




# HONORS COLLEGE INFORMATION PACKET

First-Year Students

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# Spring 2026 Academic Calendar

FULL TERM SEMESTER DATES	
December 1	Last day to Apply for SPRING 2026 graduation
January 1 & 2	University Closed
January 6	Deadline for payment of tuition and fees
January 7	Late registration fee of \$150 will be assessed
January 10	Last day to be added to a waitlist for a course
January 19	Martin Luther King's Birthday-University Closed
January 21	Last day to apply for a <b>Leave of Absence</b> , Spring 2026
January 22	First day of classes - Spring 2026
Jan 22 - Jan 29	Program Adjustment- Add/Drop courses for the Spring 2026 Semester
January 23	Last day to request the Pass/Fail or Audit Option, email <a href="mailto:Registrar@wpunj.edu">Registrar@wpunj.edu</a>
January 29	Last day for 100% refund (of refundable charges) for dropping from a full semester course for Spring 2026.
January 30	Enrollment confirmation due
February 4	Spring Census - Close of Business
February 16	President's Day- University Closed, classes not in session
March 6	Last Day for 50% refund for withdrawal from a full semester course for Spring 2026.
March 16-22	Spring Break, University is open, classes are not in session
April 3-5	Holiday, University Closed, classes not in session
April 10	Last day for 0% refund for academic withdrawal from a full semester course for Spring 2026 semester (NO REFUND)
April 27	Last day to withdraw from the university for Spring 2026
May 13	Spring 2026 semester ends
May 28	Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony
May 20	Graduate Commencement Ceremonies, Wightman Stadium
May 20	Grades Due
May 25	Memorial Day; University Closed, no classes
May 26	Summer Session Begins
June 1	Last day to apply for the Summer 2026 graduation
June 17	Incomplete Grades Due by Instructor
June 18	Incomplete Grades converted to "F"
June 19	Juneteenth; University Closed, no classes

# Spring 2026 Meeting Requirements

First-year students must meet the following requirement in the Spring 2026 semester:

- Attend at least **two** “New To Honors” meetings

In addition, **all** Honors College students must:

- Attend **one** Honors All-College meeting
- Attend a minimum of **three** Senior presentations during Honors Research Week, **April 20-April 24**
- Complete 1 High Level Civic Engagement activity or 3 Low Level Civic Engagement activities this academic year (between August-May)

Watch your WP email for the weekly Honors announcements about important dates, meeting registration links, and other information.

They're sent out every Monday!



# Spring Semester Reminders

Watch your email for registration details.

Check your WP email account at least once every day. The University will notify you by email about important information (changes to spring courses, payment/billing issues, missing documents, etc.).

Remember to pay your bill on time. Do not risk having your spring classes dropped! If you are dropped from your classes due to payment issues, you will lose the great course schedule that you registered for back in October, and it will be difficult (if not impossible) to get the classes back.

You may register for Summer 2026 courses now. If you are interested in taking a summer course, please speak with your advisor.

You are required to attend a minimum of two “New To Honors” meetings. See information on pg 4.

Honors Research Week will be held April 20-April 24. You are required to attend at least three Honors Research Week presentations.

# MEET OUR

## Peer Leaders



**ANGIE**

Nursing Major

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**Honors Track:** Nursing

**Hobbies:** Baking  
and reading

**Favorite Honors**

**memory:** Honors Club  
Goodie-Bag Making  
event



**OWEN**

Jazz Studies and Music  
Education Major

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**Honors Track:** Music

**Hobbies:** Camping  
and coin collecting

**Favorite Honors**

**memory:** Honors  
Research Night



**PRESTON**

Business Management  
Major

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**Honors Track:** Social  
Sciences

**Hobbies:** Shopping  
and reading

**Favorite Course:**

Honors Gen Psychology  
with Professor Holle

**Favorite Honors**

**memory:** Putting  
together the research  
project for Honors 1000

If you'd like to meet with a Peer Leader individually, please email [honors@wpunj.edu](mailto:honors@wpunj.edu)



# MEET OUR

## Peer Leaders



**RORY**

Speech Language  
Pathology Major

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**Honors Track:** Cognitive  
Science

