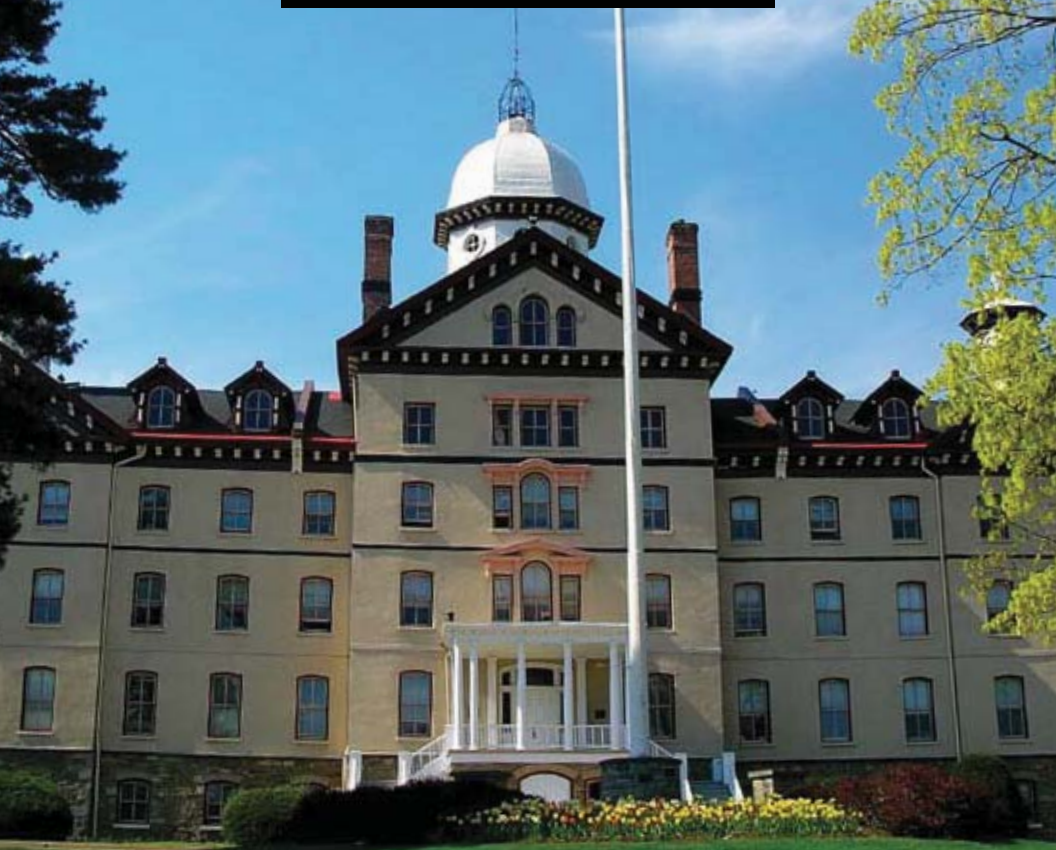


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WELCOME to Widener!

Dear Parent,

At Widener University, we understand that the college search process is often a family decision. You want your son or daughter to find the best fit academically, socially, and emotionally. With this in mind, we welcome you to explore Widener and see what we have to offer your son or daughter.

Metropolitan University

As an entrepreneurial, metropolitan university with an undergraduate enrollment of 2,800 and total student population of more than 6,500, Widener offers the resources of a large research institution within the context of a small academic community. Our beautifully landscaped campus is located just south of Philadelphia, the 6th largest city in the United States, which boasts a dynamic atmosphere for exploration of business, technology, history, arts and entertainment.

An Excellent Reputation

Widener is listed among the top 100 national universities in the annual Washington Monthly college ranking for 2010, which ranks colleges and universities based on their contributions to the public interest. Widener comes in 56th in the ranking. Widener has received national recognition on many fronts, including an invitation as one of only nineteen institutions to Project Pericles, an organization committed to civic engagement, social responsibility and participatory citizenship.



Choice

With more than 60 majors and 100 programs of study available at the undergraduate level, students can choose a wide variety of options as diverse as biochemistry and hospitality management. In the event that a student is undecided as to which major to select, Widener offers the Exploratory Studies program, in which he or she can literally explore a subject before formally declaring a major.

Experiential Learning

One of the most valuable things students can do for their career development is to participate in a practical learning experience. Whether through research, fieldwork, a practicum, internship or the co-operative education program, Widener's Career Advising and Planning Services helps students get a head start on accomplishing their career goals. ►

Vibrant Student Life

College years are a time for both intellectual and personal growth. With more than 80 student organizations and clubs to be a part of and top-notch recreational, athletic and cultural facilities on the campus, students have plenty of opportunities to explore and expand their interests. For those who prefer the physical and competitive nature of athletic programs, Widener welcomes these students to participate in any of our NCAA, Division III varsity sports.

