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Fall 2025

Academic Calendar

FULL TERM SEMESTER DATES	
Aug. 8	Late registration fee
Aug. 18	Waitlisting Ends
Aug. 25	Last day to apply for Leave of Absence (LOA)
Aug. 26	1st Day of Fall Semester - Welcome Day (Faculty and Staff present) - No Classes
Aug. 27	First day of classes (Full semester and Q1)
Aug. 27-Sept. 8	Fall 2025 Program Adjustment
Sept. 1	Labor Day. University Closed.
Sept. 1	Last day to apply for Fall 2025 graduation
Sept. 8	Last day for 100% refund (of refundable charges) for dropping from a full semester course for Fall 2025.
Sept. 10	Last day to request Pass/Fail or Audit option. Requests for this option must be made by e-mail from your William Paterson University e-mail account to: Registrar@wpunj.edu
Sept. 10	Enrollment confirmation due
Sept. 12	Fall Census (Close of business)
Oct. 1	Last Day for 50% refund for withdrawal from a full semester course for Fall 2025.
Oct. 13	Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day. University is open, classes are in session.
Oct. 15	First Academic Quarter ends
Oct. 16-17	Wellness Days. University is open. No classes.
Oct. 22	Q1 grades due
Oct. 20	Second Academic Quarter starts
Oct. 29	Last day for 0% refund for academic withdrawal from a full semester course for Fall 2025 semester (NO REFUND)
Nov. 4	Election Day. University is Open. Classes are in Session.
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day. University is Open. Classes are in Session.
Nov. 27	Thanksgiving Day. University Closed.
Nov. 27 - Nov. 30	Classes are not in session.
Dec. 1	Last Day to apply for Spring 2026 graduation
Dec. 1	Last day to submit an Official Withdrawal from the University
Dec. 8-13	Last week of classes***
Dec. 13	Fall semester ends (Full term and Q2)
Dec. 20	Final grades due for Fall 2025

Fall Semester Reminders

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

Attend 3 required First-Year meetings

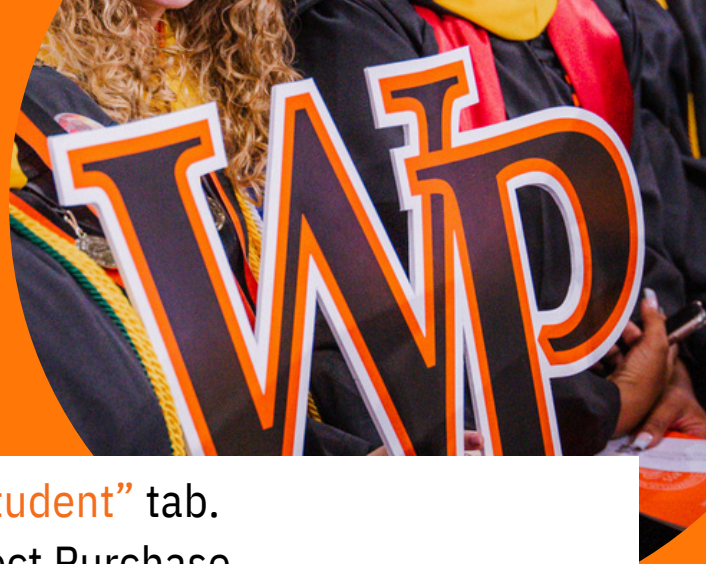
Attend at least 1 All College - Honors College meeting

Complete 1 HIGH LEVEL Civic Engagement Activity or 3 LOW LEVEL Civic Engagement Activities

Watch your email for more information about First-Year meetings, All College meetings, Civic Engagement opportunities and Spring 2026 registration details

If you are interested in taking a Winter 2026 course, please speak with your advisor.

HOW TO: Buy Textbooks



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

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

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

Alternatively,

1. Search: <https://www.bkstr.com/williampatersonstore/shop/textbooks-and-course-materials>
2. Select Term “Fall 2025”
3. Enter your Course Information

A screenshot of the 'My Course Materials' page. It shows a list of courses for Fall 2020. The first course is PBHL / 3040 / 001, Instructor Aleksandar Kecojovic. The second course is PBHL / 4000 / 071, Instructor Marianne Sullivan. The page indicates that course materials have not been determined for these courses and to check back soon for updates.

My Course Materials

1 Required | 1 Not Yet Determined
Print List

Fall 2020

1 PBHL / 3040 / 001 Instructor Aleksandar Kecojovic
Course Materials have not been determined. Check back soon for updates.

2 PBHL / 4000 / 071 Instructor Marianne Sullivan
Required Materials (1)



REQUIRED
Epidemiology 101 (w/Navigate2 Advantage Access)
\$57.82 to \$88.95

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

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

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

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

HOW TO: Get Involved



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

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

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

High level and low to mid-level events are further described here:
<https://www.wpunj.edu/civic-engagement/commitment/assessment.html>

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

The Honors College

The Honors College Club

Events recognized by a UCC Area 5 course

Events that students register for through Pioneer Life

**To find out more about civic engagement events, organizations, or clubs on campus,
please visit Pioneer Life.**

**Download the Corq app to search for social, cultural,
educational and/or civic engagement events!**



WHY SHOULD I JOIN A CLUB IN COLLEGE?

