Facilities and Services

Books for Off-Campus Courses
Textbooks for off-campus courses may be purchased at the first meeting of each course. Payment may be made by cash, check or credit card. Additionally, textbooks may be purchased on-line at www.wpibooks.com or by calling the bookstore at 1-888-WPI-BOOKS. Textbook delivery for ADLN remote locations may be arranged by calling the bookstore or by e-mailing the bookstore at wpi@tatnuck.com.

Bookstore
The bookstore, located on the second floor of the Campus Center, will be open during the first days of classes from 8:00 a.m. to 7 p.m. During the rest of the school year, hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. For more information please call toll free 888-WPI-books or e-mail wpi@tatnuck.com.

Campus Police
Personal safety information, security practices at WPI and the University's crime statistic information can be obtained by visiting the campus police Web site. Students can also obtain a copy of the University's safety brochure by contacting the WPI Police Department at 508-831-5433.

Parking on campus can be challenging. Graduate students are entitled to parking permits for the Boynton Street parking lot located behind the library. Parking is on a first-come, first-served basis. Decals can be purchased for $2.00 at the campus police station located at 35 Dean Street. You should also receive a copy of the University's parking regulations. We recommend that you keep this brochure in your vehicle's glove compartment for easy reference. Parking is also available on the city streets surrounding the campus. Be sure to obey parking signs, as enforcement in Worcester is strict. The city's winter parking regulations are available on the WPI police Web site, as well.

Career Development Center
The Career Development Center (CDC) at WPI assists students in the development of lifelong skills related to careers and the job search process. CDC serves not only undergraduate students but graduate students and alumni as well. Information and guidance is provided in the areas of full-time employment, graduate school, part-time employment, cooperative education and summer positions. Call 508-831-5260.

Class Cancellation
Classes are rarely cancelled because of inclement weather. However, if in doubt, you may call the WPI switchboard, the Graduate Studies & Enrollment Office or 508-831-5744 to find out if a particular class has been cancelled. When all classes are cancelled (severe weather during the midday period, forecast to last through evening) cancellation will be broadcast on radio stations WTAG, WSRS, WAAF, WFTQ, WKOX and WBZ.

Computer Resources
WPI's Fuller Laboratories provide dedicated space for faculty, staff and students working in the information sciences. The WPI Computing and Communication Center (CCC) is located in this building, along with the Computer Science Department and the Academic Technology Center.

CCC provides a wide range of services and access to computer resources for the WPI community, and manages an array of powerful UNIX, Linux and Windows 2000 servers. All WPI students, faculty and staff can obtain a login ID at CCC for academic course work, research and self-education. The ID will remain in force as long as the person continues to be registered as a student at or is employed by WPI. The systems have been configured so that the user will see the same familiar environment no matter which CCC workstation is used.

CCC facilities are accessible from a wide variety of locations on campus, or from around the world via the Internet. CCC operates the campus data network and the Internet connectivity. Computer systems operated by academic departments are also on the same CCC communications infrastructure, so they are accessible just as easily. Wireless network access is available in all academic buildings as well as primary residence centers. Wireless laptops are available on loan for use in the library and campus center.

CCC manages a computer help desk to answer users' questions on any of the computer platforms and to provide technical support for endorsed packages. CCC also provides instruction sessions on supported software in the state-of-the-art computer-training classroom that CCC maintains in the Gordon Library.

CCC is generally open from 11 a.m. Sunday until 10 Friday (24 hours a day) and Saturday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. during the academic year. When WPI is not in session and during undergraduate "term breaks," as well as summer session, hours will be posted at CCC.

To reach the CCC help desk, call 508-831-5888 or e-mail: helpdesk@wpi.edu.

Extracurricular Activities
The Institute provides a varied program of sports and recreation. Graduate students usually enter teams in several intramural sports, and may participate in certain intercollegiate club sports as well as on-campus musical or theater groups.

There are outstanding athletic facilities for tennis, swimming, bowling, squash, basketball, racquetball and volleyball, as well as a weight-lifting room, a fitness center, a sauna and several outdoor playing fields. Graduate students frequently join faculty groups for noontime jogging, aerobics and basketball.