I invite you to explore the possibilities that Widener University has to offer and to gain a better understanding of where an education at Widener can take your son or daughter. He or she can reach higher and go farther by choosing Widener.

Sincerely,

Edwin Wright
Director of Admissions

P.S. Our website www.widener.edu is another excellent resource to learn more about Widener University. ■

Parents Program/ Association Information

The Widener Parents Network at Widener University aims to create a strong base of engaged and supportive parents, legal guardians and family members. With volunteer participation, Parents Network members sustain the University's mission that focuses on experiential learning and civic engagement.

Parents Network members are encouraged to get involved in a wide range of areas according to their corresponding interests. Volunteer opportunities are available to support athletics, fundraising, community service, networking, and event volunteerism. Members assist in the organization of events for other Widener families and recruitment for the Parents Network. Events include Homecoming/Family Weekend, Summer Orientations and Send Off Picnics for incoming students and special recognition receptions for active members.

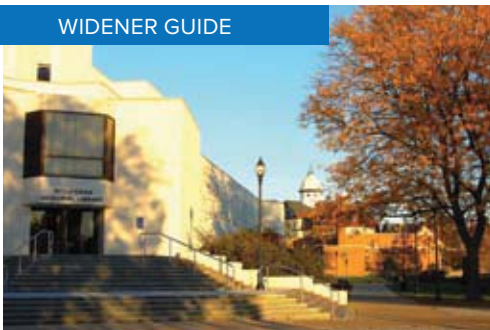
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OR

Jessica Prince, Associate Director
of the Widener Fund
610-499-4111 (jdprince@widener.edu) ■



Academics:

Honors Program: Started in 1988, Widener's Honors Program brings together highly motivated students and dedicated faculty. The program stimulates and encourages the highest level of intellectual activity. There are currently about 200 members who represent each of the schools and colleges on campus. Since honors courses count towards the General Education requirement for all students, it is still possible for students with demanding majors to participate.

Benefits of Membership:

- Up to \$2,000 Honors Scholarship
- Priority registration
- Honors housing
- Mentor Program
- Philadelphia Speaker Series tickets
- Small class size
- Intensive interaction with faculty
- Class trips to historic and cultural sites
- Social activities planned by the student board

Study Abroad: Students can experience a life-changing adventure and explore the world by engaging in academic studies, service-learning, volunteer work, or employment opportunities abroad over winter or spring break, or for a summer, a semester, or a full academic year.

Career Advising and Planning Services: Career Advising and Planning Services (CAPS) provides resources and guidance to assist students with all aspects of career development. CAPS counselors will help in choosing a major, exploring career options, resume writing, obtaining just the right internship, learning to interview successfully, applying to graduate school, or finding a job.

Cooperative Education:

With over 35 years of history, the Widener Co-op Program is the best way for eligible students to gain up to one year of valuable work experience and complete all required courses in a four-year graduation timeframe. The Cooperative Education program is available to students in the School of Business Administration, School of Engineering, all Science majors including Computer Science and Computer Information Systems, and English and History majors in the College of Arts and Sciences.

- Over 75% of students that participate in co-op placements graduate in four years compared to the national four-year graduation rate of around 45%
- Over 98% of students receive a co-op position
- The average Widener Co-op student earns over \$30,000 over two co-op positions
- Widener Co-op students earn over \$4,000 more a year in their first job after graduation

Recent Widener Co-Op Employers:

There are over 400 employers who have participated in the Widener Co-op over the past ten years. Here is a very brief highlighted list of recent co-op employers.

Boeing, Deloitte, DuPont Company, Ernst & Young, KPMG, Lockheed Martin, Exelon, Wawa, Inc., Walt Disney World, SAP America, Turner Investment Partners, Airgas, ►

Pagnotta Engineering, Air Products & Chemicals, Bosch Security Systems

Academic Support Services:

Academic Support Services is comprised of a number of programs that are designed to help Widener University students maximize their academic success. Participation in these programs and services is included in the basic tuition charge at Widener—no extra fee is charged for any of these services.

Disabilities Services is a support service for students with learning disabilities, physical disabilities or psychological disabilities.

The Office of Academic Coaching provides support to students through services such as: individualized academic coaching (for upperclassmen, as well as, freshmen), an Early Assessment

program to identify freshmen who are struggling academically, and freshman seminars to assist students in adjusting to college academics.