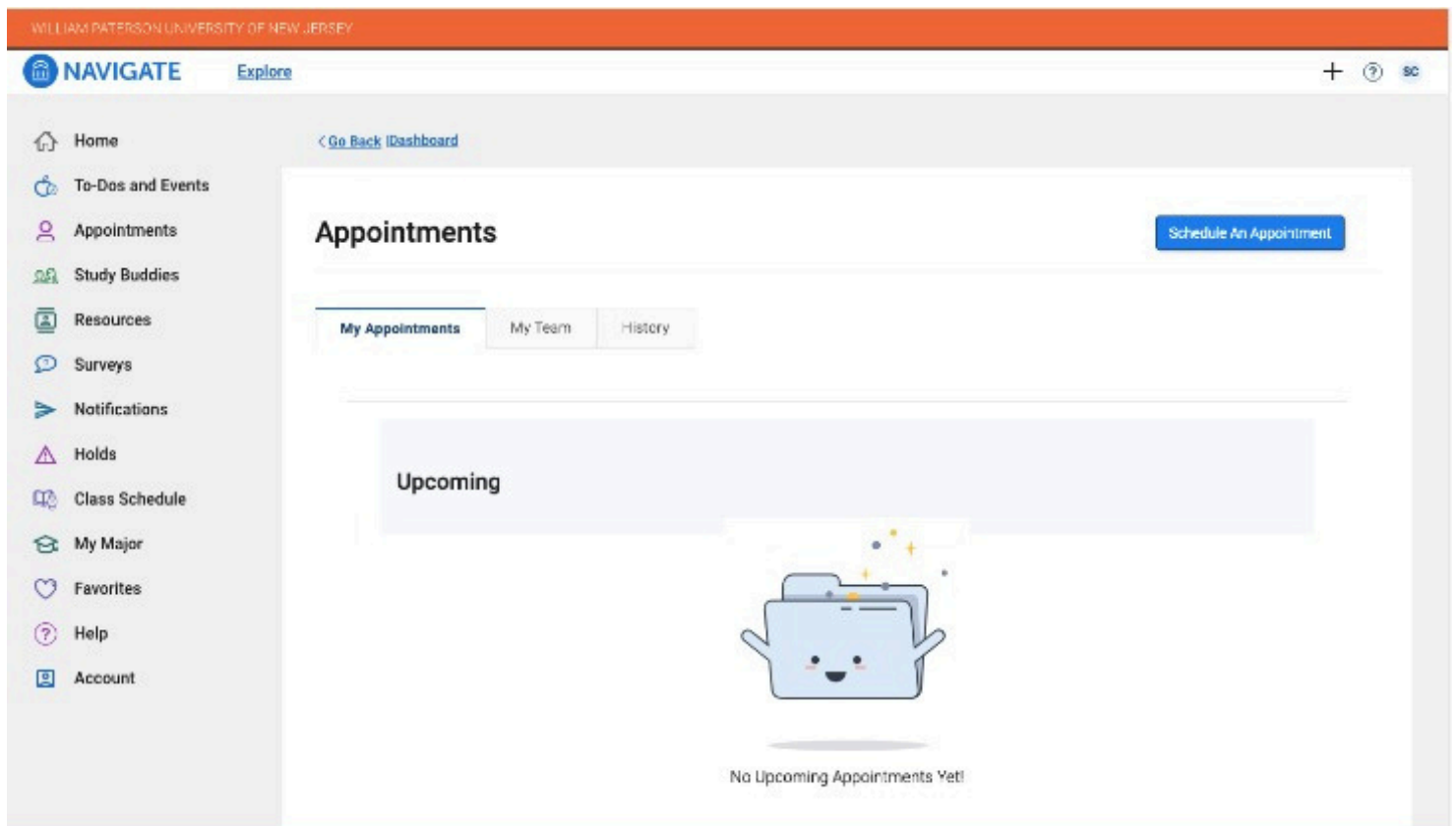
- 1. Network – the friends and acquaintances you meet in college are more than social; they may also be the people who help you find jobs. And, being a club member is...**
- 2. Another line on your resume. Employers like to hire people who get involved. Clubs are one way of showing that you are an active person. But, even if the club doesn't help your job search it might...**
- 3. Reduce your stress by giving you something fun to do – or at least something that isn't solely focused on course work. Also, talking with people, and interacting with them at events will help you...**
- 4. Develop those all-important soft skills that employers talk about – such as working with diverse people; collaboration; teamwork; and communication.**

HOW TO: Use Navigate



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

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



HOW TO: Find a Job/Internship



To find and apply for jobs on campus:



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

To apply for off campus jobs and internships use “Handshake”:

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

Benefits of Handshake:

Find out about campus career events!

