GOMPEI'S GUIDE TO WPI

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FOR STUDENTS BY STUDENTS

Supplemental Version for Graduate Students

WPI

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1. Welcome to WPI! We're Glad You're Here.

This guide is intended to help you find your way here at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and to provide you with tips and tricks to make the most of your WPI experience. If you have a question, odds are the answer is in here. If you can't find it, ask a friend, your department or program, your student success manager, graduate studies, or your professors. We all want to help you succeed here on campus.

Our Mission and Values.

WPI's mission speaks to the legacy of its history and aspirations for the future: "WPI transforms lives, turns knowledge into action to confront global challenges, and revolutionizes STEM through distinctive and inclusive education, projects, and research". The mission is formed by WPI's values: respect, community, inclusion, innovation, and achievement.

WPI's Student Code of Conduct

These values also inform the expectations as set forth in the WPI Student Code of Conduct. It's important to read the code and know what's expected of you as a student.

WPI's Strategic Plan

Lead with Purpose will inform university priorities from 2021 to 2026 and includes three focuses:

• Student well-being, access, and affordability

• Inclusive community

• Purpose-driven education and research

- Our motto is Lehr und Kunst, meaning Theory and Practice. Hands on doing is a pivotal part of the education at WPI.
- You'll get an interdisciplinary education here at WPI. You don't solve a problem through one perspective. Instead, you draw on multiple skills in different contexts and you work with people from diverse backgrounds.

- We prioritize collaboration over competition.
- These nine words are critical to your success at WPI: Go to class. Do the work. Ask for help. If you do these three things, you're bound to set yourself up for success.

Student Resources

WPI is committed to making sure our students have the resources and support they need to thrive and succeed, both academically and personally. Faculty and staff are here to help you. There are resources and support available for you on campus to access.

We Love Acronyms at WPI

READ: 40 Phrases Every Grad Student Should Know.

Some students even joke that WPI = We Prefer Initials. Here are a few that are especially useful:

PROJECTS	
GQP	Graduate Qualifying Project

PEOPLE	
GPLA	Grad Peer Learning Assistant
TA	Teaching Assistant
RA	Research Assistant
GA	Graduate Assistant

PLACES	
ARC	Academic & Research Computing
ATC	Academic Technology Center
CDC	Heebner Career Development Center
EPC	Exam Proctoring Center
GEO	Global Experience Office
GPS	Graduate and Professional Studies
I&E	Innovation & Entrepreneurship

ISL	International Student Life
OAS	Office of Accessibility Services
ODIME	Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Multicultural Education
OSP	Office of Sponsored Projects
RCC	Rubin Campus Center
SAO	Student Activity Office
SDCC	Student Development and Counseling Center

"Pursuing a degree is like running a marathon, not a sprint. Take the time to dive deep into your research, connect with your peers and mentors, and truly enjoy the journey. Remember, it's about the experience and the growth, not just the destination."- Prathamesh Mehta '24

2. How to Make the Most of WPI

Academics

- Be early on the first day of class! It makes a good first impression on your professors, and you can claim a good seat.
- If you're having trouble affording books, the Gordon Library usually has some textbooks on reserve or on the shelf, just ask at the front desk for help finding them. The Dean of Students Office can also help.
- Talk to returning students, Graduate Coordinator, and faculty when picking out your schedule. They know the classes and can offer some great advice.
- Graduate programs have some required courses/classes that need to be completed as part of degree requirements, the Graduate Catalog for the same. Apart from those essential bins, one is free to select whichever course they want. However, be careful to ensure you have the "recommended background" of courses by communicating with your academic/faculty advisors or the professors on what preparation is recommended. Some programs do require students to take a foundation or prerequisite course in their first semester, so check the graduate catalog to ensure this is true for your program.
- Support is available for students who are struggling with coursework or need guidance. Talk to your Student Success Manager.
- There are tons of free resources on campus ranging from the Makerspace in the Innovation Studio, tech suites in the Library, fitness classes in the Recreation Center, and more.

Graduate Career and Professional Development

WPI is committed to providing our graduate students with the best possible graduate training. We know that scientists, engineers, teachers, and researchers face an increasingly competitive world and to best prepare our trainees for their future careers, we offer several free professional development programs throughout the year that are open to graduate students and postdocs from all disciplines.

We run intensive multi-session workshop series on pertinent topics, such as communication skills, career management, leadership, health and wellness, and equity and inclusion, as well boot-camps on thesis/dissertation writing, fellowship writing, and both academic and non-academic job searches. Additionally, we run two graduate level courses, Fundamentals of Scientific Teaching and Pedagogy, and Responsible Conduct of Research, each Fall and Spring, respectively.

Throughout the academic year we also organize **STARS – WPI Student Training and Readiness** Sessions, which offers graduate students and postdocs the opportunity to learn about a variety of career and professional development topics each month. We also organize monthly sessions of the Graduate Researcher Education and Training (GREAT) series, which provides

foundational training for beginning researchers, with topics discussed such as designing and presenting a research poster and delivering an effective research talk.

In addition to these career and professional development programs, WPI graduate students receive a full suite of career counseling services through the WPI Heebner Career Development Center (HCDC). The HCDC organizes 2 large career fairs, as well as several more discipline targeted ones throughout the year, provides 1:1 career counseling, as well as resume review sessions, interview prep, and maintains a large job and internship opportunity repository.

Beyond the programming and services mentioned, WPI also strongly encourages its graduate students, including our PhD students, to seek out internships that align with their career interests. We have a centralized policy permitting graduate internships and a registration process that involves approvals from the graduate student's department/advisor and Registrar. Experiential learning is critical for graduate students to be competitive candidates for their chosen careers, and completing a graduate internship can be a great means to accomplish this objective.

For trainees focused on academic careers, we do offer a postdoc position search boot camp each Fall and a Faculty Job Search boot camp each summer. We run a fellowship writing boot camp each Fall, in which we not only provide information on fellowship opportunities with tips and guidance, but also match fellowship writers with faculty members at WPI to provide them 1:1 feedback. We provide participants in this boot camp access to successful fellowship applications, and they hear from a panel of current fellows on their fellowship writing strategies.

Graduate Student Career and Professional Development Programming:

Student Training and Readiness Series (STARS)
A multi-session series run monthly throughout the academic year to provide overviews on a variety of pertinent career and professional development topics. The topics covered in the STARS sessions vary from year to year and are based on graduate student career and professional development interests and needs. The STARS series has sessions that are relevant for all graduate students and many sessions that are also relevant for postdocs.

IDP Program
A short workshop series run each fall to provide guidance on how to effectively manage one's career, with a focus on individual development plans (IDPs), as well as how to advance in one's career, with a focus on honing effective networking skills and obtaining the right mentoring. The IDP series is designed for PhD students and postdocs, though master's students may participate as well.

Graduate Researcher Education and Training Series
A multisession series run each year to provide instruction on fundamental skills and knowledge graduate researchers (PhDs, Master's Thesis Students) need to be successful in their research activities. This series has a specific focus on research communication skills (fellowships,

manuscripts, posters, communicating research to non-technical audiences), with other topics, such as finding and critically reading research literature being.

Graduate Fellowship Boot Camp
The NSF GFRP/Graduate Fellowship Boot Camp is run annually each Fall starting in late August. The boot camp provides overview sessions on fellowship/grant writing, guidance for applying for fellowships, access to examples of successful fellowship applications, as well as 1:1 mentorship with a WPI faculty member to review your fellowship application prior to submission.

Postdoc Search Boot Camp
A short series run each fall to provide guidance on best approaches to identify and secure a postdoc opportunity. This program is intended for mid-to late-PhD students as well as postdocs.

Faculty Position Search Boot Camp
A short series run each summer to demystify the faculty position search process and provide guidance on applying and interviewing for faculty positions. This program is intended for mid-to late PhD students as well as postdocs.

Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Course (ID500)
A zero credit graduate course run each Spring semester to provide instruction on best practices in research and experimental design, data management, and record keeping, as well as provides an overview of authorship rights, mentoring, collaboration and conflicts of interest, research involving animal subjects, intellectual property and ownership of data, and research misconduct, among other topics. The course satisfies NIH RCR requirements.

Leadership Series
A multi-session series run every other spring to bolster leadership skill development through interactive workshops on personality type and self-awareness, emotional intelligence and interpersonal skills, team dynamics and multicultural competencies, conflict management and negotiation, organizational leadership, strategic planning, as well as project and time management. Graduate students can join a peer leadership group after the series to continue developing leadership skills. This leadership typically runs in the Spring. The next leadership series will be run in Spring 2026.

Pedagogy Course (ID527)
A zero credit graduate course run each Fall to bolster teaching proficiency through in depth and interactive sessions on the science behind student learning, scientific teaching, assessments and rubrics, active learning, project-based learning, technology in the classroom, and course design.

Thesis/Dissertation Writing Boot Camp
A half day boot camp run each winter providing a general overview of thesis/dissertations, including their organization, writing strategies, and literature review.

Graduate Health and Wellness Series
A short series run each Spring semester giving graduate students and postdocs practical advice on maintaining a healthy work-life balance.

Graduate Research and Innovation Exchange (GRIE)

An annual graduate research symposium featuring graduate student poster presentations with prizes awarded. GRIE enjoys high participation levels by graduate students and is widely attended by the WPI community. GRIE typically takes place in February each year.

Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition

An annual competition that challenges PhD students to describe their research within three minutes to a general audience using only a single static slide. 3MT celebrates the discoveries made by PhD students and encourages their skill in communicating the importance of research to the broader community. 3MT competitions are held in the Spring semester.

Housing and Dining

Use Goat Bucks instead of cash or credit to save 10% at many campus dining locations. You can add money to your Goat Bucks using the GET app, or by adding cash at the machines in the Library (located near the printers on the main floor).

