



Western Vocabulary

You Should Know

- A & S** **Macricostas School of Arts and Sciences** – The home of thirteen departments: Biological & Environmental Sciences; Chemistry; Communication; Computer Science; English; History & Non-Western Cultures; Mathematics; Philosophy & Humanistic Studies; Physics, Astronomy & Meteorology; Psychology; Social Sciences; World Languages & Literature; and Writing, Linguistics, and the Creative Process.
- Academic Advisor** Your **academic advisor** is a full-time faculty member of the department in which you have chosen your major. Your **academic advisor** will assist you in mapping out your class schedule according to the degree requirements as listed on your program sheet.
- AccessAbility Services** Contact the **AccessAbility Services** office for accommodations if you have been diagnosed with some type of documented disability.
- Adjunct** **Adjunct faculty** are those instructors who are not full-time faculty. Often these adjuncts have other full-time jobs and do not have offices on campus. Refer to their syllabus when trying to contact them or ask the department secretary for help.
- ARM** **Academic Resource Mentor** - Student peers who provide academic related resources to residence hall students.
- ASB** **Ansell School of Business** – The home of six departments: Accounting; Finance; Management; Management Information Systems; Marketing; and the Justice and Law Division.
- Banner** The **Banner** Self Service Web products assist students, faculty, and staff in obtaining information, such as academic history and the status of in-progress courses, addresses, student type, class, adviser, birth date, degree, major, and SAT and placement scores.
- Blackboard** **Blackboard** is Western's course management system that allows faculty to supplement their on-ground course with online components.
- CHOICES** Western's Substance Abuse Prevention Program. If you have any concerns regarding any type of substance abuse for yourself, family, or just in general, **CHOICES** is the office to contact.
- CORE-CT** **Core-CT** is the State of Connecticut's payroll system that the Human Resources & Payroll Departments use to maintain all employee data and to generate an employee's biweekly paycheck.
- Dean** There are currently four **Academic Deans** and one **Dean of Students** on campus.

ENS	Emergency Notification System – Enter your contact information as well as your family's (if you so choose) and get notified of school cancellations, emergency closings, etc.
ERes	Electronic Reserves – Some professors use this system to provide you with electronic readings or ask you to post comments. Find ERes on the Library website.
FAFSA	Free Application for Federal Student Aid - If you are applying for Financial Aid, this form has to be filled out on time <u>every year</u> . Check the deadline. wcsu.edu/finaid/first.asp
GPA	Grade Point Average – Stay above a GPA of 3.5 and you'll be on the Dean's List. If your GPA is below 2.0 for two semesters in a row, you might get suspended from the university.
ISEP	International Student Exchange Program – spend a summer, semester, or full year at another university for the same price as tuition, room & board at Western (plus travel costs) wcsu.edu/isep
MWF	A class meets Monday (M), Wednesday (W), and Friday (F).
Program Sheet	In order to receive a degree in a certain major or program, you need to pass a combination of specific courses and free electives. The Program Sheet tells you what those courses are. wcsu.edu/academics/programsheets/
RA	Resident Assistant - Student peer helpers assigned to each section of the residence halls.
RD	Residence Director - Professional staff member responsible for the management of each residence hall.
RH	Residence Hall - Centennial Hall (CH), Ella Grasso Hall (GH), Pinney Hall (PH) on the Westside campus; Fairfield Hall (FH), Litchfield Hall (LH), and Newbury Hall (NH) on the Midtown campus.
SAP	Satisfactory Academic Progress – Students on Financial Aid, in Housing, or Athletics programs need to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (i.e. pass enough classes with good grades each academic year) – check individual webpages for requirements
School	There are four academic schools at Western, and depending on your major you belong to one of these schools. They are: Ansell School of Business (ASB), Macricostas School of Arts and Sciences (A & S), School of Professional Studies (SPS), and School of Visual and Performing Arts (VPA).
S.H.	Semester Hour also called Credit - each course counts as several semester hours, most often 3 or 4. Most degrees require you to pass 122 semester hours made up of specific courses.
SPS	School of Professional Studies – The home of four departments: Education & Educational Psychology; Health Promotion & Exercise Sciences; Nursing; and Social Work.
Syllabus	On the very first day of class your instructor will hand out what is called the Syllabus . It is an outline of the entire course over the semester. Important dates for assignment deadlines should be noted on the syllabus as well as contact information and office hours. Keep the syllabus handy and refer to it often during the semester.
TR	A class meets Tuesday (T) and Thursday (R).

VPA

School of Visual and Performing Arts – The home of three departments: Art, Music, and Theatre Arts.

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