**Hobbies:** Yoga, lifting,  
and reading

**Favorite Course:**  
Speech and Language  
Acquisition

**Favorite Honors  
memory:** Honors NYC  
Museum Trip!



**SARAH**

Popular Music  
Major

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**Honors Track:** Music  
**Hobbies:** Hanging out  
with friends and listening  
to music

**Favorite Course:**  
Honors Gen Psychology  
with Professor Holle

**Favorite Honors  
memory:** First-Year  
Honors Orientation



**THAYS**

Public Relations  
Major

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**Honors Track:** Global  
Public Health  
**Hobbies:** Making coffee,  
going to concerts,  
cycling, and reading

**Favorite Course:**  
Structural Determinants  
of Health

**Favorite Honors  
memory:** Volunteering

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# MEET OUR

## Office Assistants



**HELENAH '23**

Sound Engineering Arts  
Major Alum

**Completed Honors**

**Track:** Performing and  
Literary Arts

**Hobbies:** Reading, watching  
movies and TV shows,  
finding new music



**KOURTNEY '24**  
GRADUATE ASSISTANT

Speech Language Pathology  
Master's Program & Alum

**Completed Honors**

**Track:** Cognitive Science

**Hobbies:** Field hockey,  
reading, gardening, movies,  
learning to play chess



**RORY**

Speech Language Pathology  
Major

**Honors Track:** Cognitive  
Science

**Hobbies:** Yoga, lifting,  
and reading

**Favorite Course:** Speech  
and Language Acquisition

**Favorite Honors memory:**  
Honors NYC Museum Trip!

**Honors College Office Assistants answer the office phone,  
respond to the Honors College email, greet people in the office,  
and help plan Honors College events.**

**They are a great resource for anything Honors!**



# HOW TO: Check Final Grades

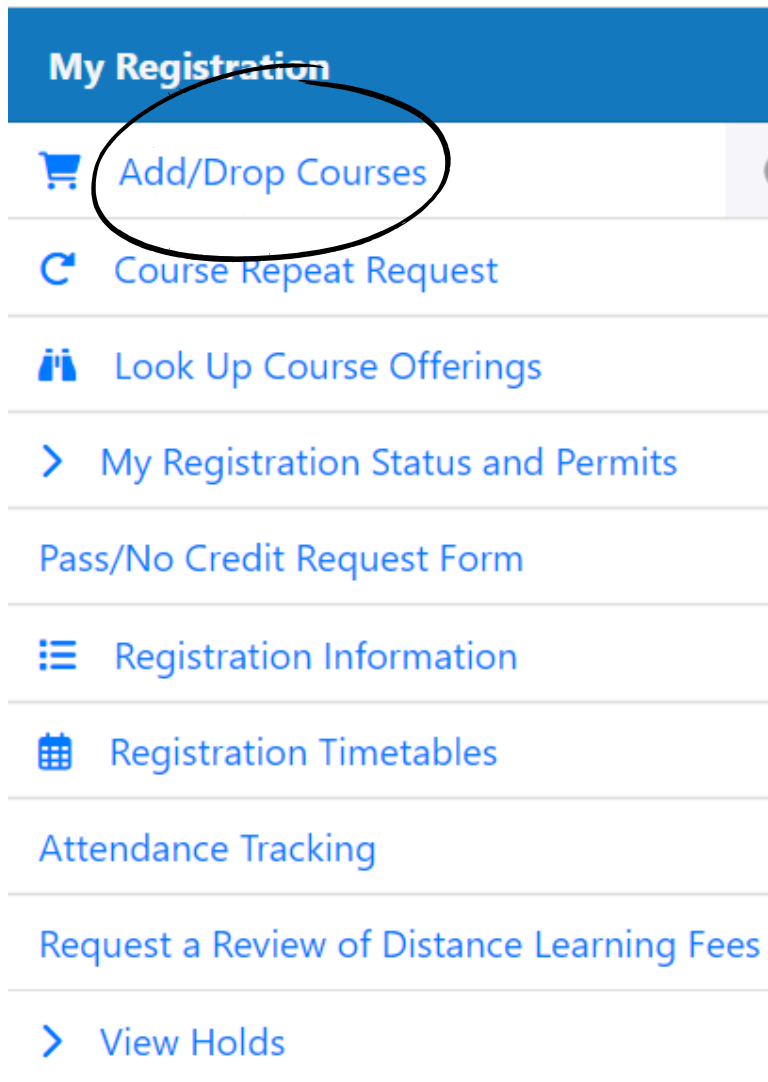


1. Log on to WPCConnect and select the **“Student”** tab.
2. Under the **“My Degree”** heading, select the **“Final Grades”** tab.
3. Select **“Fall 2025”** from the drop down box.