If you are living with roommates, be respectful of them. It is wise to create a roommate agreement at the onset of living together and be sure to re-visit your roommate agreement a few weeks into the year to change what things look like in your space—guests, noise levels, use of each other's items, etc.

Staying Organized/Accessing Technology

Read: Study Tips for Grad Students

- Use a calendar, planner, and/or Outlook to plan and to keep yourself organized. A lot happens here, so use at least one of these to keep on top of things. In addition, many people will use Outlook invites to schedule meetings and events, so using your Outlook calendar to keep your schedule all in one place can be helpful.
- Turn notifications on for your Outlook email so that you don't miss important messages. Check Outlook daily.
- Printers are in the Library, Rubin Campus Center, and some labs. You can pay per page using Goat Bucks.
- One of the things we pride ourselves on at WPI is building a place where all people are valued. To do this, it's incredibly important for you to recognize and address any biases you may have.

Creating a Welcoming Community

At the end of the day, everyone wants to feel welcome and included. If you keep being welcoming and being inclusive as your top priorities, that will go a long way.

- Many people include their pronouns in email signatures, Zoom names, Canvas, Slack, and other platforms. This helps others know how to address them and provides clarity when you might not know someone's gender identity or pronouns.
- Grad school brings together individuals from diverse backgrounds, cultures, heritages, and faiths. When you're curious about someone's identity, culture, or values, be mindful of how you ask questions. Doing some research on your own, like using Google, can help you avoid unintentionally offensive questions.
- Take time to check in on your friends and classmates. WPI can be a challenging and isolating experience for some students, especially those feeling homesick or underrepresented. It's important to ensure that everyone feels seen, supported, and valued within our community.

Social Life on Campus

- Clubs/organizations, club sports, and campus jobs are a great way to meet people on campus and gain opportunities. It is also simultaneously OK to not be involved in tons of stuff on campus. Try to get involved in one or two things, not fifty.
- To figure out what you like, you can join the mailing lists for a bunch of clubs at the beginning of the year and find what fits best into your schedule and your preferences. You are not bound to any club, sport, or group if you join their mailing list.
- Networking is a great way to open doors for yourself after graduation. Meeting people in classes, clubs, fraternity and sorority life, and other areas of campus are great opportunities to set yourself up for the future.
- The Sports and Recreation Center offers state-of-the art athletic facilities, fitness classes, intramurals, and more for students to embrace a healthy lifestyle.
- The Graduate Student Government (GSG) organizes a variety of fun events both on and off campus that are worth checking out. These events offer unique opportunities to have fun and meet new people, making them a great way to spend your time.
- Use MyWPI and Instagram and look at emails for the events to make the most of your WPI experience.
- There is a piano on the lower level of Fuller Labs and in every music room on the lower floor of Alden Hall. No need to reserve, just knock first to see if someone is using the room. They are free for everyone to use.
- Cinema.wpi.edu is an awesome website to watch free movies (must be on WPI Wi-Fi to access). Have movie recommendations? Reach out to Residential Services to see if they can be added!

Engaging Academically: Remember ... faculty and staff want to help you.

- Developing relationships with faculty and staff can take time; don't be afraid to reach out first. Professors become professors because they want to help students like you.
- Your professors really do care about you and your well-being. Don't be afraid to ask for an extension if you need one. Most understand the rigorous curriculum and are flexible.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help. This means attending office hours or asking friends to study with you.
- Professors in graduate courses expect graduate students to ask questions and engage in discussion, so don't be afraid to ask questions!
- Reach out to the Office of Accessibility Services if you need classroom, testing, or housing accommodations.

Prioritizing Mental Health Over Grades

- Achieving a 99 or a 91 in a class both result in an A. Sometimes, it's more valuable to put in slightly less effort and allow yourself time to attend an event, get a full night's sleep, or focus on your well-being instead of striving for perfection.
- Don't measure your success against others. Your definition of success is unique to you. In graduate school, future employers care that you earned your degree and can apply the skills you've learned, not your class rank.
- Summer classes are available, often online (both asynchronous and synchronous), offering a flexible way to manage your course load during the academic year.
- When feeling stressed, try to put things into perspective. Ask yourself if the current situation will matter in five years—or even one year. This mindset can help ease the pressure of specific assignments and exams. It's okay to prioritize your health and make decisions like taking a lower grade, dropping a course, or retaking it later if necessary.

"Balancing research, coursework, and life can be tough. Don't forget to take breaks and prioritize your mental health. A healthy mind is just as important as academic success. Sometimes, stepping away from your work to relax or spend time with friends can give you a fresh perspective."- Sharvi Ghogale '25

3. Getting Around Campus

Campus Map

The WPI Campus Map is a great resource to locate campus buildings and residence halls, as well as gender inclusive restrooms (look under restrooms) and accessible restrooms (look under accessibility). You can also explore our campus virtually with WPI's Interactive Map, or you can schedule an in-person tour. The hours for most buildings are posted on the WPI website. For academic buildings on campus that have 24/7 computer labs (for example: Atwater Kent, Salisbury Labs), once inside the building, anyone can stay as late as they want. Some buildings at later hours will require key card access, so make sure to bring your ID.

Spots to Check Out on Campus

- Here are some tips from fellow students about popular places around campus:
- Have a game night with friends in the Rubin Campus Center.
- The Gordon Library Reflection Space is a quiet space for reflection, meditation, or prayer located on the lower level (first floor). The space is equipped with soft seating, meditation pillows, prayer mats, and rocking chairs.
- Higgins House has a nice outdoor space that is very picturesque and quiet. There are swings at Higgins House and a reflection garden.
- Grab coffee with a friend at Starbucks in the Goat's Head in Founders Hall.
- Meet a friend to study in the library, Unity Hall, Rubin Campus Center.
- Hang out on the Quad (if it's a nice day).
- Visit the OASIS Multicultural Center (OASIS House), the Collegiate Religious Center (CRC), the Center for Black Excellence, the Lavender Lounge, the Lotus Lounge, and the International House to learn about different cultures, grab some free snacks, cook some food, do your homework, study with your friends, play video games, or watch TV.
- Meet a friend at the red couches overlooking the fields in the Rec Center.
- Meet a friend in the Rubin Campus Center for some Dunkin'.
- Play billiards at the pool tables on the bottom floor of the Rubin Campus Center.
- Study at one of the corner spaces in Unity Hall at sunset.
- Grab a smoothie in the Innovation Studio and innovate in the Makerspace.
- There are tons of student lounges across campus. Some examples are the Atwater Kent Student Lounge (First Floor), the Physics Lounge in Olin Hall (First Floor), the Kaven Hall Student Lounge (First Floor), and Salisbury Labs (First Floor).
- Looking for a microwave on campus? They are in the Rubin Campus Center dining hall on the lower level, WPI Pantry in the Innovation Studio (IS 124) and the Gordon Library Cafe area. Anyone is welcome to use them!
- Stop by the Center for Well-Being to experience a beautiful and supportive oasis of calm and peace to gather, relax, reflect, and recharge. All are welcome to enjoy this

community space to pop in for a wellness break and cup of tea or be soothed by the water wall while doing puzzles.

Campus Transportation Options

Gompei's Gears Bike Share

Come be part of the free bike share program for the WPI community. You can rent a bike for up to eight hours at a time using the Bloom app. View a map of bike racks and join the program.

Valet Park Shuttles

- Valet Park operates a safety transportation program to help people get safely to and from campus. To access the program, you must download the TripShot app.
- The daytime shuttle runs Monday through Friday and offers scheduled stops to and from select locations, including WPI Townhouses, Faraday Hall, South Village, and Bartlett Center.
- The nighttime shuttle (informally called SNAP) uses on-demand shuttle stops strategically located across Campus, and at three off campus locations. To access this safety program, you must download the TransLoc app to order the nighttime shuttle. The app allows users to enter their pick-up location, select a drop-off destination, and then request the safety transport. The app provides real-time updates on the estimated arrival time to your pick-up location. Visit the link above to see locations of shuttle stops, start/stop times of shuttles, and when there is limited or no service of the shuttle

General Guidelines for Using SNAP:

- Available within a one-mile radius of 100 Institute Road for use to/from:
  - campus to/from off-campus housing.
  - campus to/from campus locations.
  - Price Chopper (221-222 Park Ave.) during business hours.
  - CVS (44 West Boylston St.) during business hours.
  - Union Station during business hours.
- Not available for transportation to/from restaurants, bars, commercial properties, etc.

- Valet Park will not provide transportation from a residential address to a residential address, a residential address to a commercial address, or a commercial address to a commercial address

Parking

To park on campus, you need to have a parking pass. To learn more about who qualifies for a pass and how to get one, check here.

Street parking is available on a limited basis, but pay close attention to signage, as you may get a ticket from the City of Worcester if there's a ban for snow or street sweeping or if parked illegally. View specific winter parking ban routes in Worcester where you can search by street.

4. Academic Success

You're here to get an education after all, so here's everything you need to know to succeed academically.

Degree Requirements

Every graduate program at WPI follows certain requirements for the degree completion, for more information on your specific program, please refer to the Graduate Catalog.

Master's Degree Requirements

- A minimum of 30 to 33-credit hours of acceptable coursework, thesis, or project work is required, depending on the specific program.
- If a thesis is required, it must include at least 6-credit hours of research and be publicly presented.
- At least 21-credit hours must be graduate-level courses or thesis work, with a minimum of 15-credit hours in the program area.
- Advanced undergraduate courses (4000 level) may be included with approval. For more information on your specific program, please refer to the Graduate Catalog.
- Must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better.

Doctoral Degree Requirements

- Minimum of 90 credit hours of graduate work beyond the bachelor's degree or 60 credit hours beyond the master's degree.
- Includes at least 30 credit hours of research.
- Attain doctoral candidacy and prepare and defend a dissertation publicly and before a Dissertation Committee.
- Must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better.