A wide variety of entertainment is brought to the campus, ranging from small informal groups to popular entertainers in the 3,500-seat Harrington Auditorium. A series of films is shown in Perreault Hall, and chamber concerts are presented in the Baronial Hall of Higgins House.

The normal social activities of a medium-sized city are readily accessible, many within easy walking distance. Other activities of interest to students are offered by the many colleges in the Worcester Consortium (see Intercollege Studies and the Consortium, page 9).

Gordon Library
The George C. Gordon Library supports the informational and research needs of the WPI graduate community. The library staff works closely with each department to augment library resources pertinent to graduate and other research interests. The collection currently numbers over 276,000 volumes, and includes paper subscriptions to over 900 current periodicals and over 10,000 electronic periodicals. The collection includes graduate theses and disserta-
tions, as well as a rapidly growing number of electronic theses and dissertations. The WPI Archives and Special Collections holds the paper records and artifacts of WPI, as well as a significant number of rare books. Library resources come in many formats: print, audio, video and digital.

Gordon Library is open over 100 hours each week during the academic year. Many services and resources are also available to graduate students 24 hours a day via the library’s World-Wide-Web-based system. Here students can access the Gordon Library catalog, local and remote library catalogs, over 150 electronic databases, full-text articles in electronic periodicals, and other reference tools and resources located anywhere in the world.

In addition to the Gordon Library’s resources, WPI students may utilize the collections of other Worcester area libraries. Students with a WPI identification card and a cross-borrowing card can borrow books directly from the libraries at Anna Maria College, Assumption College, Becker College, Clark University, College of the Holy Cross, University of Massachusetts Medical Center Library and Worcester State College. Students can also request materials not owned by Gordon Library through the interlibrary loan and document delivery services. Before classes begin each semester, library staff offer orientation sessions to graduate students. Throughout the year, members of the Reference Department conduct both library and Internet orientation and instruction sessions.

Gordon Library staff will consult with students in the preparation of theses and dissertations. Standard reference guides are also available. A pamphlet, “Regulations for Preparation of Theses and Dissertations” prepared by the library staff and sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs, is available in paper and on-line at the library’s Web site (www.wpi.edu/+library).

Gordon Library is open Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to midnight, Friday 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday noon to midnight. A calendar of hours is available in paper at the library, or on-line at the library’s Web site.

Housing
A limited amount of on-campus housing is available for single graduate students. Family housing is not available on campus. Most graduate students live in rooms or apartments in residential areas near the campus.

Please feel free to contact the Office of Residential Services, 508-831-5645, for information regarding both on-campus and off-campus housing. A listing of off-campus accommodations is available at http://www.wpi.edu/Admin/RSO/.

International Graduate Student Services
The Office of International Students and Scholars is located at WPI’s International House at 28 Trowbridge Road. The office provides information and assistance on immigration and other regulatory matters, information on cultural and social programs and services, as well as general counseling.

The International House also serves as a meeting place for international students with its lounge area, meeting room and resource room. WPI’s English as a Second Language (ESL) program is located in the house. The house also offers limited temporary housing for international graduate students.


Mail Services

- Limited number of mailboxes available
- Service window open (Monday through Friday) 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Package pick-up
- Stamps sold
- Letters and packages weighed, metered
- Discounted Express Mail
- Fax services

Printing Services
Located in Boynton Hall, lower level. Telephone 508-831-5842 or -5571. Hours (Monday through Friday???) 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- Offset printing
- Photocopying (including color)
- Binding of reports
- Laminating

Student ID Cards
The WPI ID is your library card and is used in many departments for lab access as well.

You may also deposit money on your card for use in the WPI dining locations at a 10% discount. The ID office is located in Daniels Hall, first floor, and the hours are: Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call 508-831-5150.

Student Life
The Student Life Office staff is available to students enrolled in all programs to assist with any out-of-the-classroom concerns that may arise. Staff members are available between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Appointments outside of these hours can be arranged by calling 508-831-5201.