This drop down may not be available until **January 2026** or later

My Degree	
Status:	Active
Class:	Graduate
Degree:	Master of Science
College:	Science & Health
Program:	MS Communication Disorders
Major:	Communication Disorders
Financial Aid SAP Status:	Award Aid
<a href="#">Add, Declare, or Change Major</a>	
<a href="#">Add, Declare, or Change Minor</a>	
<a href="#">Change to or from WP Online</a>	
<a href="#">Degree Works (New Dashboard)</a>	
<a href="#">Degree Works (Classic Dashboard)</a>	
<a href="#">Final Grades</a>	
<a href="#">Early Assessment</a>	
<a href="#">Request Official Transcript</a>	

# HOW TO: Add/Drop Courses



**WELCOME BACK!**

The first day of classes for the  
Spring 2026 Semester is  
**JANUARY 22nd.**

Everything you need  
to prepare/register for  
your class will be under  
the “**My Registration**”  
tab in WPCONNECT.

**PAY YOUR BILL!**

**January 6th** is the deadline to  
pay your Spring semester  
tuition.

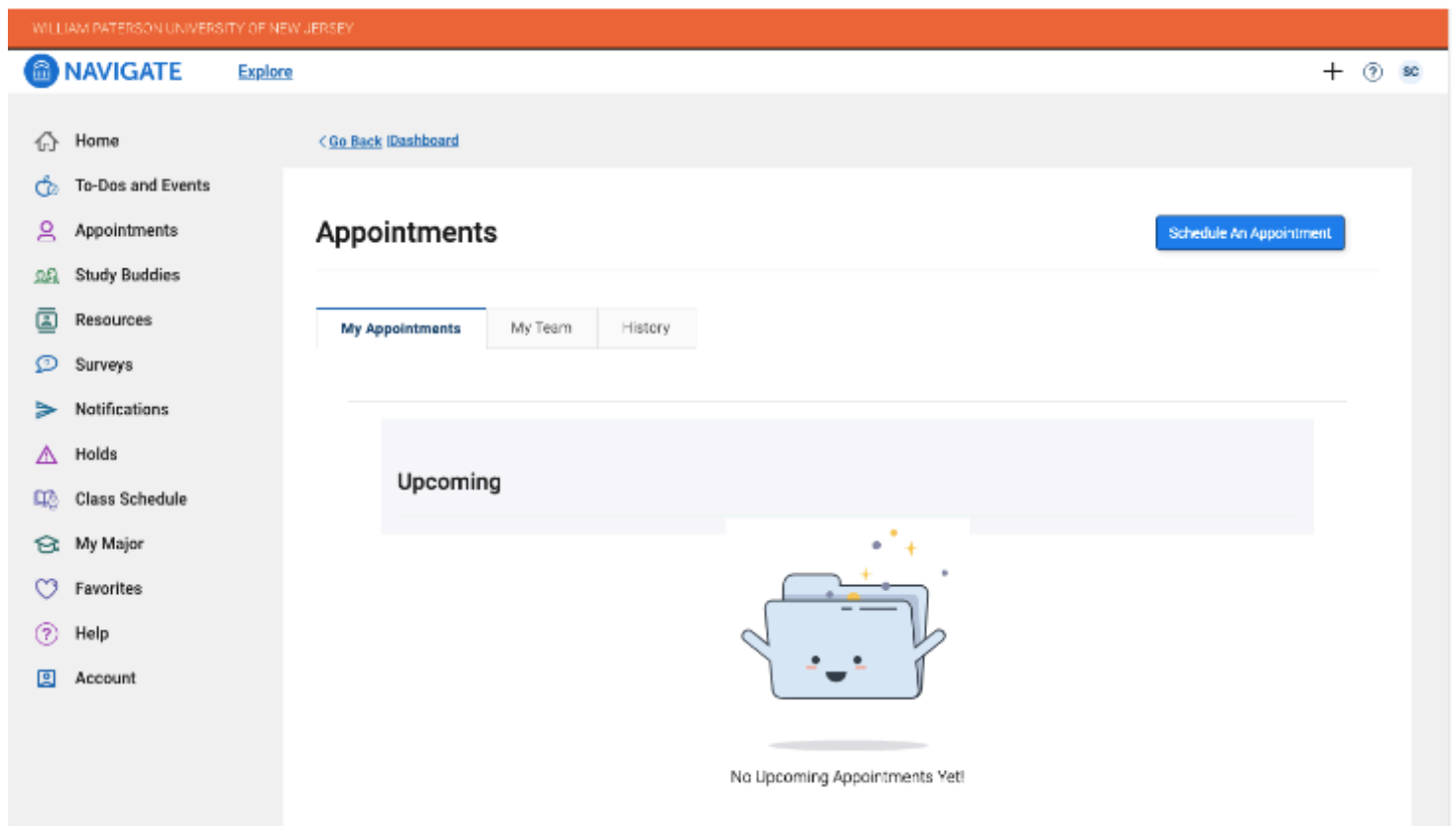


# HOW TO: Use Navigate



Navigate for students can be found in your WPUNJ Apps on WPCConnect.

You can schedule appointments with your advisors and join study groups with students in your courses.



# HOW TO: Buy Textbooks



1. Log on to WPCConnect and select the “Student” tab.
2. Under the heading “My TextBooks” select Purchase textbooks.

This will take you to a screen that shows the textbooks your professors have listed for each individual course. You can purchase them online and have them shipped to you, or you can pick them up in the bookstore.

If you are picking up textbooks in the bookstore, be sure to bring the email confirmation.


Alternatively,

1. Search: <https://www.bkstr.com/williampatersonstore/home>
2. Select Term “Spring 2026”
3. Enter your course information:

### My Course Materials

1 Required | 1 Not Yet Determined

[Print List](#)



**REQUIRED**

**Epidemiology 101 (w/Navigate2 Advantage Access)**

**\$57.82 to \$88.95**

Edition: 2nd  
ISBN: 9781284107852  
Author: Friis  
Publisher: Jones & Bartlett Learning  
Formats: BryceWave Format

Fall 2020

1 PBHL / 3040 / 001 Instructor Aleksandar Kecojvic

Course Materials have not been determined. Check back soon for updates.

2 PBHL / 4000 / 071 Instructor Marianne Sullivan

Required Materials (1)