Certificate Requirements

- Certificate programs require a Plan of Study approved within the first three months of admission.
- Must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better.
- Certificate credits may apply to a WPI graduate degree if admitted to a degree program.

Transfers and Waivers

- A maximum of one-third of the credit requirements for a graduate degree may be satisfied by courses taken at other accredited institutions, with pre-approval required.
- Transferred courses must reflect current practice in the field, are recorded with the grade "CR" (credit), and must have a minimum grade of B.
- Courses used to satisfy a degree program at another institution are not eligible for transfer.

Online Graduate Programs

Read: Online vs. In-person Graduate Programs

- Available in various fields, including Aerospace Engineering, Business Administration, Data Science, and Robotics Engineering.
- Same robust program as you would experience on campus.
- Flexible start options in spring, summer, and fall.
- Collaboration with expert faculty and peers worldwide.

For detailed information on specific program requirements, consult the department descriptions in the WPI Graduate Catalog.

Academic Resources You Should Know

Academic Life Coaching

Academic Life Coaching offers graduate students a supportive partnership to foster their growth as scholars. This self-directed process focuses on your individual goals, development, and strategies. Rather than prescribing goals or methods, your Coach collaborates with you to brainstorm ideas, devise action plans, and implement sustainable changes. This free service is designed to empower you in achieving academic and personal success during your graduate studies at WPI.

The Writing Center (Salisbury 233)

[The Writing Center](#) helps students improve their written, oral, and visual communication. Trained writing tutors provide peer tutoring for individuals and teams on any type of communication project, including course papers, presentations, dissertations, and job-related documents. Tutors can help you at any stage of your composing process: when you're still in early stages of brainstorming and finding direction; when you're in the middle stages of drafting ideas and organizing paragraphs; or when you're in the late stages of your writing, polishing your prose for maximum clarity

"Stay curious and passionate about your research. The drive to explore and discover will keep you motivated through the toughest phases of your studies. Remember why you started and let that passion fuel you, especially during the challenging times."- Hitanshu Shah '24

Academic Advisors

Master's students are assigned an academic advisor by their program. Please contact your academic program or department if you have not been assigned an advisor. PhD students entering WPI that already have a research advisor in place will use that faculty member as their academic advisor. PhD students that do not have a research advisor in place when they join WPI should utilize the graduate coordinator for their department/program as their initial academic advisor until they identify a research advisor.

- **Graduate Advisor:** Assists you with understanding how to meet degree requirements and support in implementing academic success strategies.
- **Student Success Manager**: At WPI you also have a [Student Success Manager](#). They play a crucial role in supporting your academic journey alongside your departmental advisors. They provide prompt answers to your queries, assist in overcoming challenges, and guide you in accessing essential university services. Regular communication via phone and email ensures you have the tools and support needed to succeed in all your courses.
- **Graduate Coordinator**: Faculty member in your graduate program or department that is a key point of contact for graduate students in that program or department for academic matters. Graduate Coordinators often serve as initial academic advisors for new PhD and master's students in some cases.

Other Academic Resources to Know

Registrar's Office (Unity Hall)

The Registrar's Office ensures adherence to WPI's academic policy, preserves academic integrity and protects the security of academic records. The Registrar's Office helps students register for courses and keep track of their credits. Their website has lots of forms that can be quite useful, for example the leave of absence form.

Academic Technology Center (ATC) (Fuller Labs)

The ATC offers instructional design services and technology consultations as well as technology rentals and large-format poster printing.

Registering for Classes

- Check out course listings on this easy-to search site (courselistings.wpi.edu). You can see what's open and what has waitlist spots available.
- Register for courses using Workday.
- As you plan your schedule you can use oscar.wpi.edu when picking courses. This shows actual course evaluations by course and by professor. It's a great way to find the best courses for you and to learn about different professors.
- The WPI Planner can help you to see the terms or semesters that courses are offered, along with the professor and times available (however it does not reflect whether the course is being offered online or on campus). It's a great way to help you build your schedule and see the many combinations that work for your schedule.
- When it's time to schedule your courses, make sure to have a saved schedule before registration begins to help you add your courses efficiently. You also want to be prepared with a few back-up courses in case your first-choice options are full.
- If you don't get the courses you wanted, don't despair. Reach out to your academic advisor and/or graduate coordinator, and they can help you explore your options. While there are a specific number of seats available in each class and professors cannot exceed this capacity, you may join a waitlist.

Academic Accessibility Accommodations

Office of Accessibility Services (Unity Hall)

The Office of Accessibility Services (OAS) coordinates accommodation services. It also advocates and supports students with documented physical, learning, sensory, psychological, developmental, and temporary disabilities. Scan the QR code to the right to fill out the intake form to get started. If you are approved for test taking accommodations, you may take your tests in the Exam Proctoring Center (EPC) in Unity Hall.

How to Talk with a Professor If You Need Flexibility or Additional Support

Whether you're sick, have a personal conflict, have a religious event, or need some flexibility on an assignment, consider speaking to your professor ahead of time, to the extent possible. You can often use the professor's published office hours to have these conversations. You can also reach out to them via email. Often those requests go best when you can map out an alternative suggested plan to get the work completed.

Overloading

Read: The Grad Student's Playbook for Conquering Stress During Finals

Read: Study Tips for Grad Students

Overloading happens when students take more than 18 credits across one academic year. This can result in an additional fee if you exceed 21 credits in an academic year. Speak with your academic advisor and/or graduate coordinator before you decide to overload.

Transfer Classes

https://www.wpi.edu/offices/registrar/policies-procedures/transfer-credit

WPI may accept credits from other accredited colleges and universities that meet the quality and rigor of a WPI course. To learn more about the process for earning transfer credit, click or scan the QR code to the right. The Transfer Credit website provides excellent guidance.

Taking a Leave of Absence

[Withdrawal or leave of absence](#).

Sometimes a student decides it's wise to take a break from WPI, whether that be for a medical, personal, or financial reason. It is ok to take a leave if you need it. [Learn more about the process](#) and be sure to talk to your Academic Advisor or the Dean of Students Office.

Consortium Classes

WPI is part of a consortium of other colleges that allows you to register for classes at other area colleges. To learn more, consult the [Registrar's website.](#)

Using the Library

[The Gordon Library](#) offers many resources to support you academically, ranging from accessing books and journals for research projects to great places to study. To learn more, explore the Gordon Library website by clicking or scanning the QR code to the right.

Here are a few helpful resources you'll find:

- Search for books, journals, and more by using the WPI Library Search tool located on the [Library's homepage](#).
- Connect with a Research Librarian, who can help you find source material for your courses or research. To connect, via email reslib@wpi.edu or book a meeting.
- [Book a tech suite](#) for you or a group. Book online at any time (even in the middle of the night!). Arrive at the Tech Suite Reservation Desk located on the main level (2nd Floor) of Gordon Library to borrow the key using your WPI ID.
- [Interlibrary loans](#) are a cool way of accessing books that our Library does not already have.
- The Library has study zones to fit everyone's needs: Looking for quiet spaces? Try the ground or 1st floors. Want social or group spaces? Check out the 2nd or 3rd floors. Find the right zone for you! You can also [check how busy](#) the Library is at any given time.

Graduate Programs and their Acronyms

Like we said before, we love acronyms at WPI! Check out our [acronym page](#) for all of our graduate program acronyms and more!

Places to Study

Want a different place to study besides your room? Here are some suggestions:

George C. Gordon Library

When you think of studying, this is probably the first place that comes to mind. The library is a great place to study alone, work on a group project, or find information. There are four floors in the library. The floor you enter is the second floor. There are computers and tables on this floor—great for group projects. The next floor down is the quiet floor. If you like studying alone and in silence, this is a great place for you. Study nooks are located by the windows and there are nice, secluded spots between the bookshelves. The bottom floor of the library is good if you like a more relaxed study environment. There are plenty of big tables to spread your work in addition to more computers. The top floor of the library is another relaxed study environment. It has a mix of tables, whiteboards, and individual study nooks, in addition to sofas and chairs.

Library Tech Sues

A tech suite makes an excellent place to get work done either in a group or alone. The library has several bookable spaces to fit all students' needs including:

- 10 Tech Suites
- 2 Phone Booths (individual rooms)
- 1 Interview Room
- 1 Nursing Room

Tech suites can be reserved for up to 3 hours, twice per week, and up to 2 weeks in advance. You can book a tech suite by visiting the library's website and selecting "Reserve a Tech Suite."

Rubin Campus Center

This is also a great place to study. On the main and bottom floors there are plenty of tables to sit at with friends to work on homework. The top floor of the Campus Center has clusters of sofas and chairs, making a nice quiet place to get some reading done.

An Empty Classroom

Empty classrooms make great places to sit down alone and get your work done. You can also turn on the projector and use it to play some white noise or study music to help you focus. Check 25Live (easiest to locate on the library website) to see which classrooms are available at a certain time.

Higgins House Garden

This is a relaxing place to study in A- and D-Terms when the weather is nice. Set up a blanket and enjoy the nice weather while getting work done. There are also places to sit by the reflecting pool or you could choose to read on the swings.

Atwater Kent

The "Pumpkin Lounge" on the first floor is a great place to study with others, and everyone there is willing to help you if you need it. The second floor of this building has tables and chairs set up by the windows that overlook Institute Park. Enjoy the view while you work.

Boynton Hill

With a slight view of the Worcester skyline in the distance, there are a few benches overlooking the hill where you can sit as you absorb your surroundings.

WPI Innovation Studio

WPI Innovation Studio is a great location for collaborative group studying due to its open floor plan. Don't be afraid to take advantage of its vast number of whiteboards when solving difficult problems. You can book an Innovation Studio tech suite on their site. You can book 2 slots per week (2 hours).

Program or Department Lounges

Not all majors have these, but many do—check the main floor of the building where your department is located.

Unity Hall

In WPI's newest building on campus, there are many tables, collaborative spaces, and seating is available on its five floors to study, do homework, and work on projects.

