to each fall semester. Failure to waive out or enroll in the University-sponsored ▶



insurance plan in a timely fashion may result in late fees and/or inability to access grades/transcripts and the course registration software system.

Information regarding insurance waivers and/or enrollment in the University-sponsored plan (including plan rates and benefits) can be found on the Student Health and Counseling website (www.usciences.edu/shac) or by contacting us directly at (215) 596-8536.

Student Health Services

The Student Health Office is open weekdays during the fall and spring semesters. At all other times, the office's hours of operation are posted in advance or available by calling (215) 596-8980. During regular hours of operation, the medical staff consisting of a nurse practitioner, a registered nurse and a part-time consulting physician assists students on a walk-in basis. The general fee covers the medical services rendered by the University's medical staff in the Student Health Office. Any additional expenses (e.g., lab tests, X-rays, prescriptions, referrals) are the responsibility of the student.



Medical Emergencies

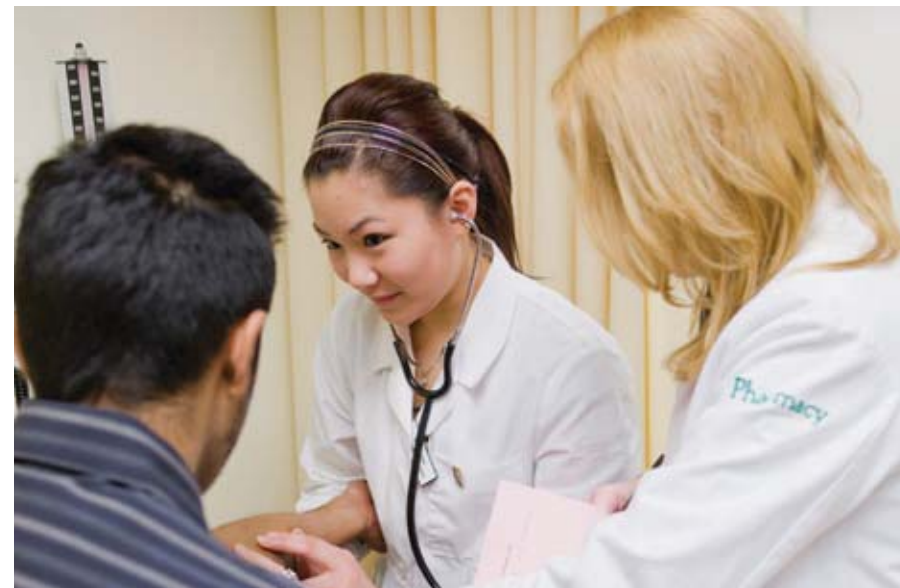
Emergency healthcare required outside the regular consulting hours may be obtained at the emergency room of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, 3400 Spruce Street. Students who live in the residence halls who become ill or injured after the Student Health Office has closed should contact their Residence Life personnel. The appropriate medical, safety, and/or security personnel will be notified during emergency situations in order to best determine whether the student requires transport to the nearest medical facility. Parents/guardians or other emergency contacts may be contacted directly by a University representative in the case of a medical emergency.

For further information, visit our website at www.usciences.edu/shac or contact us at (215) 596-8980.

Counseling Services

Licensed psychologists, counselors and/or a consulting psychiatrist are available to talk to students about any concerns, whether of an academic, social, or personal nature. These meetings are strictly confidential with the exception of situations posing an immediate safety threat to the student or another individual. After an initial consultation, students may be scheduled for further appointments or, for concerns requiring longer-term or more specialized treatment, be provided with appropriate referrals to qualified mental health professionals in the Philadelphia metropolitan area. Payment for off-campus services remains the responsibility of the student. After business hours, students can contact Security at (215) 596-7000, or call 911, to be transported to the nearest emergency room for prompt evaluation. Counseling appointments can be scheduled by contacting Student Health and Counseling at (215) 596-8536.

For more information about our services, visit our website at www.usciences.edu/shac. ■



Frequently Asked Questions

Academics

When will students receive their fall class schedule?

Tentative fall class schedules will be available to students online prior to the start of the fall semester, usually in early August.

May family members discuss specifics with an instructor or academic advisor?

If a family member wishes to meet with an instructor or academic advisor, we suggest that the student, as the person directly involved, initiate the conversation. University administrators and faculty must abide by FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act), as previously explained under Academic Advisement.

Family members are encouraged to contact the student's academic advisor if there is a personal situation that may impact the student's academic performance. For example, if a death occurs in the family, the student may benefit from additional support services.