Project Prepare is a support service for students who are academically and financially disadvantaged, designed to help prepare students for the rigors of college academics.

Tutoring is available and coordinated through **Tutoring Services**. Students wishing assistance in math or writing may contact the **Math Center**, and the Writing Center, respectively. All of these services have day and evening hours.

The purpose of the **Counseling Center** is to provide Widener University students access to counseling, psychotherapy, education, assessment, and psychiatric services. ■

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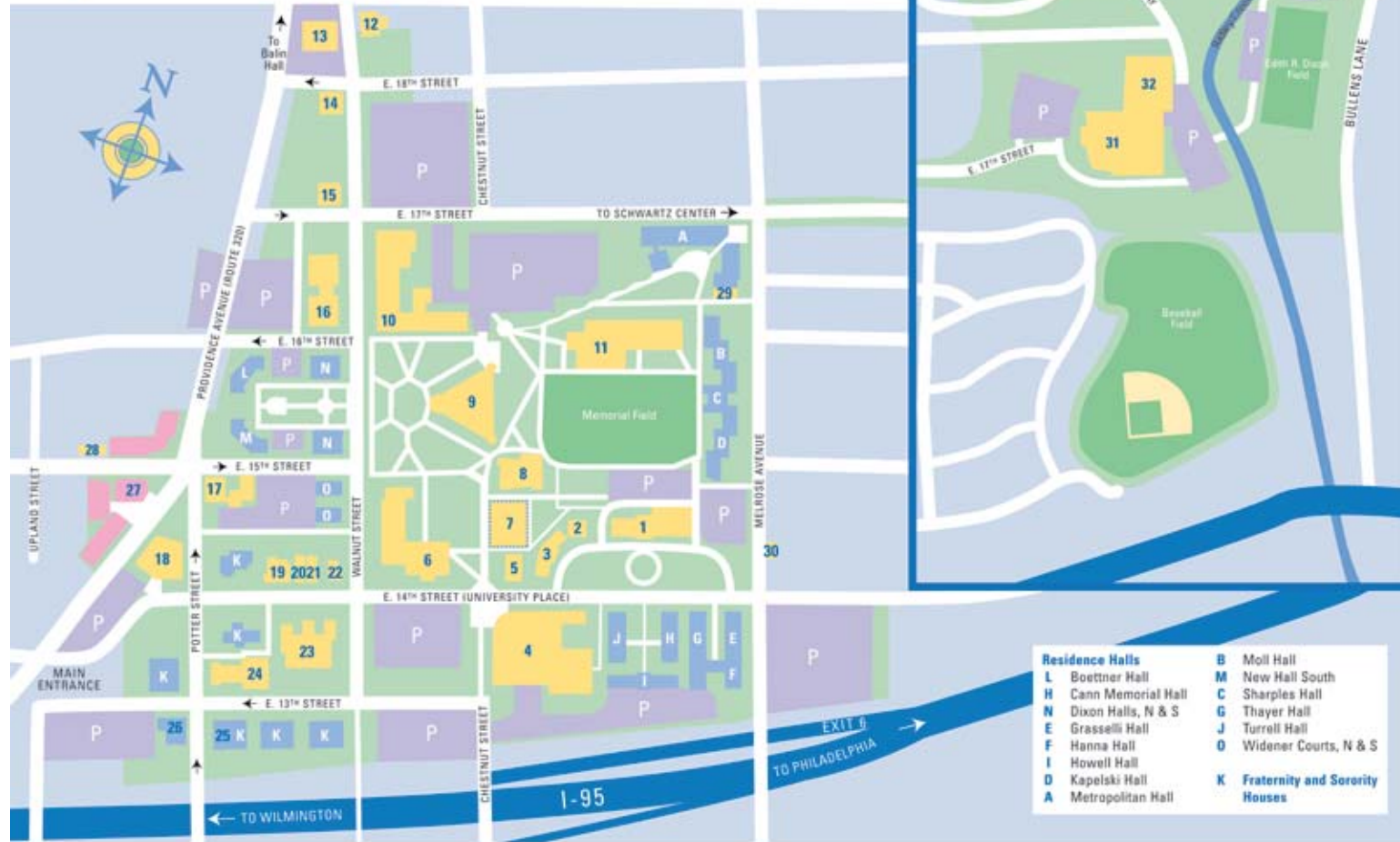
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L Boettner Hall	M New Hall South
H Cann Memorial Hall	C Sharples Hall
N Dixon Halls, N & S	G Thayer Hall
E Grasselli Hall	J Turrell Hall
F Hanna Hall	O Widener Courts, N & S
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 Oskin Leadership Institute, and
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 University Telephone Operator: 610-499-4000
 Campus Safety: 610-499-4201



Health, Wellness, and Safety

Health Services: Student Health Services is staffed by experienced, caring health care providers who have worked in college health for many years. All providers come with national certifications in their area of specialty. Although Student Health Services provides many services to your son or daughter, health insurance is still needed to cover services beyond those offered on campus. The University requires that all students provide proof of personal health insurance on an annual basis. If a student requires insurance, the University sponsors a sickness and accident insurance plan at a reasonable cost.