OASIS Multicultural Center (OASIS House)

Located at 20 Schussler Road, OASIS is a house that has a lounge on the main floor with couches, chairs, and a conference table where students can study during operating hours. There is also a conference room on the second floor with a whiteboard, display monitor, and conference table that seats up to 10 people to accommodate study groups.

Collegiate Religious Center (CRC)

The CRC, located at 19 Schussler Road, has a lounge on the main level when you walk into the building; there are couches, chairs, and a conference table where students can study during operating hours. The CRC is typically quieter than most places on campus due to the sacred nature of the house. There is also a conference room on the second floor with a whiteboard, display monitor, and conference table that seats up to 10 people.

International House

The International House, located at 28 Trowbridge Road, has lounge space on the lower level where students can study or gather during operating hours.

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity speaks directly to student honesty, responsibility, and respect for scholarship. Academic assignments and tests help students learn course content, while grades show how fully this goal is achieved. Coursework and associated grades should be the result of the student's own understanding of academic content and demonstrated effort and achievement, while being mindful of artificial intelligence (AI) like ChatGPT. Using AI in a class is at the professor's discretion and will be outlined in the syllabus. To ensure your actions align with these expectations, review the WPI Academic Honesty Policy.

"Building connections within your department and industry is crucial. Attend seminars, workshops, and conferences to meet professionals who can guide you and open doors to future opportunities. Networking is not just about career advancement, but also about

finding mentors and allies who can support you throughout your journey."-Ashish Singh Alag '24

5. Project-Based Learning

Project-based learning is what we're all about at WPI. Learning to work in teams to solve challenging global problems is one of the hallmarks of WPI education. You'll do group projects in labs, in classes, and as part of a GQP. At WPI, we know that the best way for students to understand and appreciate societal issues is to experience them firsthand.

Theses & Dissertations

You can learn everything about submitting a Thesis or Dissertation by clicking here.

Graduate Qualifying Project (GQP)

The GQP is an interdisciplinary project that some graduate programs at WPI offer as a unique team-based opportunity for their master's students to complete in their final semester. This project allows students to put their acquired data science and analytics skills to use by working on a real-world problem facing a sponsoring company or organization.

SWEET Center

Teamwork is a critical part of the WPI experience, and we're invested in making sure you have a great team experience at WPI. The SWEET Center stands for Supporting WPI through Effective and Equitable Teamwork. The goal of the Center is to ensure every WPI student has at least one highly effective and equitable team experience before they graduate, and that they leave with skills and tools to increase their own ability to collaborate effectively in teams throughout their careers. The Center provides support and consultation for teamwork happening on campus. Faculty can refer student teams for a consultation, or teams and individuals can seek assistance on their own either through appointments or weekly drop-in hours.

A Few Tips for an Effective Team

Read: Getting the Most from Virtual Teams

> • Set clear expectations with teammates right from the outset. This includes when it's OK to contact each other and setting expectations for efforts that will be put into the project by each member of the team.

• Consider creating an team charter or contract to determine group roles, responsibilities, and expectations for each team member.

• Remember, not everyone has to have the same skills or expectations to be a good teammate. Make sure to value your teammates for the kind of skills they can bring to the team.

• Not every team will always be functioning at 100%. That's OK. The key is to talk about it with your teammates and then course correct with the team.

• If things aren't going well, it is critical you communicate. Make sure to debrief with your team afterwards and talk things out. If there is conflict, address it early on as a group; the SWEET Center is a great resource for mediation.

• Do what you say you will do. Make sure to do what you agree to do and set the same expectations for team members.

6. Meeting People, Getting Involved, and Having Fun

Read: Mastering Conferences and Networking: A Grad Student's Guide

College isn't just about hitting the books. Research suggests that students who are involved on campus are less stressed, have more fun, feel more connected to campus, and do better academically. What better reasons to get involved?

Meeting New People

We know making friends can sometimes be scary—remember every other student is in the same boat as you. They are all trying to meet friends and make connections and want you to like them, just like you want them to like you. To meet new people, here are some suggestions:

- Introduce yourself to the people sitting around you in class, meetings, in the campus center, and at events.
- Join a pick-up basketball game or exercise class and talk with fellow attendees.
- Not sure what to say? People often enjoy sharing things about themselves. Try to ask open-ended questions, which are questions that require more than a yes or no answer. Brainstorm some questions you could ask someone in advance. Ideas might be What did you do this summer? What's your favorite class? What are you majoring in? How did you choose your major?
- Ask grad students that you meet if they want to grab lunch with you—everyone needs to eat.
- Attend club events/meetings and talk to the folks sitting next to you.
- Volunteer to join a committee in a club or help with planning. A great way to form connections is to work on something with a group.

MyWPI

To get involved, check out the portal for all things clubs and organizations. It's called myWPI. Find a few clubs and email their club leaders. Go to their meetings, sign up for their emails, attend events, and have fun! Be sure to join the Graduate & Professional Studies Group while you're there! Visit myWPI today.

Activities Fairs

WPI hosts Activities Fairs where you can learn about different organizations. There are usually giveaways, and you'll have a chance to learn more about all the clubs on campus.

Things to Do

Check out the 100+ things to do on and around campus.

Here are 10 suggestions for on-campus fun:

1. Look for campus events on the events calendar on myWPI —there's always a ton happening.

2. Cheer on one of WPI's athletic teams.

3. Attend Tuesday night trivia, offered every week.

4. Check out a SocComm film on Saturday or Sunday nights.

5. Play tabletop games with the Science Fiction Society on Fridays.

6. Every Saturday, the Video Game Association puts on a Smash Bros. tournament. Fun fact, you can also check out a gaming console at the Info Desks at the Rubin Campus Center to play with friends.

7. Play cornhole or ladder ball on the Quad. You can check out a set at the RCC Info Desk.

8. Explore Higgins House Gardens.

9. Reserve the grill behind the Rubin Campus Center and make s'mores with friends.

10. Set up a slack line or hammock and enjoy the weather.

Be In the Know About Campus Happenings

There's a ton happening on campus almost every day. So how do you keep up with what's going on? Here are a few tips:

- Check myWPI by clicking or scanning the QR code below.
- Look on 25 Live: If you're curious what's happening in a space on campus
- Look on the WPI Athletics website for a schedule of games and activities.
- Check your email, where you'll see weekly updates about major campus events.
- Stop by the tables in the Rubin Campus Center to see what other clubs are up to.
- Follow clubs that interest you on social media for their events. You don't have to be a member of the club to go to their events. Also, follow the Graduate Student Government, Student Activities Office and Student Government Association on social media, too—they repost many events.
- Check your Slack/group chats to see what folks are talking about.
- The WPI Reddit tends to have a lot of information about current events

Top Instagram pages to follow:

1.	@WPI
2.	@WPIGRAD
3.	@ GSG_WPI
4.	@WPI_SAO
5.	@WPI_SGA
6.	@WPI_CWB

"Your time at WPI is a unique chance to explore your field in depth. Embrace challenging projects and push the boundaries of what you know. This is your opportunity to make a real impact. Don't be afraid to take risks and step out of your comfort zone – that's where the most meaningful learning happens."- Alessandra Serpes '25

Top social media handles to follow:

1.	Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/wpigrad
2.	Twitter/X: https://twitter.com/wpigradstudies
3.	LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/school/wpigrad

4.	Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/wpigrad
5.	WPI's Graduate & Professional Studies Blog, Catalyst https://wp.wpi.edu/catalyst/

Graduate Student Government (GSG)

The Graduate Student Government (GSG) at WPI serves as the representative body for all graduate students, advocating for their interests and enhancing their academic and social experiences. GSG engages with faculty and administration to address concerns and organize a variety of on-campus and off-campus events throughout the semester. Follow GSG on Instagram to stay updated on upcoming social functions, academic support initiatives, and community-building activities.

SAO Trips

Student Activities offers trips almost every weekend of the academic year to places like escape rooms, Six Flags, corn mazes, apple picking, and more. Check out MyWPI, and the SAO social media channels for more information.

SAO Late Night Programming Series

There are fun and free activities for students on campus every Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday night. The SAO Late Night Programming Series is a great way to have fun with friends and relax. Programs may include food trucks, crafts, games, novelties, and so much more. Keep an eye out for advertisements and information on myWPI.

Clubs and Organizations

Clubs can become a great support system during your time as a student at WPI as they are a great way to make friends and have fun. There are over 235 clubs and organizations at WPI, meaning it's highly likely there is something that interests you. Please note that you should check with clubs of interest to see if they welcome graduate students and if you can participate in their activities.

Remember, most clubs allow members to join throughout the whole year. It's never too late to get involved. No club is going to turn away new members and, while it may be a little awkward in the beginning, most clubs will welcome you with open arms and get to know you.

- Almost every club event is free or has a low cost to attend, so it's a great way to meet more people and experience new things.
- You don't have to be involved in 10+ clubs. You can choose some that you like and find important to you.
- If you are interested in a club WPI does not have, you can start your own.
- Check out table sittings in the Rubin Campus Center. A lot of clubs will sell things to fundraise (mostly food, but also stickers, plants, etc.). This is another great way to make connections with other people and learn about what is happening on campus.
- If you don't love a club, it's OK to spend your time in another way. Get involved in intramurals, community service, tutoring, or mentoring. Involvement can look different for everyone.

WPI Athletic Events

Check the board in the Rec Center or the Athletics website for the weekly schedule of WPI athletic events. Show your WPI pride, grab some friends and go watch the game.

Community Service

WPI students do thousands of hours of community service annually. You can help serve the Worcester community while also gaining valuable skills. To learn more, reach out to the Student Activities Office directly at sao@wpi.edu.