Are there attendance regulations?

Yes. Attendance is required in all laboratory classes and clinical rotations. All missed laboratories must be made up, and a make-up fee may apply. Additional requirements for attendance are included in the course syllabus.



Is tutoring available?

Tutorial services, supplemental instruction, and study skills/success seminars are available to all matriculating students at no additional cost. For further information, please go to www.usciences.edu/asc.

Adjustment to University Life

How long does it generally take for incoming students to adjust to University life?

Students generally establish their initial social patterns within the first three weeks. This means that they have identified peers with whom they will share meals, walk to classes, etc. Most students are well adjusted to University life by the Thanksgiving holiday. It may take other students well into their spring semester to settle into college life.

Activities

How do students become involved in organizations and activities?

An Organizational Fair will be held during the first two weeks of the fall semester. At that time students will have the opportunity to meet with student leaders and members of the various organizations on campus. Announcements of meetings and events are posted on the general bulletin boards and TVs throughout the University, as well as in the weekly "Campus Update" which includes the Student Activities Calendar at www.usciences.edu/reslife/campusupdate. Students may also opt to join the USciences CAB Facebook page which will alert them daily of student events.

Banking/Finance

Are banking facilities available near campus?

ATMs are located in the lobbies on the first floor of the Wilson Student Center and Whitecar Hall. Students are encouraged to use these ATM machines for their cash requirements. Use of ATMs gives families and students greater flexibility to manage their cash needs.

What type of employment is available on campus?

Students who qualify can work on campus through the Federal Work-Study program. Students who demonstrate financial need are provided with a work-study allocation, which they can work to earn. This amount is not subtracted from the Billing Statement. Available positions are listed in the Financial Aid Office (172 Griffith Hall) once the fall semester has begun.

Commuting Students

How many University students commute?

Approximately 15 percent of our first-year students live at home and commute. The remaining 85 percent live in the University residence halls.

What can the family do to ease the transition to University life?

Family members should encourage students to stay on campus as frequently as possible to take advantage of study groups and intramural and co curricular activities. These form the foundation for long friendships and success in the University. Additionally, families can be mindful of the academic and social challenges the University presents and provide ongoing support and praise. ►



Is parking available for commuters?

Due to the limited availability of reserved parking spaces, only students commuting from outside the University City area are eligible for reserved parking privileges. Students must file an application and have paid the required annual fee by July 15 in order to be placed in a lottery. For further information, please contact Ms. T. Reilly at (215) 596-8946. Non-metered street parking is available.

Computers

Should incoming students have their own computers?

While a computer purchase is not presently required, University students are strongly encouraged to have and use their own computers. Because of the advanced nature of the University's network, a recent laptop is recommended. Information concerning recommendations for computer configurations to ensure the best use of the on-campus network is located on the University website at www.usciences.edu/it/helpdesk/forstudents/computerrecommendation.shtml.

What kind of Internet access do students have at the University?

The University is completely wired, with two DS-3 lines providing over 85 Mbps (85 million bits per second) of bandwidth. All campus buildings including the residence halls are wireless. There is also wireless printing available from your personal computer. For the complete listing of all the wireless hot spots on campus, please visit www.usciences.edu/it/helpdesk/wireless.shtml

Each student has an e-mail account. Official University communication with students is done through the student's University e-mail address. Examples of this essential communication include emergency alerts, billing, financial aid, residential issues, and accessing WebAdvisor (including online registration).

Residence Life

When will students find out where they are living and who their roommates are?

Room assignments along with roommate information will be mailed to students in mid to late July.

What is provided in student rooms?

Housing provides each student with a bed, extra-long single-size mattress, desk, desk chair, dresser, and wardrobe or built-in closet.

Can students request a certain roommate, building, or room?

For first-year students, the answer is no. We believe it is important for students to meet new friends and experience what college life is like. Living in different surroundings is an important aspect of college. Students in their second year and above can request a specific roommate, room, or building.

When do students move into their residence halls?

Move-in will take place on Friday, August 26, 2011. At the Athletic/Recreation Center, students will receive a packet of information along with your residence hall room keys. Move-in is only one part of a full weekend of activities called "Welcome Weekend."

Do many students stay the weekend?

Many students take advantage of staying on campus during the weekends and participating in the weekend programming sponsored by SGA, the Campus Activities Board, Student Life and Residence Life and the Residence Hall Council (RHC).

Is there a residency requirement?