Access the career center for resume checks, mock interviews, and career planning!

You can search for employers and employers can also reach out to you about opportunities!

Find jobs and internships for every path!

For more resources visit: The Career Development Center

HOW TO: Self-Care



Take Care of your Body

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



Take a Break from News and Social Media

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

Make Yourself a Priority ^{zzZ}

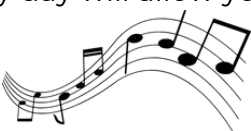
Remember to put yourself first when you feel overwhelmed or stressed. Always make sure to prioritize your sleep, diet, and mental health. A healthy mind will help you succeed!



Go Outdoors

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

Listen to Music



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



Set Goals

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

HOW TO: Check Final Grades



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

This drop down may not be available until December 2025 or later

A screenshot of the WMPConnect 'My Degree' page. The 'My Degree' heading is circled. Below it is a table with student information. At the bottom, a list of links is shown, with 'Final Grades' circled.

My Degree	
Status:	Active
Class:	Graduate
Degree:	Master of Science
College:	Science & Health
Program:	MS Communication Disorders
Major:	Communication Disorders
Financial Aid SAP Status:	Award Aid

- [Add, Declare, or Change Major](#)
- [Add, Declare, or Change Minor](#)
- [Change to or from WP Online](#)
- [Degree Works \(New Dashboard\)](#)
- [Degree Works \(Classic Dashboard\)](#)
- [Final Grades](#)
- [Early Assessment](#)
- [Request Official Transcript](#)

MEET OUR

Peer Leaders



ANGIE

Nursing Major

Honors Track: Nursing

Hobbies: Baking
and reading

Favorite Honors

memory: Honors Club
Goodie-Bag Making
event



OWEN

Jazz Studies and Music
Education Major

Honors Track: Music

Hobbies: Camping
and coin collecting

Favorite Honors

memory: Honors
Research Night



PRESTON

Business Management
Major

Honors Track: Social
Sciences

Hobbies: Shopping
and reading

Favorite Course:

Honors Gen Psychology
with Professor Holle

Favorite Honors

memory: Putting
together the research
project for Honors 1000

If you'd like to meet with a Peer Leader individually, please email honors@wpunj.edu

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Peer Leaders



RORY

Speech Language
Pathology Major

Honors Track: Cognitive
Science

Hobbies: Yoga, lifting,
and reading

Favorite Course:
Speech and Language
Acquisition

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



SARAH

Popular Music
Major

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

Favorite Course:
Honors Gen Psychology
with Professor Holle

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



THAYS

Public Relations
Major

Honors Track: Global
Public Health

Hobbies: Making coffee,
going to concerts,
cycling, and reading

Favorite Course:
Structural Determinants
of Health

**Favorite Honors
memory:** Volunteering

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Office Assistants



HELENAH '23

Sound Engineering Arts
Major Alum

Completed Honors

Track: Performing and
Literary Arts

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



KOURTNEY
GRADUATE ASSISTANT

Speech Language Pathology
Master's Program

Completed Honors

Track: Cognitive Science

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



RORY

Speech Language Pathology
Major

Honors Track: Cognitive
Science

Hobbies: Yoga, lifting,
and reading

Favorite Course: Speech
and Language Acquisition

Favorite Honors memory:
Honors NYC Museum Trip!

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

They are a great resource for anything Honors!

Honors Office

Contact Information

Location: **Raubinger Hall 207**

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

Email: **honors@wpunj.edu**



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Honors College William Paterson University



William Paterson University Honors College



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Helpful Tools and Resources: Pioneer Card

How to check your pioneer card balance:

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

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

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

Campus Life

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

 [My Meal Plan](#)

[> Vector Sexual Violence Prevention Course](#)

[Online Student Diversity Training](#)

 [Pioneer Express Card](#)

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

 [Register To Vote](#)



Helpful Tools and Resources: Organization

Be proactive! Manage your time and get ahead on your work!

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

Helpful Links

[Honors Handbook](#)

[Lost ID](#)

[Reserve a Study Room](#)

[Print from Anywhere on Campus](#)

[Shuttle Information](#)

Academic and Campus Resources

Math Learning Center

Science Hall East Room 3036

What it Offers:

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



Writing Center

Preakness Hall Room 124

What it Offers:

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



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

Science Enrichment Center

Science Hall East 3023

What it Offers:

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



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

Academic Success Center

Cheng Library Room 111B

What it offers:

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



Website:
www.wpunj.edu/academics/asc

David & Lorraine Cheng Library

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

What it offers:

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



Career Development Center

University Commons Room 301

What it Offers:

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



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

Academic and Campus Resources

Student Enrollment Services

Morrison Hall Room 104

What it offers:

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

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



Counseling, Health and Wellness Center

Overlook South, 1st Floor

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

What it offers:

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



Center of Diversity & Inclusion

University Commons 214

What it Offers:

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

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