Here are a few suggestions from your peers about how to get involved in service work:

- Clubs like Green Team, Engineers Without Borders, and Habitat for Humanity give you opportunities to volunteer and make the community a better place
- Promotion of Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) volunteers at animal shelters.
- Work on Worcester is a service event hosted in the fall and open to students who want to help.
- Soup kitchens/food pantries around Worcester are always looking for volunteers.

Open Recreation, Intramurals & Club Sports

WPI's Sports and Recreation Center (SPARC), supported by the Department of Physical Education, Recreation, and Athletics, offers many recreational activities, club sports, and intramural events.

- You can find out all about club sports on myWPI.
- Info on intramurals, which are fun team-based sports for all students, is usually emailed to students and changes from term to term—keep your eyes open for the email as the slots fill up fast. They are low stress and a lot less competitive so you can just have fun with friends.
- The SPARC has exercise classes, workout equipment, a running track, basketball courts, a pool, and more. Here are some tips from your fellow students about what they love.
- The gym on the third and fourth floors of the Rec Center is open daily during the week. Hours are posted on the SPARC website and can be found at the QR code to the right.
- The pool is open for lap swimming at various times throughout the day.
- Use the indoor track at the gym is very nice if it's cold out or you dislike treadmills.
- Squash courts are a fun form of exercise with friends.
- There are often student-led Zumba or strength classes that anyone can join with no time commitment.
- Ask at the front desk for balls/nets/courts, and they will help you get set up if the area you need isn't already being used.
- Are you a newbie to working out? There are some fun physical education/wellness classes, and some that can teach you how to use the equipment.

Looking for other recreational activities?

- There are tennis courts in Institute Park.
- Students often play frisbees/other lawn games on the Quad.
- Central Rock Gym is just a short drive from campus; memberships are affordable. The Outing Club makes weekly trips there.
- There are tons of rail trails and hiking options just a short drive from campus. Check out the Holden Rail Trails, the Blackstone Valley Trails, or the Cascades.

Innovation and Entrepreneurship

WPI's Innovation & Entrepreneurship Center supports the culture of entrepreneurial and innovative thinking through skill-based workshops, seed funding, mentorship, innovation challenges, networking opportunities, hands-on projects, and more. Whether it's a student GQP, graduate research, a hobby project, a venture, or nonprofit idea, the Center is here to help support

the development of your idea and turn it into reality for the greater good of our local and global communities.

So, You've Got an Invention? WPI can help you patent and think about the commercialization of your idea or invention, even without faculty or outside funding.

Did you know?

- WPI has two innovation and entrepreneurship themed clubs: Enactus and Launch Pad.
- There is some great study space in I&E Center.
- You can use machines like laser cutters, 3D printers, and general hand tools in the Makerspace. Look on the Makerspace page to find training and workshops by clicking or scanning the QR code to the right. It's super easy to get certified to use the tools and cool to have free access to expensive equipment you probably don't have at home.
- Reserve a table in the I&E Center in the Innovation Studio for group projects on their website.

"Collaboration is everything. Work closely with fellow students, share ideas, and support each other. It makes your research more rewarding and enjoyable. You'll find that the bonds you form through teamwork can lead to lifelong friendships and professional networks."- Sharvi Ghoghale '25

7. Living On and Around Campus

Whether you live on or off campus during your time at WPI, it's important you have a safe, comfortable place to live and learn.

Dining on Campus

There are many places to dine across the campus, ranging from Morgan Dining, to Halal Shack, to the Goat's Head, to the Rubin Campus Center, and more. Whether you want something hot off the grill, fresh vegetables at the salad bars, a smoothie, or sushi, there is something to suit everyone's needs. To keep things fresh and interesting, try to dine at different locations across the campus regularly and, as always, if you need anything, ask a dining associate.

Voluntary Meal Plans

If you're a grad student who lives in a place that doesn't require a meal plan or lives off-campus, consider opting for a voluntary meal plan. This plan rolls over from year-to-year and you can use it anywhere on campus. For more information on voluntary meal plans, click here.

Eating Healthy

WPI offers a range of healthy options, allergen-free options, vegan, and vegetarian options. Shavaun Cloran is a registered dietitian on campus who you can work with if you have any food allergies, restrictions, or dietary needs. Contact her at scloran@wpi.edu.

On-campus housing.

We want you to feel right at home in one of WPI's many residential communities. If you choose to be in Graduate Housing and in some cases off campus housing near the campus. You'll be close to campus facilities, activities, and services, where you'll hopefully learn, grow, make lifelong friends, and prepare for your future. Housing & Residential Experience Center (H.R.E.C) will be there to answer any questions you have about WPI and help with your room or roommate issues. Make sure to keep your door open as much as possible and attend hall programs and events—it's a great way to get to know others in your building.

Community Director (Housing & Residential Experience Center, East Hall, 508-831-5645): If you live on campus, your Community Director (CD) is the professional staff person who supervises your RA. They can help you with roommate conflicts, questions about getting connected on campus, or questions about housing.

Something Broken in Your WPI On-Campus Housing? Housing & Residential Experience Center can help you with a work order.

Locked Out? If it's Monday through Friday during 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., go to East Hall and a staff member can assist you. If it's outside these hours, call Campus Police at (508) 831-5555. Each after-hours lockout is $15 for residential students.

Break and Summer Housing: Residence halls are open during term breaks, except for the break in December (except for specific circumstances), and summer with separate overnight fees. Some off-campus apartments allow subletting as well. Check your networks, Facebook, Reddit, and other social media locations to find out who might be looking for a subletter.

"Stay curious and passionate about your research. The drive to explore and discover will keep you motivated through the toughest phases of your studies. Remember why you started and let that passion fuel you, especially during the challenging times."- Alessandra Serpes '25

Off-campus housing options.

Read: Scams Targeting International Students in America

If you're considering off-campus living, start your search several months before arriving at WPI, ideally around March or April. Begin by exploring online rental listings and budget for additional costs like furnishings, utilities, and internet. Be aware that off-campus apartments may not come furnished and understand your lease responsibilities. Connect with current or older students through social media or forums for recommendations and insights. Consider various housing options and get feedback from those with local experience. Beware of scammers before paying your security deposit—always verify the legitimacy of the landlord or property manager. For more information on off-campus housing, click here.

While WPI does not endorse any specific housing search tool, many students use the following:

- [Homeless WPI Students Facebook Group](#) (no, they are not actually homeless). This is a group used to help with roommate searches.
- [JumpOffCampus,](#) an online house listing search tool.

Utility Providers and Setup Information:

Electricity:

- **Provider:** National Grid
- **To Set Up:** Call with your name, address, ID. Service transfer takes 1-2 days if not already active.
- **Customer Service:** 1-800-322-3223
- **Emergencies:** 1-800-465-1212
- **Website:** [National Grid](#)

Gas:

- **Provider:** Eversource Gas
- **To Set Up:** Call with your name, address, and landlord's info. Service starts in 24 hours.
- **Customer Service:** 1-800-592-2000
- **Website:** [Eversource](#)

Water:

- **Provider:** Worcester Water Department
- **To Set Up:** Call with your landlord's name and address if water is not included.
- **Telephone:** (508) 929-1300

WiFi:

- **Main Provider in the City of Worcester:** Spectrum
- **To Set Up:** Call with your name, address, and telephone number.
- **Customer Service:** 877-962-8499
- **Website:** [Spectrum](#)

Ensure you're ready to handle these utilities and plan your budget accordingly. Being informed ahead of time can help make your move to off campus living smoother and more manageable.

"Don't underestimate the value of taking a break. Stepping back from your work can lead to fresh ideas and renewed energy. It's important to maintain a balance to achieve sustainable success."- Prathamesh Mehta '24

Tips from Students on Leases and Landlords/ Property Managers.

- Be prepared for apartments to get taken very quickly. You often need to commit within a day or so, or someone else will take it. Be prepared to sign on the spot or have the money to put down a deposit.
- While many apartments do get taken early, there are still options available in the spring semester so you will not be left without housing.
- You can ask around for advice on various landlords and property managers in the area.
- Some leases require a co-signer, some do not.
- Some leases include various utilities such as heat/hot water, gas, etc., or you might need to pay separately.
- Make sure you really know your roommates before you jump into a lease. If you aren't sure about them, take your time to get to know people better before you commit to living with them.
- Don't be afraid to not renew leases/change up roommates; many people get comfortable in the place they are staying and settle, even if it is not what they want. People can also be afraid of leaving their roommates even when they're not happy, but don't be afraid to do what's best for you.

8. Be Well Together: Wellness Resources on Campus

WPI is a community of caring students, faculty, and staff who are here to support each other. There are many resources to help you be balanced and well here on campus.

Student Health Services (Daniels Hall)

Student Health Services (SHS) provides free, accessible, comprehensive, quality healthcare (including referral services) for all WPI students. They offer evaluation and treatment of acute illnesses and injuries, management of chronic health conditions, sexual health services and sports medicine as well as organizing annual immunization clinics. You can make an appointment by calling (508) 831-5520. If you need urgent after-hours health care, you can call 508-334-8830 and identify yourself as a WPI student; the provider on call will return your call as soon as possible.

Emergency and Urgent Care:

For medical emergencies, off-campus students should dial 911, and on-campus students should call Campus Police at (508) 831-5555. After-hours consultations are available through the UMass Hahnemann Family Health Center at 508-334-8830. This service is free for all undergraduate and graduate students.

Nearby Pharmacies:

CVS: 44 West Boylston St or 400 Park Ave, Worcester

Walgreens: 320 Park Ave, Worcester

Shaw's Pharmacy: 14 West Boylston St, Worcester

Center for Well-Being (Morgan Hall Wedge)

The Center for Well-Being applies evidence-based practices to promote well-being for students and the broader WPI campus community, recognizing the importance of faculty and staff in creating, maintaining, and modeling a healthier environment for all. They offer loads of wellness programming—check out the website .