Yes, based upon research in the field of higher education, we know that living in University housing facilitates the overall adjustment to college, enriches the educational experience, and increases the likelihood of success. For this reason, we require that all non-commuting (outside of 30-mile radius from campus to permanent residence), unmarried, first- and second-year students, under the age of 21, live in University housing.

How do students change their meal plans?

To inquire about meal plans, please contact the Office of Business Services at (215) 596-8901.

How are emergencies handled?

The appropriate medical, safety, and/or security personnel will be notified during emergency situations. Medical emergencies may include transporting the student to the nearest medical facility. Parents/guardians or other emergency contacts may be contacted directly by a University representative in the case of a medical emergency. Transportation will not be provided for routine medical visits or follow-up appointments with non-University providers. ■





Welcome to Philadelphia

Why visit Philadelphia and The Countryside®? Why now? Let's begin with the basics:

It's historic. The Liberty Bell Center, Independence Hall, the National Constitution Center. They're all within three blocks of one another, and they all tell the story of our nation's humble but heroic beginnings. It was on these streets where Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and others conversed, debated and ultimately formed a new nation. And in the nearby countryside, the story evolves

even more at Valley Forge National Historical Park, the Brandywine Battlefield, Washington Crossing State Park and other historic sites.

It's fun. Eating a cheesesteak. Watching the Phillies play at the new Citizens Bank Park. Splashing into the Delaware River while touring town on a World War II-era amphibious vehicle. Posing with the Rocky statue before running up the Philadelphia Museum of Art steps. Canoeing along Chester County's Brandywine River. Sampling wines at one of a dozen countryside vineyards.

It's authentic. Throughout our distinct neighborhoods, we're eager to show off the owner-operated boutiques that pack their racks with regional talent, chef-run restaurants that use locally grown ingredients, music venues that showcase the best city-bred acts, galleries that crowd their walls with only-found-in-Philly art and neighborhood pubs that are all about the beer.

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Why visit Philadelphia and The Countryside®? Why now? Let's begin with the basics:

It's full of discovery. Did you know that 2,700 massive murals grace the walls of nearly every neighborhood in the city? Ever heard about the Italian Market, the oldest and largest working outdoor market in the country? In the know about our 200-plus bring-your-own-bottle restaurants? What about Fairmount Park, the nation's largest urban park? And how about the city's newest unexpected find in the lobby of the sparkling new Comcast Center? It's a 2,000-square-foot LED video screen that projects computer generated images so realistic you'll think they're jumping out of the wall.

It's accessible. We're two hours from New York City and three hours from Washington D.C. Getting here is easy—whether it's by car, plane, train or bus. Once here, getting around is even easier. Center City Philadelphia is simply navigated by foot and makes up just 25 blocks from west to east. It's no more than an hour drive to the nearby countryside—made up of Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties. ■

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All About Philly

Annual Events

- **January:** Mummers Parade
- **March:** Philadelphia Flower Show
- **April:** Equality Forum, Penn Relays, Philadelphia Film Festival
- **May:** Brandywine River Museum Antiques Show, Dad Vail Regatta, International Children's Festival, Jam on the River, Devon Horse Show and Country Fair
- **June:** Odunde African-American Festival, Philadelphia International Championship
- **July:** Sunoco Welcome America!
- **August:** Philadelphia Folk Festival
- **September:** Philadelphia Live Arts Festival and Philly Fringe
- **October:** Terror Behind the Walls
- **November:** Philadelphia Museum of Art Craft Show, Thanksgiving Day Parade
- **December:** A Longwood Gardens Christmas, New Year's Eve fireworks

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Population

There are 3.9 million people residing in the five-county region (7.75 million in the Philadelphia Designated Market Area), making Philadelphia the second largest city on the East Coast and the sixth largest in the U.S.

Location

Philadelphia is a two-hour drive from New York City, two-and-a-half hours from Washington, DC and 45 minutes from Atlantic City, with convenient access to the Pennsylvania Turnpike, I-76, I-95 and the New Jersey Turnpike. 25% of the United States population lives within 350 miles of Center City Philadelphia.

The city is a 90-minute flight or a one-day drive from Toronto (880 kilometers), Ottawa (772 kilometers) and Montreal (745 kilometers). There are more than 35 flights per week from these cities and convenient connections from all other major Canadian cities.

Air Transportation

Philadelphia International Airport, located about seven miles from Center City, is a base for around 30 carriers (including several discount carriers such as Southwest Airlines and Frontier) that offer 700 daily nonstop flights to more than 120 domestic and international cities.