Before purchasing a textbook, **cross reference** the course syllabus with the bookstore website for **accuracy**.

The textbook your professor has selected for that course will appear and you can then purchase/rent your textbook.

The ISBN can be used to find the same textbook on other sites such as CHEGG, Amazon, Barnes and Noble, etc.

# HOW TO: Complete Civic Engagement



**Honors College students are required to complete one (1) HIGH LEVEL civic engagement activity or three (3) LOW LEVEL civic engagement activities each academic year (August - May) through WP sponsored events**

As representatives of William Paterson University, Honors College students are leaders in the university's civic engagement projects. Civic engagement is not merely about volunteer hours; it is about enriching your role as a citizen by becoming more closely linked to the community, building leadership skills, engaging more fully with the WP philosophy of civic engagement, discussing community problem solving, and analyzing the impact on you, the student.

**HIGH LEVEL civic engagement activities are about 4.5-6 hours long**  
**LOW LEVEL civic engagement activities are fewer than 4 hours long**

High level and low level events are further described here:

<https://www.wpunj.edu/civic-engagement/commitment/assessment.html>

**The only events that count toward this requirement for First-Year Honors Students are events organized by:**

- The Honors College
- The Honors College Club
- Events recognized by a UCC Area 5 course
- Events recognized as “Civic Engagement” that students register for through Pioneer Life



# HOW TO:

## Complete Civic Engagement



In order to receive credit for civic engagement, all Honors Students must report their Civic Engagement activities through Blackboard.

Directions:

- Go to the Honors College 2025-2026 Organization Page on Blackboard.
- Click on the assignment called “Civic Engagement Reflection Form”
- Provide the following information:
  - Type of event (HIGH Level or LOW Level)
  - The name of the event
  - The date of the event
  - Answer the required questions reflecting on the event

Note that the reflection form on Blackboard must be completed regardless of whether or not attendance was taken at the event AND it must be submitted no later than one week following the event.