Student Development and Counseling Center (SDCC)

The SDCC offers free and confidential individual counseling sessions and group counseling sessions. They also offer programming in areas like mindfulness, stress management, sleep, and more in partnership with the Center for Well-Being. The first appointment is generally 25 minutes, and after that, future appointment frequency and length are determined based on your ongoing needs and counselor availability. There are three ways to make an appointment:

- Online on the SDCC website.

- By phone (508-831-5540)

- Or stop by the SDCC (16 Einhorn Road)

The SDCC staff can also connect you with local organizations and other local counselors if you have more specialized needs or would prefer to work with an outside provider.

If you need after-hours mental health support, call (508) 831-5540. You can speak with a crisis counselor through choices available in the answering message menu. As always, if you are experiencing a mental health emergency, call 911 or WPI Police at (508) 831-5555.

Support Groups

More than a dozen support groups are offered by the SDCC to help students learn new skills or knowledge in a particular area related to their mental health and well-being. A list of groups can be found on the SDCC website.

Private Appointment Space

Do you need space for a private appointment – like therapy, a job interview, a test or simply to have a private conversation? You can book spaces at the Gordon Library. They are called Phone Booths and Interview Rooms. They are for single student use and can be reserved here.

Another option would be to email the SDCC and CWB to see if they have available private spaces for appointments.

Student Support Network (SSN)

The SSN program helps you become a better listener or helper for your peers, with knowledge, skills, destigmatizing perspectives, and connection capabilities. SSN runs in B, C, and D terms for students with a six-week training commitment (one hour per week).

Recognizing and Responding to Students in Distress (RRSD)

This 60- to 90-minute seminar offered to students, staff, and faculty throughout the year provides tools to recognize warning signs that a student may be struggling and identify appropriate steps for reaching out and connecting the student with the support they may need.

"Engage with the community around you. Whether it's through clubs, volunteering, or simply attending events, these experiences can provide valuable insights and help you grow both personally and professionally."- Sharvi Ghoghale '25

Wellness Days

WPI has added Wellness Days into the academic calendar. These are an opportunity to rest, recharge, and practice self-care. Use them to take the time you need to feel whole and balanced.

WPI CARE Team

The WPI CARE Team was established to receive, discuss, and—when appropriate—act upon information or behaviors of concern exhibited by a student or group of students. If you are worried about your friend or a fellow peer, fill out the "Concerned About a Student" form and a member of the CARE Team will get in contact with you and your friend.

Tips on Wellness from Students

Read: The Grad Students Playbook on Conquering Stress During Finals

Everyone's path to wellness looks a little different and that's OK. The key is to do things to help support your overall well-being. You aren't just a student, and no one expects you to spend 100% of your time on academics. It's important to be attuned to all your other needs as well. Here are some tips from fellow students:

- Take time to explore and participate in activities you enjoy.
- Find a healthy stress reliever: it could be drawing, working out, playing a game, listening to music, or just taking a reflective walk.
- Do not be afraid to ask for help when you need it. Those who are most successful at WPI know to ask for help.
- It can be hard at first, but try to find a balance between academics, extracurriculars, and social life.
- Get some exercise. Whether that's working out at the SPARC, joining a fitness class, or just taking a walk, movement is an important part of wellness.
- Make sure you stop to eat, drink water, and take care of basic needs (i.e., brushing your teeth). You truly aren't too busy to take care of yourself. If you feel like you are, perhaps it's a chance to take a step back and reflect.
- Breaks are a necessity; when you feel burnt out it's more beneficial to take a step back than to keep pushing through.
- Get sleep. There is solid research that shows you don't learn well if you aren't sleeping consistently.
- You don't need to get an A in everything. You will get a job after WPI whether you get As or Bs....sometimes it's better to take care of yourself than sacrifice your wellness for the A.

"Seek out opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration. Working with students and professionals from different fields can provide new perspectives and innovative solutions to complex problems."- Alessandra Serpes '25

9. WPI's Diversity Is Our Strength

Office of Accessibility Services (Unity Hall)

The Office of Accessibility Services coordinates accommodation services. It also advocates and supports students with documented physical, learning, sensory, psychological, developmental, and temporary disabilities.

OASIS House

Located at 20 Schussler Road, the OASIS (Offering Acceptance, Support, and Inclusion to Students) House is a place where students can relax, socialize, study, or host gatherings. Here, students can use the conference room or lounge to study, hold a club meeting, host a game night, or use the indoor and outdoor spaces to host cultural and diversity events. There is also a full kitchen for students and student groups to prepare cultural meals or simply grab a bite to eat.

Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Multicultural Education (ODIME)

ODIME is housed in both the OASIS Multicultural Center at 20 Schussler Road and the Collegiate Religious Center (CRC) at 19 Schussler Road. These centers provide space for events, relaxation, studying, and house the ODIME staff offices. These locations support students in navigating their university experience. The ODIME staff offers support, resources, tools, and direction to all WPI students navigating identity, diversity, multicultural education, and social justice.

Collegiate Religious Center (CRC), 19 Schussler Road

The CRC provides services and resources for students, faculty, staff, alumni, community members, and guests for the purpose of religion, faith, devotions, worship, prayer, and more. The CRC features a prayer room, multifaith workshop space, a conference room, Campus Chaplain workspaces, and an outdoor event space. WPI members from all faiths or no faith are welcome to use the CRC, engage with the Campus Chaplains, or talk to an ODIME staff member. There is also a full religiously sensitive kitchen for students and student groups to prepare meals or simply grab a bite to eat.

Office of International Student Life (ISL), 28 Trowbridge Road

Located in International House, ISL provides international students with support, education, and assistance with I-20 forms, OPT applications, tax preparation, and help with adjusting to United States culture. The ISL works closely with the International Student Council to support international students on campus.

Check Out the Student Success Handbook

The Student Success Handbook is a resource that focuses on the unique challenges diverse students encounter during their first and second years at WPI. It provides a wealth of valuable resources to assist you in effectively adapting to the university environment. The handbook places a strong emphasis on strategies that promote overall student success for the diverse population of students on campus.

Cultural, Multicultural, Religious, and Identity Supportive Clubs

There are 24+ affinity student organizations who help support and create community for BIPOC, ALANA, LGBTQIAP+, first-generation, international students, and other diverse students on campus and 8+ affinity student organizations who support students with diverse religious backgrounds. A full listing of the clubs/organizations is available on myWPI.

Center for Black Excellence, Rubin Campus Center

The Center for Black Excellence provides a space which redefines Black excellence, to honor, celebrate, and engage across the diverse intersections of the Black diaspora. In this space individuals experience empowerment, unity, and community while fostering the collective need to cultivate, inspire, affirm, and advance the needs of Black students at WPI.

Lavender Lounge, Rubin Campus Center

The Lavender Lounge provides a space and sense of community, empowerment, affirmation, and inclusion where diverse queer and trans people can thrive as their whole authentic selves. In this space individuals will experience a vibrant group, programs, services, and community connecting them with resources which support their success.

Lotus Lounge, Rubin Campus Center

The Lotus Lounge provides a welcoming space that fosters understanding, appreciation, and promotes community among the diverse Pan Asian student population. In this space individuals will experience a multicultural community, cultural exchange, programs, and resources designed to advance the needs of Pan Asian students at WPI.

Cultural Events

Here are just a few of the many events you may see on campus throughout the year.

- International Dinner, sponsored by the International Student Council (ISC)
- BSU Fashion Show, sponsored by the Black Student Union (BSU)
- NSBE National Convention, by the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)
- Touch of Africa, sponsored by African Students Association (ASA)
- Melanin Gala, sponsored by BSU, NSBE, and ASA
- Diwali, sponsored by the South Asian Student Association (SASA)
- Eid Dinner, sponsored by the Muslim Student Association (MSA)
- Catholic Sunday Mass, sponsored by the Catholic Newman Club
- Pan Asian Festival, sponsored by several of the Asian heritage cultural clubs on campus
- Latino Fiesta, sponsored by the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE)
- Pride Week, sponsored by The Alliance
- Drag Show, sponsored by The Alliance
- Chinese Spring Festival, by the Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA)
- Taste of Latin American, Caribbean, and Hispanic Student Association (CHSA)
- Carnaval, sponsored by the Brazilian Student Association (BRASA)
- Bagel Brunch, sponsored by Hillel
- Shabbat dinners at CRC, sponsored by Hillel House

10. Exploring Worcester

Worcester is the second largest city in New England and boasts a ton of offerings for the 30,000 college students who live and study in the city. Get out and explore the community—there's a ton to see and do.

Getting Around the City

Worcester Regional Transit Authority

This is the bus system in Worcester. You can check schedules, track buses, and learn more by clicking or scanning the QR code to the right.

Ride Shares

Students also use resources like Uber and Lyft to get around the city.

Gompei's Gears Bike Share

WPI's bikeshare program for students to rent a bike for up to 8 hours at a time using the Bloom app. View a map of bike racks and to join the program.

Zipcar

WPI has Zipcars on campus. Zipcars make it easy to get around without breaking the bank. With many fuel-efficient and hybrid vehicles, these cars help students reduce their footprint on campus and get around town easily. Sign up here.

Traveling Beyond Worcester

The WPI nighttime shuttle goes to Union Station if you need to get to a bus, a charter bus, or the commuter rail (to get to an airport). You also can take a shared van transport to the airport from Knight's Airport Limousine Service.