Rail Transportation

Amtrak's 30th Street Station is a major East Coast hub, with trains that run along the northeast



corridor serving Boston (six-hour commute), New York (under 90 minutes), Baltimore (90 minutes) and Washington, DC (two hours).

City Transportation

Thanks to founder William Penn, Center City has an easy-to-follow grid street design, making it a walkable city. Visitors can flag down taxis at the airport, train stations, hotels, the Independence Visitor Center and throughout Center City. Methods of public transportation: Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA), a vast network of bus, subway and trolley commuter services in the city and the suburbs. The SEPTA Airport Rail Line connects the airport with Center City. The Port Authority Transit Corporation (PATCO Hi-Speedline) is an easy way to travel from southern New Jersey to Center City Philadelphia. ■

Services Contact Information

Department/Service	Website	Telephone Numbers	Location
Academic Advising	www.usciences.edu/advising	(215) 596-7530	Whitecar Hall
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All-Campus Account	www.usciences.edu/controller/allcampusaccount.shtml	(215) 596-8946	Kline Hall
Athletic/Recreation Center	www.usciences.edu/arc	(215) 596-7440	Athletic/Recreation Center
Athletics	www.usciences.edu/athletics	(215) 895-3133	Athletic/Recreation Center
Bookstore	USciencesbookstore.bnccollege.com	(215) 596-8850	4140 Woodland Ave.
Career Services	www.usciences.edu/careerservices	(215) 596-7494	Whitecar Hall, 2nd floor
Dean of Students	www.usciences.edu/studentaffairs	(215) 596-8950	Whitecar Hall
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Employment (Students) Off-Campus	www.usciences.edu/lifeAtUSciences/careerservices	(215) 596-7494	Whitecar Hall
Employment (Students) On-Campus	www.usciences.edu/applying/financialAid	(215) 596-8894	Griffith Hall
Enrollment Verifications	www.usciences.edu/registrar	(215) 596-8813	Whitecar Hall
Financial Aid	www.usciences.edu/financialaid	(215) 596-8894	Griffith Hall
Health Insurance	www.usciences.edu/shac/insurance.shtml	(215) 596-8536	Whitecar Hall
International Student Advisor	www.usciences.edu/studentaffairs	(215) 895-3135	Whitecar Hall/Room 117
IT Help Desk	www.usciences.edu/it	(215) 596-7611	J. W. England Library/First Floor
Office of Academic Accommodations	www.usciences.edu/dss	(215) 596-8758	Whitecar Hall
Public Safety	www.usciences.edu/publicsafety	(215) 895-1117	4500 Woodland Ave. Bldg.
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Residence Life	www.usciences.edu/reslife	(215) 596-8756	Whitecar Hall
Student Accounts (Billing)	www.usciences.edu/controller/studentaccounts.shtml	(215) 596-8860	Kline Hall
Student Health and Counseling (SHAC)	www.usciences.edu/shac	(215) 596-8536	Whitecar Hall
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Labor Day Holiday (No Classes)	Monday, September 5
Drop/Add Period Ends Friday	September 9
Mid-Semester Pacing Break (No Classes)	Monday, October 10
Fall Fest Family Day	October / November TBA
Thanksgiving Recess (No Classes)	Wednesday–Friday, November 23–25
Final Examinations	Saturday–Friday, December 10–16
First Semester Ends	Friday, December 16
Residence Halls Close	Saturday, December 17

SPRING 2012

Residence Halls Open for Spring	Sunday, January 15
Classes Begin for All Students	Monday, January 16
Spring Recess (No Classes)	Monday–Friday, March 5–9
Final Examinations	Saturday–Friday, April 28–May 4
Second Semester Ends	Friday, May 4

