



# WCSU Vocabulary

## You Should Know

<b>A &amp; S</b>	<b>Macricostas School of Arts and Sciences</b> – 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; Writing, Linguistics; and the Creative Process.
<b>Academic Advisor</b>	Your <b>academic advisor</b> is a full-time faculty member of the department in which you have chosen your major. Your <b>academic advisor</b> will assist you in mapping out your class schedule according to the degree requirements as listed on your program sheet.
<b>AccessAbility Services</b>	Contact the <b>AccessAbility Services</b> office for accommodations if you have been diagnosed with some type of documented disability.
<b>Adjunct</b>	<b>Adjunct faculty</b> 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 your syllabus when trying to contact them or ask the department secretary for help.
<b>ARM</b>	<b>Academic Recourse Mentor</b> – Student peers who provide academic related resources to residence hall students.
<b>ASB</b>	<b>Ancell School of Business</b> - The home of six departments; Accounting; Finance; Management; Management Information Systems; Marketing; and the Justice and Law Division.
<b>Banner</b>	The <b>Banner</b> 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.
<b>Blackboard</b>	<b>Blackboard</b> is Western's course management system that allows faculty to supplement their on-ground course with online components.
<b>CHOICES</b>	Western's Substance Abuse Prevention Program. If you have any concerns regarding any type of substance abuse yourself, family, or just in general, <b>CHOICES</b> is the office to contact.
<b>CORE-CT</b>	<b>Core-CT</b> is the State of Connecticut's payroll system that the Human Resources & Payroll Departments use to maintain all employee data and to generate an employees' biweekly paycheck.
<b>Dean</b>	There are currently four <b>Academic Deans</b> and one <b>Dean of Students</b> on Campus.
<b>ENS</b>	<b>Emergency Notification System</b> – Enter your contact information as well as your family's (if you so choose) and get notified of school cancellations, emergency closings, etc.

<b>ERes</b>	<b>Electronic Reserves-</b> Some professors use this system to provide you with electronic readings or ask you to post comments. Find <b>ERes</b> on the Library website.
<b>FASFA</b>	<b>Free Application for Federal Student Aid</b> – If you are applying for Financial Aid, this form has to be filled out on time <u>every year</u> . Check the deadline. <a href="https://www.wcsu.edu/finaid/first-time-applicants/">https://www.wcsu.edu/finaid/first-time-applicants/</a>
<b>GPA</b>	<b>Grade Point Average</b> – Stay above a <b>GPA</b> of 3.5 and you'll be on the Dean's List. If your <b>GPA</b> is below 2.0 for two semesters in a row, you might get suspended from the university.
<b>ISEP</b>	<b>International Student Exchange Program</b> – spend a summer, semester, or full year at another university for the same price as tuition, room & board at Western (plus travel costs). <a href="https://www.wcsu.edu/isep/">https://www.wcsu.edu/isep/</a>
<b>MR</b>	Class meets Monday ( <b>M</b> ) and Thursday ( <b>R</b> )
<b>MW</b>	Class meets Monday ( <b>M</b> ) and Wednesday ( <b>W</b> )
<b>MWF</b>	Class meets Monday ( <b>M</b> ), Wednesday ( <b>W</b> ), and Friday ( <b>F</b> ).
<b>Program Sheet</b>	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 <b>Program Sheet</b> tells you what those courses are. <a href="https://www.wcsu.edu/academics/programsheets/">https://www.wcsu.edu/academics/programsheets/</a>
<b>RA</b>	<b>Resident Assistant</b> – Student peer assigned to each section of the residence halls
<b>RD</b>	<b>Residence Director-</b> Professional staff member responsible for the management of each residence hall.
<b>RH</b>	<b>Residence Hall-</b> 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.
<b>SAP</b>	<b>Satisfactory Academic Progress</b> – Students on the Financial Aid, in Housing, or Athletics programs need to maintain <b>Satisfactory Academic Progress</b> (i.e. pass enough classes with good grades each academic year) – check individual webpages for requirements
<b>School</b>	There are four academic schools at Western, and depending on your major you belong to one of these schools. They are: Ansell <b>School</b> of Business (ASB), Macricostas <b>School</b> of Arts and Sciences (A & S), <b>School</b> of Professional Studies (SPS), and <b>School</b> of Visual and Performing Arts (VPA).
<b>S.H.</b>	<b>Semester Hour</b> also called <b>Credits</b> – 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.
<b>SPS</b>	<b>School of Professional Studies-</b> The home of four departments: Education & Educational Psychology; Health Promotion & Exercise; Nursing; and Social Work.
<b>Syllabus</b>	On the very first day of class your instructor will hand out what is called the <b>Syllabus</b> . It is an outline of the entire course over the semester. Important dates for assignment deadlines should be noted on the <b>Syllabus</b> as well as contact information and office hours. Keep the <b>Syllabus</b> handy and refer to it often during the semester.
<b>TF</b>	A class meets Tuesday ( <b>T</b> ) and Friday ( <b>F</b> )

**TR** A class meets Tuesday **(T)** and Thursday **(R)**

**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 Banner and Blackboard, and explore university resources.  
<http://westconduit.wcsu.edu>