Things to Do

Worcester has so much to do. Here are a few places to explore:

- **WooSox.** Go to Polar Park and watch the WooSox baseball team hit it out of the park.
- **Railers Game.** Go to the DCU Center and see the Worcester Railers, our local ECHL professional hockey team. You can purchase home game tickets in the Student Activities Office.
- **Worcester Art Museum.** Take a short walk to the Worcester Art Museum (WAM) and see all the creative pieces they have on display. Show your WPI ID to get free admission.
- **Ecotarium.** This science museum features animals such as the red fox, barred owl, bald eagle, and porcupine. If you volunteer with them, you can explore the museum for free!
- **New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill.** Explore its 18 distinct gardens, preserved woodlands, and miles of walking trails.
- **Worcester Public Market/Green Street.** Visit the local shops and restaurants in the area.
- **Shrewsbury Street.** Sometimes called "Restaurant Row," there are tons of restaurants on this street.
- **Palladium.** Visit the Palladium and see a concert or performance.
- **Worcester Historical Museum.** Worcester is filled with rich history. Get a glimpse of it at this museum on Elm Street.
- **Lincoln Plaza.** Shopping center with stores like Target, Gap Outlet, Michael's, TJ Maxx, Lowe's, and Planet Fitness.
- **Bancroft Tower.** This park has a castle-type structure built to honor former Secretary of the Navy George Bancroft.
- **Union Station.** This is where you go to catch a train to Boston, the Amtrak, or a bus to destinations outside of Worcester.
- **Elm Park.** A great park just a few blocks from campus that has ponds, two very neat bridges, a walking path, and lots of cool public art.
- **Institute Park.** A historic park adjacent to WPI's main campus with a lake, a multipurpose field, tennis courts, two monuments, and a concert stage.
- **Thrifting.** There's a great Goodwill walking distance from campus and Savers is a short drive away.
- **Blackstone Valley Shopping Mall**—Here you'll find lots of restaurants, shops like LL Bean, Target, Best Buy, Marshalls, and Dick's Sporting Goods, just to name a few, and a movie theatre.

"Always be proactive in seeking feedback. Constructive criticism from peers and mentors can significantly improve your work and help you grow as a researcher and a professional." -Ashish Singh Alag '24

Places to Eat Around Town

Want a snack? Or maybe you want to go out for dinner? Or want something delivered? Here's a list of some restaurants that might tickle your fancy that are walking distance from campus.

Aladdin (Halal)	Island Fin Poke* (Poke)

Altea's Eatery (French, brunch)	Jamaica Thymes (Jamaican)
Antonio's Pizza (Pizza)	Momo Palace * (Himalayan/ Nepalese)
Baba Sushi (Sushi)	New England Roast Beef (Sandwiches)
Bagel Time (Bagels and Sandwiches)	Nu Kitchen (Healthier Sandwiches, Bowls)
Bean Counter (Coffee and Desserts)	Oak Barrel Tavern* (Pub Food)
Bean Jeans (pizza)	Panera Bread (Cafe, Sandwiches)
Boomers (Sandwiches, Pasta)	Salgabom Snacks (Brazilian)
BT's Fried Chicken (BBQ)	Sole Proprietor (Seafood)
Chipotle (Mexican)	Taqueria Del Pueblo (Mexican)
Chuan Shabu (Hotpot)	Tech Pizza (Pizza)
Dragon Dynasty (Chinese)	Thai Time (Thai)
El Basha (Mediterranean)	The Boynton* (Pub Fare)
Fuel America (Coffee)	The Fix (Burger Bar)
Havana Nights (Cuban)	The Shack (Indian)
Hot Table (Paninis)	

"Embrace the diverse perspectives and backgrounds of your peers at WPI. Our campus is a melting pot of ideas and cultures that can broaden your horizons and enrich your academic journey. Take the time to learn from others' experiences – it will make you a more well-rounded individual and a better researcher."-Prathamesh Mehta '24

11. Safety On and Off Campus

Now that you're here on campus, it's important to make sure you're making smart decisions around safety.

WPI Police
WPI Police, located in the lower level of Founders Hall is available 24/7 to help you. In addition to providing immediate assistance, WPI Police provides many student-support resources and can liaison with most departments during off-hours. Please never hesitate to reach out to ask for help—they will be there quickly to help you. The phone number is on the back of your ID card and on the website.

Save the emergency and non-emergency numbers in your phone:

emergency is 508-831-5555; **non-emergency** is 508-831-5433.

Tips for Safety on Campus

- Lock your door when you leave your room.
- Never leave valuables unattended.
- When walking on campus at night, choose a well-lit route and try not to walk alone.
- Across the campus you'll see blue light (emergency) phones. Press the button at the blue light if you see something suspicious or feel unsafe.
- Most campus buildings lock and require an ID to tap in after business hours. Never let anyone in who doesn't also tap their card.

Being Safe in Worcester
Worcester overall is generally a safe place to be, but like any other city it's important to employ your safety smarts. Here are some tips:

- Always pay attention to your surroundings and stay alert.
- Report any suspicious activity to the police immediately.
- Be aware of where you travel and bring a friend with you if you walk around at night.
- Lock your car and do not leave belongings visible in vehicles.
- If you live in an apartment off campus, make sure to secure your windows and lock your doors. If someone says they are a repairman, exterminator, etc. sent by your landlord, be sure to take the extra step and verify this. You can never be too careful.

"Remember to celebrate your achievements, no matter how small. Each step forward is a milestone in your journey, and recognizing your progress can keep you motivated and positive."- Hitanshu Shah '24

Alcohol and Drugs

- Under-21 drinking and drug use (including marijuana) on campus, including residence halls, is not allowed. However, safety is the top concern so if you need help or are worried about

a friend, do not hesitate to ask for assistance from WPI Police.
- Never feel pressured to do anything that you don't want to do— including drinking or drugs. If you see anyone being pressured or if you feel pressured, be sure to speak out.
- If you do choose to drink, set a plan with friends about how many drinks you'll consume and don't exceed that plan.
- Never leave your drink unattended and never take open drinks or drugs from people you do not know or fully trust.
- Alternate drinks—for each alcoholic beverage you consume, have a non-alcoholic beverage.
- Go to events with a friend and don't leave each other at the event. Whomever you come with, go home with.
- Plan your transportation in advance. Do not drink and drive.

Alcohol and Drug Intervention Services at WPI

Staff members at the Student Development and Counseling Center (SDCC) are always willing to speak with you in a professional, non- judgmental—and of course, confidential—way at no cost to you. Services at WPI include:

- Vector training platform, a personal prevention program that helps students practice safer decision-making about alcohol
- Individual counseling, an honest conversation about alcohol use with a counselor at the SDCC, followed by goal setting to develop healthy lifestyle skills
- BASICS, a two-part self-assessment encouraging students to reflect honestly on their use of alcohol and explore the possibility of change
- Consultation for concerned friends and staff, a confidential discussion about others' use of alcohol and what you can do to support someone
- Call 508-831-5540 or stop by the SDCC to make an appointment. Together with a counselor, you can assess how much alcohol or drugs are too much and collaborate on specific steps that can help you reduce or stop your drinking/taking drugs

Sexual Misconduct Prevention, Support, and Reporting

Anyone who has experienced sexual misconduct, relationship violence, stalking, harassment, or discrimination—or is aware of these things—is strongly encouraged to report such misconduct to WPI and to access the resources available on campus and in the community. If you are experiencing misconduct of any kind, you can find lots of great information on the website by scanning or clicking the QR code below.

Ways to Report
- Contact the Title IX Coordinator at titleix@wpi.edu
- Anonymous Reporting Form (click or scan QR code below)
- Contact WPI Police or Worcester Police
- Report to any WPI employee (they must report the incident to the Title IX Office)
- Report confidentially to a Confidential Resource Advisor.

By reporting you can get support to:

- Learn about supportive measures, like mutual no-contact orders and academic support.
- Understand reporting options and the grievance process.
- access counseling/medical services.
- File a formal complaint with the Title IX Coordinator or law enforcement (if requested).

Other Confidential Resources

- **Student Development & Counseling Center** (for WPI students only) Phone 508-831-5540, **sdcc@wpi.edu**
- **Student Health Services** (for WPI students only) Phone 508-831-5520, **shs@wpi.edu**
- **Collegiate Religious Center's Campus Chaplains** Phone 508-831-4174, **diversity@wpi.edu** (request an appointment with a Campus Chaplain)
- **Ombudspersons ombuds@wpi.edu**
- **Pathways for Change Rape Crisis Center** Phone 800-870-5905 (24/7 hotline)
- **YWCA Daybreak** Phone 508-755-9030 (24/7 hotline)

Bias Incident Reporting

WPI is committed to creating an equitable, inclusive, and anti-oppressive community where all are valued and respected as intrinsic members of the community. As part of our work to develop a campus culture that rejects bias, prejudice, discrimination, and hateful acts, WPI has established the Bias Response Program (BRP) in order to provide support for individuals looking to better understand their reporting options, serve as a resource and measure of accountability to formal reporting channels, and advocate for individuals who may not be comfortable pursuing formal reporting channels. You can learn more about bias incidents and report a bias incident using the Online Reporting Form. Bias incidents can also be reported to WPI Police.

12. Technology You Should Know and Use

We love all the tech tools to keep ourselves organized, connected, and succeeding in and out of the classroom.

IT Helpdesk
The Helpdesk team is available by phone, in person, on the web (click or scan QR code to the right) and can help with anything related to your personal computer or phone. Call 508-831-5888 or go to the Helpdesk in Gordon Library.

Tools to Know

Workday

- Workday is WPI's primary information system on campus. Workday Student is used for course registration and it's where you can find information on transcripts/schedules/academics, your bill each semester and your contact information.
- Be sure to update your local address, cell phone and personal email address.
- If you want to grant access to your parents/families to see information like grades and financial documents on Workday, you can do so by granting them third-party proxy access by clicking or scanning the QR code to the right. Workday is also a great resource for student employees and is where you'll do your timesheets.
- Workday has a name pronunciation feature. It allows you to record and phonetically spell your name for others to hear and view in Workday.

Microsoft Outlook

- WPI uses email to communicate (and your future workplace probably will, too) so it's important to use this tool. Read emails from WPI—they have a lot of important information.
- Outlook's calendar is a great way to stay organized and scheduled. Put in class times so you don't miss them, schedule time to work on homework, put in club meetings, and assignment due dates, too.
- Many organizations send you information for meetings/events with Outlook invites that go on your calendar.
- It's also very convenient for scheduling meetings with others. You can view other people's calendars by adding a new calendar through the address book and selecting a person.
- At the same time, it's important to set limits for yourself. You don't have to respond right away to every email—especially the ones that are sent at 2:00 a.m.
- No matter how you plan, make sure to schedule breaks or time for yourself on your calendar.