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Campus Map

1. Griffith Hall
 2. Kline Hall
 3. Pharmacology/Toxicology Center
 4. Robert McNeil Graduate Study and Research Center
 5. Whitecar Hall
 6. Rosenberger Hall
 7. Corral
 8. Demonstration Garden/Outdoor Classroom
 9. Alexandria Hall
 10. Osol Hall
 11. 4100 Chester Ave. Building (Administrative Offices)
 12. 4101 Woodland Ave. Building (Mayes College)
 13. East Building
 14. 4140 Woodland Ave. Building
 15. McNeil Athletic Fields
 16. Joseph W. England Library
 17. Wilson Student Center/Wilson Hall
 18. Goodman Hall
 19. Alumni Hall (Bookstore)
 20. McNeil Science and Technology Center (McNeil STC)
 21. Athletic/Recreation Center (ARC)
 22. Central Utility Plant (CUP)
 23. 4500 Woodland Ave. Building
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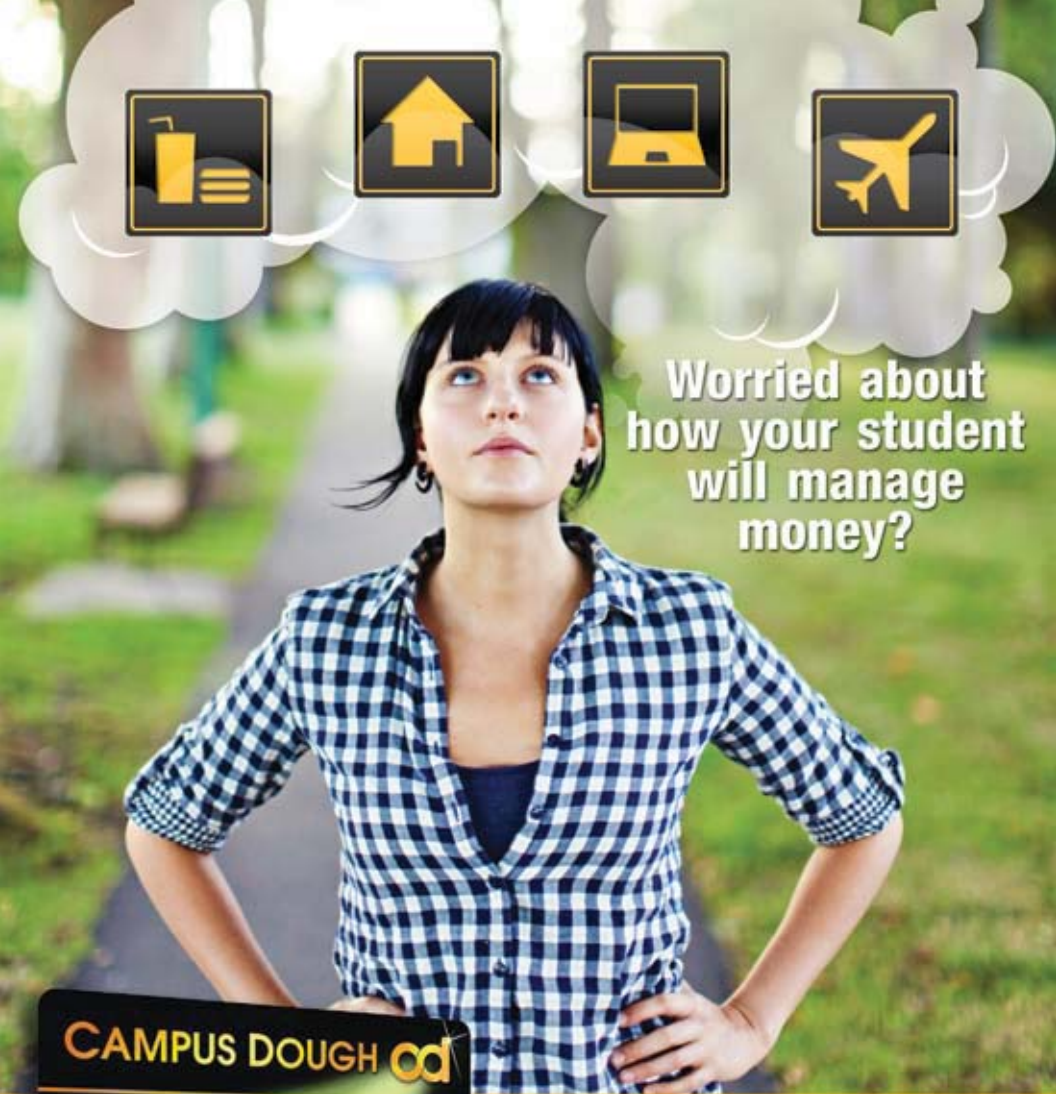
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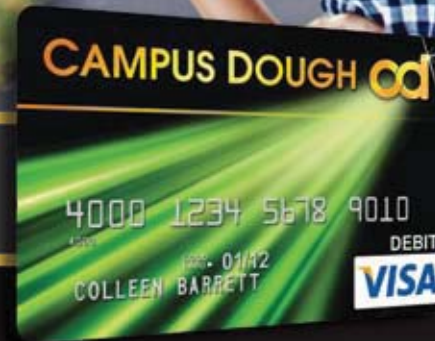
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