Information to Know

- Student Health Services (SHS) is open 5 days/week, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- SHS is staffed by nationally certified nurse practitioners, a part-time medical physician, and nurses experienced in college healthcare.
- There is no charge for a visit with a healthcare provider in SHS.

- SHS offers both walk-in times and scheduled appointments.
- If your son/daughter is feeling ill or is injured while at college, they should call SHS. They will either be given an appointment or instructed to come in during walk-in time.
- If your son/daughter has any questions about health, lifestyle, diet, or is feeling “stressed out,” our professional staff is available for them. We are ready to answer questions, examine/test, counsel, and refer them when necessary.
- If urgent/emergency medical care is required when SHS is closed, students are instructed to call Campus Safety at ext. 4200. A campus safety officer will be dispatched and will transport the student to the hospital.
- When refills are needed, the student can bring his/her empty prescription bottle to SHS. The healthcare providers at SHS will assist the student with the refilling of the required medication.
- It is very important for students to understand their health insurance plan. We recommend each student have a copy of their insurance card in their wallet. Find out in advance if a referral is required for labs, x-rays, or specialist care. ▶

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Campus Safety provides:

- Escort service for individual protection.
- Transportation to nearby medical facilities for emergencies.
- Two shuttle buses that circulate the campus three times per hour from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on weekdays and until 3:00 a.m. on weekends.

The shuttle also provides transportation to nearby off-campus locations. Additionally, the campus is closely monitored via surveillance cameras and emergency call stations are located throughout the campus.



All of Widener's officers receive mandatory on-the-job and in-service training and are instructed in first aid and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, with most officers currently certified by the American Red Cross in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). ■

Housing and Dining

Residence Life:

When choosing to live at Widener, students get more than just a “dorm room.” They get a home away from home, with all the conveniences of living within a short walking distance -- 15 minutes or less -- from academic buildings, faculty offices, the **Dining Hall**, our state-of-the-art **Wellness Center**, and other campus resources.

Our students live in one of five distinct communities that are carefully designed to promote and foster an individual's intellectual, spiritual, social, cultural, and emotional development. Through their **Resident Assistants**, students participate in **programs** ranging from those teaching study tips to programs that promote health and well-being. ■



Campus Resources, Organizations and Activities

Wellness Center:

The Wellness Center, which opened in April 2006, houses the finest equipment from Life Fitness. It includes cardio and strength training floors and two aerobics rooms. Experience the thrill of rock climbing on our 24-foot climbing wall, an architectural focal point of the Wellness Center. Climbers of all skill levels can challenge themselves, hone their skills, and keep in shape.

Athletic Facilities:

Schwartz Athletic Center is home to our men's and women's basketball, women's volleyball, men's and women's swimming, and men's and women's indoor track teams. Schwartz Center offers members of the Widener community access to a gymnasium, weight room, multi-purpose field house with a new resurfaced floor and a championship size eight-lane swimming pool.

Leslie C. Quick Jr. Stadium is home to our football, men's and women's soccer, men's lacrosse, and men's and women's outdoor track & field teams.

Edith R. Dixon Field is home to our field hockey and women's lacrosse squads.

The **baseball team** plays its home games at an on-campus field that opened in 2006 adjacent to Schwartz Center. The field is one of the finest college baseball facilities in the Philadelphia area.

The **softball team** plays its home games on a beautiful field which opened in 2006.

Student Life: Students participate in and lead more than 50 clubs and organizations at the heart of our lively campus community. From service groups to dance troupes, honor societies to club sports, there is a program or activity for everyone.

Widener students proudly contribute service to our local, regional, national and international communities. With programs such as Alternative Spring Break and Profound Service Once a Month, students build homes for families in need across the country and abroad or help local charitable organizations provide resources in the city of Chester. Each fraternity and sorority regularly participates in philanthropic activity and contributes countless hours of service in the community. ■



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Student Financial Services: The following types of financial aid resources may be available to you, depending on your circumstances:

Grants

Aid that you do not have to repay; usually need-based.

- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal ACG and SMART Grants
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
- State Grants
- Widener Grant-In Aid

Scholarships

Aid that you do not have to repay; usually merit-based.

- Widener Academic Scholarships
- Widener University Endowed Scholarships
- Other University Scholarships
- Private Scholarships

Loans

Borrowed money that you must repay with interest.

- Federal Direct Loans
- Federal Direct Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS)
- Federal Perkins Loan
- Alternative Loans

Work-Study & Other Student Employment

Funds you earn by working.

- Federal Work-Study
- Institutional Employment ■

Admissions Process

Freshman Admissions: Admission Decisions

Widener University operates under a rolling admission policy. Students will receive their admission decision within two to four weeks after their application is complete.

Admission decisions are based on the following:

- High school grades
- Strength of coursework
- Class rank
- SAT or ACT scores
- Extra- and co-curricular activities
- Community service

Apply to Widener Checklist

- Completed application
- Official high school transcript
- SAT or ACT scores
- High School Counselor Evaluation Form

Transfer Admissions:

Transfer Application Checklist:

- ✓ Completed application
- ✓ Official transcripts from all postsecondary schools attended
- ✓ Official high school transcript and SAT scores, if less than 12 transferable credits have been completed.

Transfer Application Timeline

Widener University operates on rolling admission. However, it is suggested that all applications are received by August 15th (if applying for fall admission) and December 15th (if applying for spring admission). A decision is usually mailed within 2-3 weeks after the application is complete. ■

Academic Calendar 2011-12

FALL SEMESTER

August 2011	
24	New Student Move-In First day of New Student Orientation for Undergraduates
25	Second day of New Student Orientation
26	Third day of New Student Orientation Freshman Advising Day Freshmen Convocation
28	Check-in for Undergraduate upperclassmen and re-entry students
29	All Undergraduate Main Campus day classes begin
September 2011	
5	No classes – Labor Day observed
6	Last day for dropping and/or adding classes
October 2011	
1	Homecoming
10	Freshman Pre-advising Day
17-18	Fall Break
19	Mid-term
21	Mid-term grades due
22	WIDENER DAY 1
November 2011	
1	Last day to petition for May 2012 graduation
7-25 M-F	Registration for Spring 2012 courses
8	Deadline for class withdrawal without academic penalty
14-18 M-F	International Week
19	WIDENER DAY 2
24-25	Thanksgiving holiday

December 2011	
9	Last day of classes
10	Reading Day
11-15 Su-Th	Undergraduate Day final exams
15	Official end of Fall Semester
20	Final deadline for grades

SPRING SEMESTER


January 2012	
8	New Student Check-In
9	Official start of Spring Semester
16	No classes: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
17	Last day for dropping and/or adding classes
21	WIDENER DAY 3
February 2012	
24	Mid-term
27	Last day for students to petition for August 2011 graduation
March 2012	
3-11 M-F	Mid-term Break
12	All classes resume Mid-term grades due by 10:00 am
18	Make-up day for classes missed due to inclement weather
18-23 Su-F	Honors Week
24	Student Day
26- Apr.13 M-F	Registration for Summer and Fall 2011 courses
28	Deadline for class withdrawal without academic penalty

April 2012	
6	Spring Holiday
1	Make-up day for classes missed due to inclement weather
13	Student Project Day
14	Alumni Weekend
21	Widener Day IV
25	Last day of classes
26	Reading Day
27	Start of Final exams for Undergraduate Day
27- May 2 F-W	Undergraduate Day final exams
May 2012	
2	Official end of Spring Semester
4	Final deadline for grades
12	Commencement

14	All Summer classes begin
22	Last day for dropping and/or adding classes
28	Memorial Day holiday
June 2012	
22	Mid-term Last day to for petition for December 2011 graduation
July 2012	
4	Independence Day Observed
10	Deadline for class withdrawal without academic penalty
August 2012	
3	Last day of classes
8-12 M-F	Final Exams
15	Final deadline for grades

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS and Email Addresses for offices on campus

Office of Admissions	(610) 499-4126	admissions.office@widener.edu
Student Affairs	(610) 499-4385	studentaffairs@mail.widener.edu
Health Services	(610) 499-1183	studenthealth@mail.widener.edu
Residence Life	(610) 499-4390	residencelife@widener.edu
Academic Support	(610) 499-1266	
Campus Safety	(610) 499-4200	
Enrollment Services	(610) 499-4161	enrollmentservices@widener.edu
ITS (Information Technology Services)	(610) 499-1047	helpdesk@widener.edu
University Center	(610) 499-4400	univcntr@mail.widener.edu
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