# HOW TO: Find a Job/Internship



**To find and apply for jobs on campus, use**

**“Hiretouch”:**

1. Go to the “**Student**” Tab on WPCConnect
2. Scroll down to “**Careers and Campus Jobs**”
3. Select “**Hiretouch**”

**“Workday”:**

1. Go to the “**Student**” Tab on WPCConnect
2. Scroll down to “**Careers and Campus Jobs**”
3. Select “**Student Jobs and Internships**”

**To apply for off campus jobs and internships use**

**“Handshake”:**

1. Go to the “**Student**” Tab on WPCConnect
2. Scroll down to “**Careers and Campus Jobs**”
3. Select “**Handshake: Job & Internship Portal**”

**Benefits of Handshake:**

- Find out about campus career events!
- Access the career center for resume checks, mock interviews, and career planning!
- You can search for employers and employers can also reach out to you about opportunities!
- Find jobs and internships for every path!

**For more resources visit: [The Career Development Center](#)**

# HOW TO: Self Care



## Take Care of your Body

Maintaining your physical health is a crucial factor in keeping your mind healthy. Eating a well-balanced and nutritious diet can boost your immune system and lower the effects of stress on the body. Incorporating exercise with a healthy diet will also help improve your mood by producing endorphins.



## Take a Break from News and Social Media

It's important to know when to unplug before it starts affecting your mental health. You can stay informed by checking in from time to time, but don't overdo it by continuously refreshing social media throughout the day. This can increase feelings of fear and anxiety.

## Make Yourself a Priority <sup>zzZ</sup>

Remember to put yourself first when you feel overwhelmed or stressed. Always make sure to prioritize your sleep, diet, and mental health. A healthy mind will help you succeed!



## Go Outdoors

Not getting enough sunlight can result in a drop in serotonin levels, which directly affects your mood. Low levels of serotonin can also lead to symptoms of depression. Going outdoors for at least an hour every day will allow you to get fresh air and improve your mental well-being.

## Listen to Music



One of the most convenient ways to relieve stress is to listen to music. Music has many therapeutic benefits; it helps lower anxiety and depression levels, ease muscle tension, and enhances your mood. Start your morning by listening to a playlist with your favorite songs to help you de-stress.



## Set Goals

Setting goals helps define priorities and improves self-confidence and motivation. Make sure to write down the goals you want to set and how you want to accomplish them. Not only will this help you stay organized, but it will also allow you to keep track of your progress towards achieving the goal.



# Winter

## WEATHER RESET

HONORS IS SHARING THEIR TOP TIPS FOR TAKING A BREAK  
AND MAKING SURE YOU START THE SPRING SEMESTER  
FEELING RELAXED AND PREPARED.



### TAKE A BREAK FROM YOUR DEVICES

Sometimes our devices can make us feel overwhelmed and stressed out. Winter break is a great excuse to step away from our emails and social media.



### DO SOMETHING THAT MAKES YOU HAPPY

Take advantage of fun local activities planned in your town. Find a local ice skating rink or other winter festivities and attend with friends and family. You may also just want to revisit an old hobby or catch up on your favorite show and books.



### MAKE TIME TO SPEND WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

With less school work, this is a great time to catch up with friends and family who you haven't seen in a while.



### PREPARE FOR THE UPCOMING SEMESTER

This a great time to be proactive and get yourself organized for the upcoming semester. Our best advice: get a planner!

# Honors Office

# Contact Information

Location: **Raubinger Hall 207**

Phone Number: **973-720-3657**

Email: **[honors@wpunj.edu](mailto:honors@wpunj.edu)**



**@WPUHONORSCOLLEGE**



**@WPHONORS - The William Paterson Honors Club**



**Honors College William Paterson University**



**William Paterson University Honors College**



**HONORS COLLEGE WPUNJ**

# Helpful Tools and Resources: Pioneer Card

How to check your pioneer card balance:

1. Log in to **WPConnect**
2. Click on the **"Student"** Tab
3. Under the **"Campus Life"** heading, click **"Pioneer Express Card"**

Balances can also be viewed on the **GET app**

Balances will transfer over from **Fall to Spring**, but they **do not** transfer over from the **Spring** semester to the **Fall** semester of the next academic year!

