



Convenience

Renting off campus can put you at a distance from the resources, experiences and events that promote academic success and make college life rich and memorable. The benefits of living on campus include:

- Proximity to classes.** Wake up and be in class within just a few minutes.
- Academic concerns.** Chat with a professor or adviser, or meet with a study group
- Entertainment.** From performances and lectures to festivals and art shows, on-campus events are far more convenient to attend if you reside on campus.
- Participation with peers.** Whether it's being part of a club, residence-hall forum, or one of WCSU's extraordinary theatrical or musical productions, you have more time to commit to out-of-classroom activities.
- Developing friendships.** Lifelong relationships begin here: not just between roommates, but also between residents who become are neighbors on the same floor.
- Help when you need it.** Resident Assistants (RAs), Academic Resource Mentors (ARM) and tutors are available to assist with a problem or help you get that "A."
- Regular meals.** Delicious, nutritious meals prepared by trained chefs are ready for you every day in the dining room or snack bar, both close by.



Cost

For every student, budgeting is a big concern. Depending on your residence hall and meal plan, your per-semester room and board expense at Western will range between \$4,223 and \$6,458 (includes telecom and social fees).

So you might be tempted to think, "For what I'll spend as a campus resident, maybe I can do better living off campus."

That's not likely, though, not even if you are sharing expenses with roommates.

For starters, Danbury rents average \$1,100/month for a one-bedroom, \$1,400 for a two-bedroom and \$1,800 for a three-bedroom.

For another, up-front costs and daily-living expenses must be factored in to get the most accurate picture of what your budget will need to cover. We've done a conservative assessment of what you will be spending in a year (assuming you share an \$1,800 per month off-campus apartment with two friends):



Security

The WCSU Police Department is a reassuring 24/7 presence on our two campuses, regardless of whether you commute to classes, reside on campus or work here. Officers patrol regularly, and respond rapidly to emergencies and complaints.

Residence halls are inaccessible to anyone who does not live or work within them. Entrance is restricted by keycard (WESTCONNect card) or, for visitors, is granted only upon identification of the visiting individual.

A Caring Community

Residence-hall living at Western is designed to allow students to forge balance between study and non-study activities. Quiet hours are established respecting sleep and study requirements. Trained, live-in Resident Assistants (RAs) and professional Resident Directors assist students with questions and concerns, helping with difficult situations or just offering an 'ear' as a friend.

Living on campus is a pivotal time in the life of a college student. An experience that encourages the development of cooperation and community, for most it remains meaningful for years to come as the beginning of adulthood.

Charge	Typical cost per person	Included at WCSU?
First & last month's rent	\$1,200	N/A
Security (typically, one-month's rent)	\$600	N/A
Rent*	\$600/mo	YES!
Heat, air conditioning & electricity	\$150/mo	YES!
Cable television, phone & internet	\$150/mo	YES!
Parking	\$400	YES!
Gas to/from campus	\$150/mo	N/A
Groceries/Dining	\$300/mo	YES!
Renter's insurance	\$15/mo	N/A
TOTAL FOR ONE YEAR	\$17,380	

*Remember that a lease is often for a full 12 months, not simply for the school year.

For more details about living on campus, please visit wcsu.edu/housing.

To live on campus or to share the rent for an off-campus apartment is a choice that should be made carefully.

National surveys have shown that students who live on campus do better academically. They also tend to form stronger connections within the college community than those who live off campus, and they come away with a higher level of satisfaction with their collegiate experience.

Still, many students regard off-campus living as a chance to be more independent. What they may not realize is that residence-hall living encourages this same growth of independence without the kind of pressures that managing an apartment can present — pressures that may distract and interfere with scholastic performance.

As a student coming to Western, there are many variables to consider when making your choice of where to reside.



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The choice of where to live as a student at WCSU:

On-campus or off?

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