OneDrive
Here you'll find cloud drive storage connected to your @wpi.edu email. Clubs can also utilize

the One Drive and SharePoint attached to a group email alias to hold documents for executive board and general body meeting (GBM) members.

The WPI Mobile App
Here you'll find everything WPI. This includes updates from WPI, information about events, and quick links to many resources.

Canvas

- This is where a lot of your homework assignments, quizzes, readings, and class lecture handouts will live. You'll also get important announcements from professors and turn in assignments using Canvas.
- Assignments will show up on the Canvas calendar, which is helpful in keeping track of deadlines.
- The Canvas app can be helpful with reminding yourself about close deadlines.
- If your class is using lecture capture through Lecture 360, you will find recordings linked here.
- Many departments and programs also have Canvas pages (under "open courses") such as the Makerspace, Academic Advising, Academic Resources Center, etc.

MyWPI

- Provides information about clubs and other activities happening on campus.
- You can find contact information for club officers if you're interested in joining.
- While not every single event is on MyWPI, many are. You can even filter events by whether they offer free food/stuff.

The Hub—IT Site

- Has a how-to guide on everything you would ever need in terms of tech.
- Offers a lot of free software to download.
- Easy access tech help and online articles about many issues.
- Visit Hub.wpi.edu

Slack
While not an official WPI resource, Slack is heavily used by the WPI community. It can be the easiest way to contact certain people like your RA or CA in a time of need and lots of student organizations have Slack workspaces.

Discord
Lots of WPI students are on Discord. This community, created and run by students, features members chatting about everything including sports, food, plants, classes, living on-campus, clubs, and more. Learn more here.

GET Mobile Dining Plan

The GET App allows students to check the number of meal swipes remaining, bonus points, and Goat Bucks balances. You can also reload Goat Bucks via credit card or Apple Pay. This is also where you can place mobile orders for some on-campus dining options.

Starship

Use this app to order food for delivery from WPI's robots.

Dine On Campus

Find menus and dining location hours-https://dineoncampus.com/WPI

Zoom

WPI's web conferencing software. This is a great tool to have meetings with team members and to meet with faculty and staff- Zoom.wpi.edu

LaundryConnect

This app and website is connected to all washers and dryers in Graduate Housing. Using the app, you can see if washers and dryers are free, see time remaining on your machine, and pay to start your washer.

NetReg

This is the tool you use to get your devices connected to the WPI network. Your first step is to register them by clicking or scanning the QR code to the right.

Machines and Tools for Your Projects

- The Machine Shop in Goddard Hall has lots of cool equipment that can be used for projects.
- The Makerspace in the Innovation Studio also has lots of cool tools and machines. For example, did you know there is a printed circuit board machine, laser cutters, and a 3D printer?
- There is a resin printer in the IMGD lounge in Fuller.
- The CollabLab in Higgins Labs has a lot of free tools as well.

13. Finances

Your Tuition and Financial Aid

Students can find their specific tuition and fee information through their Workday account. Overall tuition and fee information can be found on the Bursar's website. The Office of Financial Aid provides detailed Cost of Attendance Budgets for undergraduate and graduate students.

Financial Literacy

WPI's Office of Financial Aid staff are here to help you navigate the financial aid application process and to answer any questions you may have about paying for your college education. The Office of Financial Aid is in the Bartlett Center. Appointments are available for meetings in person, virtually, or by telephone.

Retaining Institutional Financial Aid

If you have aid, it's important to know that you are required to meet certain credit requirements as well as several federal requirements if you have federal/state financial aid. Learn more.

Loans, Scholarships, and Grant Opportunities

Loans are funds that you'll pay back after you graduate. Grants and scholarships provide money that does not need to be paid back, which lowers the cost of paying for college. They are provided by WPI, the federal government, individual states, and private organizations. Additionally, foreign loans are available to international students to help finance their education. WPI has many resources for scholarships and loans, including financing options for international students. If you need help, set up an appointment with the Office of Financial Aid. Don't forget, you'll need to fill out a FAFSA (For Domestic Students) annually if you are interested in need-based aid.

How to Get a Job on Campus

There are many options for jobs on campus, many department offices have job opportunities. By clicking the link below, you can view most of these opportunities that are listed on the WPI website and the student employment portal JobX. After reviewing the posting, reach out to the department contact to inquire about the position. If you have a resume, consider submitting it as well. Don't get discouraged if you don't have work study and see a lot of jobs posted as work study only. Do reach out, as sometimes offices/ departments hire student hourly employees if not filled by a student with work study. Once hired, students get paid through direct deposit into their bank account upon completing timesheets in Workday. Visit the WPI Student Employment webpage.

Paying Your Bill

Bills are due on a semester basis. If you or your family need assistance with a payment plan, making a payment, or have other bill-related questions, contact the Bursar's Office at bursar@wpi.edu.

Financial Literacy

The Office of Financial Aid offers many resources to help increase student financial literacy

through the Financial Wellness Program. This program includes resources on student loans, budgeting, managing credit, and banking basics.

Resources If You're Facing Difficulties
Sometimes an unforeseen situation arises, and you need some emergency help. WPI has a few resources that can assist you in times of need.

Hull Loan Fund
Immediate short-term loan for emergencies and unforeseen situations. The loans are generally $25-$300, 0% interest, and expected to be repaid in 30 days.

Emergency Assistance Fund & Student Elevation Fund
These grant funds can help provide support for unforeseen medical bills, expenses, or other hardships. The application is available on the Dean of Students website.

Food Insecurity
If you are experiencing hunger issues or food insecurity, reach out to the Dean of Students Office for help. They can offer you both short-term and long-term solutions, such as the Thrive Food Pantry, located within walking distance from campus on Grove Street. Contact the Dean of Students Office staff at dean_of_students@wpi.edu for additional information.

14. Getting an Internship or Job

The Heebner Career Development Center (HCDC) (Unity Hall) can help you explore various resources to get started with your internship or job search, meeting with a peer advisor during drop-in hours Monday through Friday from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m., or through appointment with a Career Advisor.

- Want to polish your resume or cover letter? Unsure about a job offer? Need help finding jobs? The CDC is open Monday through Friday between 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. for a 15-minute drop-in or make an appointment with a Career Advisor.
- Check out the CDC's website for interview tips, help negotiating a salary offer, tips on finding an internship, and more.

Finding a Career Path

- WPI's Career Development Center (CDC) offers extensive career services to help undergraduate students, graduate students, and alumni.
- Voted #5 for "Best Career Services" by The Princeton Review (2019), the CDC offers personalized services to help students and alumni explore their interests and assess their skills and values to make smart decisions related to their majors and careers.
- The CDC also brings over 400 employers and corporate partners to campus each year to help them find WPI students for full-time, part-time, summer internship, or co-op positions.
- Each year, the CDC hosts a wide variety of events— including career fairs, workshops, meetings with potential employers, and mock interviews—to give students and alumni the edge they need to succeed upon graduation. You can find more about the CDC's workshops by clicking or scanning the QR code below.

Post Graduation

Did you know that WPI tracks post-graduation rates of employment, salaries, and graduate school attendance by major? Take a look at the report.

Employment Opportunities

There are a couple of different types of employment you might experience while at WPI.

- **Platforms to Search:** Handshake (l log in using your WPI credentials), LinkedIn, and Indeed are excellent platforms for job searches. Create an account and set up job alerts to stay updated. But don't limit yourself to online listings—explore the hidden job market by networking and reaching out directly to people. You may discover opportunities they hadn't considered until you connected with them.
- **Internships:** Employment which generally over the summer months, with a company. You can find opportunities at the several career fairs offered each year or on Handshake.
- **Off-Campus Employment (Domestic Students only):** Some students earn money by working during the academic year at either a company doing work associated with their major or at a local Worcester business.
- **On-Campus Employment:** Many students work on campus helping support faculty in their research labs, helping run programs and events, or supporting one of WPI's many buildings. Many jobs can be found at wpi.edu/+HR or keep an eye on your email for research opportunities. Some students have even landed jobs by talking directly with professors doing work in an area of interest.

Some Helpful Resources to find your On Campus Job:

- **Dining Services**: For job opportunities with Chartwells, contact Bernadette Grady at bgrady@wpi.edu.
- **Handshake**: On-campus job listings are frequently posted, so be sure to check Handshake regularly.
- **Department Newsletters**: Job listings are often shared through departmental newsletters sent to your inbox.
- **Building Managers**: Various campus buildings offer positions, such as the Innovation Studio, Campus Center, GEO, and International House. Keep an eye out for these opportunities.
- **WPI Emails**: Regularly check your email for job postings sent to students.
- **JobX on the WPI Website**: Explore available positions on the WPI website: https://www.wpi.edu/offices/talent/student-employment.
- **Professors**: Reach out to your professors for potential openings, such as TA, RA, or GA positions.
- **Summer Camps**: Some professors run summer programs, like Frontiers and GirlTalkMath, and look for student help.
- **LinkedIn**: WPI professors sometimes post on-campus jobs through LinkedIn—keep an eye on these listings.
- **Career Development Center (CDC)**: Contact the CDC for information about job openings.
- **Labs**: Reach out to various labs on campus to ask about openings.

Career Fairs

Offered several times throughout the year, in person and virtually, this is your chance to meet with one or more of over 400 employers who interact with WPI students through career fairs. Dress in business attire, print out resumes, bring a folder for business cards, and most important, always be kind (the person you just held the Rec Center door for may be an employer at the first booth you visit). **Pro tip**: Don't go to your favorite company first, go to a few as practice first.