## Campus Life


 [Alcohol-Wise \(Freshmen Only\)](#)

 [My Meal Plan](#)

[> Vector Sexual Violence Prevention Course](#)

[Online Student Diversity Training](#)

 [Pioneer Express Card](#)

 [Pioneer Life Portal \(Organizations, Activities, Involvement\)](#)

 [Register To Vote](#)





# Helpful Tools and Resources: Organization

**Be proactive! Manage your time and get ahead of your work!**

- Use **Google Calendar** and/or **Google Tasks** to keep track of your schedule.
- **Microsoft One Drive** can be used to create documents, PowerPoints, and other files. This feature is included in the free Microsoft package associated with your student account.
- **Paper planners** are great organizational tools to list and prioritize assignments, meetings and anything else going on during the semester.

## Helpful Links

[Honors Handbook](#)

[Lost ID](#)

[Campus Map](#)

[Print from Anywhere on Campus](#)

[Reserve a Study Room](#)

[Shuttle Information](#)

# Academic and Campus Resources

## Math Learning Center

Science Hall East Room 3036

### What it Offers:

- The Mathematics Learning Center provides academic support in Mathematics courses up to Calculus II.
- Walk-in available, no appointments necessary.
- Tutors can help review a quiz or exam, prepare formula sheets, practice example problems, and more!



## Writing Center

Preakness Hall Room 124

### What it Offers:

- One-on-one about any kind of writing, at any stage, on any device
- 45-minute sessions
- Some consultants also offer "e-tutoring" sessions where you drop off your assignment and current draft. Comments can be sent back within one day.
- Help with reviewing assignments, brainstorming, getting started, expanding ideas, revising early drafts, crafting your thesis, organizing and outlining, adding power and style, using/citing sources, and reviewing strategies for editing and proofreading



Website: <https://wpunj.mywconline.com>

## Science Enrichment Center

Science Hall East 3023

### What it Offers:

- **Study Groups:** Collaboration with a facilitator and peers to discuss and review course content for a specific student at the same time each week by appointment
- **Walk-ins:** No appointment necessary
- **Workshops:** face-to-face and video workshops specifically designed to help student succeed in the sciences.



Website: <https://www.wpunj.edu/sec>

## Academic Success Center

Cheng Library Room 111B

### What it offers:

Students receive both one-on-one time and group-oriented assistance for a wide range of lower-level and upper-level courses; as well as for developmental skills for mathematics and reading courses.



Website:  
[www.wpunj.edu/academics/asc](http://www.wpunj.edu/academics/asc)

## David & Lorraine Cheng Library

Website: <https://www.wpunj.edu/library>

### What it offers:

- Provides a large variety of books and media that can be borrowed.
- Extensive database to support students in research, papers, etc.
- Contains the Academic Success Center and the Curriculum Materials Center
- Several study rooms that can be reserved or "first-come, first-serve"



## Career Development Center

University Commons Room 301

### What it Offers:

- Provides career counseling, career coaching, job, internship, and graduate school preparation, as well as employment and mentoring connections.

Website: <https://www.wpunj.edu/career-center>





# Academic and Campus Resources

## Center of Diversity & Inclusion

University Commons 214

### What it Offers:

- Promotes cultural awareness, knowledge and inquiry so that students can learn more about their personal identity(s), appreciate the uniqueness of others, and contribute to the creation of a more just society.
- Includes the Black Cultural Center, Center for Latinidad, and more!

Website: <https://www.wpunj.edu/diversity-and-inclusion/>



## Counseling, Health and Wellness Center

Overlook South, 1st Floor

Website: <https://www.wpunj.edu/health-wellness>

### What it offers:

Through primary health care, personal counseling, health education, prevention services and co-curricular educational opportunities, this center assists students in achieving success in their academic experience and life goals.



## Student Enrollment Services

Morrison Hall Room 104

### What it offers:

Answers questions regarding financial aid, scholarships, financial literacy, billing and payment, installment plans, and record/select registration services

Website: <https://www.wpunj.edu/centers/>



## Accessibility Resource Center

Speert Hall 314

### What it Offers:

- Provides equal access to all programs, activities, awards & related benefits of its educational programs for all students
- Mainstreams all students with disabilities into its regular programs and activities
- Adapts programs, evaluation, and service delivery to meet the individualized needs of students with disabilities while maintaining high academic standards
- Encourages students to participate in diverse activities of the university community

Website: <https://www.wpunj.edu/accessibilityresourcecenter/index.html>

