



WestConn Vocabulary You Should Know

- A & S** **School of Arts and Sciences** – The home of thirteen departments: Biology ; Chemistry; Communication; Computer Science; English; History; Mathematics; Philosophy; 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 hired 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, advisor, birth date, degree, major, and SAT and placement scores.
- Blackboard VISTA** **Blackboard Vista** is WestConn's course management system that allows faculty to supplement their on-ground course with online components.
- CHOICES** Our Substance Abuse Prevention Program. If you have any concerns regarding any type of substance abuse for yourself, family members, or just in general, this is the office to contact.
- Dean** There are currently five **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 web site

FAFSA	Free Application for Federal Student Aid - If you are applying for Financial Aid, this form has to be filled out <u>on time</u> every year. Check the deadline. http://www.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 will get suspended from the university.
MWF	A class meets Monday (M), Wednesday (W), and Friday (F)
Program Sheet	Each department has put together a list of courses you need to pass in order to receive a degree in a certain major or degree program. The Program Sheet tells you what those classes are. http://www.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 who live on campus must make progress toward a degree each semester. The University requirement is 24 credits per year. http://www.wcsu.edu/finaid/progress.asp
School	There are four academic schools at WestConn, and depending on your major you belong to one of these schools. They are: Ansell School of Business (ASB), 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.
TPS	Time Processing System – if you find a job on campus as a student employee you will have to submit the hours you worked through the this system.
TR	A class meets Tuesday (T) and Thursday (R)
VISTA	see Blackboard VISTA
VPA	School of Visual and Performing Arts – The home of three departments: Art, Music, and Theater Arts.
WestConduit	WestConduit is the place to go to check e-mail, register for courses, access <i>Banner</i> and Blackboard Vista, and explore university resources. http://www.wcsu.edu/technology/faculty/westconduit.asp