Campus Resources

Student Support Services

Cornerstone: The Center for Advanced Learning. Located on the first floor of Gregg Residence House on the South 40, Cornerstone is the hub of academic support at Washington University. We provide students with help in a variety of forms, including course-specific mentors, study groups, and intensive intersession review programs in gateway courses such as calculus, physics and calculus. Other services include workshops on study skills, time management, and note-taking, as well as walk-in help desks for fundamental courses like calculus, physics and writing. Cornerstone also offers final exam work sessions and fee-based graduate and professional school entrance exam preparation courses. Additionally, Cornerstone administers TRiO, a federally funded program that offers advising, leadership development, financial assistance, and other support to students who are low-income, the first in their family to go to college, and/or have a documented disability.

Take advantage of our Tech Lab, which features learning software and flexible study space, or use our classrooms and lounge to study or relax. Most services are free, and last year, more than 2,000 students participated in one or more of our programs. For more information, visit our website at http://cornerstone.wustl.edu or call (314) 935-5970.

Disability Resources. Cornerstone is also home to Disability Resources, the official source for students with disabilities or suspected disabilities. Students may request accommodations and services to ensure equal access to the programs and services of the university. Visit our website at http://disability.wustl.edu or call Cornerstone at (314) 935-5970 for more information. We are located within Cornerstone, on the first floor of Gregg Residence House on the South 40.

Office for International Students and Scholars. If a student is joining the university from a country other than the United States, this office can assist him or her through its orientation programs, by issuing certificates of eligibility (visa documents), and by offering special services for non-native English speakers in the English Language Programs. In addition, the office provides personal and cross-cultural counseling and arranges social, cultural and recreational activities that foster international understanding on campus.

The Office for International Students and Scholars is in the Stix International House at 6470 Forsyth Boulevard. For more information, visit the website at http://oiss.wustl.edu or call (314) 935-5910.

The Writing Center. The Writing Center, a free service, offers writing advice to all Washington University students. Tutors will read and discuss any kind of work in progress, including student papers, senior theses, graduate school application materials, and oral presentations. The Writing Center staff is trained to work with students at any stage of the writing process, including brainstorming, developing and clarifying an argument, organizing evidence, and improving style. Rather than editing or proofreading, tutors will emphasize the process of revision and teach students how to edit their own work. Appointments are preferred. Call (314) 935-4981 to make an appointment.

The Writing Center is located on level 1 in Olin Library. For more information, visit the website at http://writingcenter.wustl.edu.

Research Affiliations

Washington University is affiliated with the Central Institute for the Deaf, the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, the Missouri Botanical Garden, the Newberry Library for Medieval and Renaissance Studies in Chicago and the Saint Louis Zoo. The university also owns Tyson Research Center — 2,000 acres located 20 miles west of the campus, which houses additional facilities for biology and physics. The Sam Fox School also houses the Newman Money Museum, a numismatic center.

In addition, the university has two interdisciplinary research institutes — the Division of Biology and Biomedical Sciences and the Center for Computational Biology — plus a number of interdisciplinary research centers on the Danforth and Medical campuses.

Student Health Services

Student Health Services staff members include licensed professionals in Medical Services, Mental Health Services and Health Promotion Services. Please visit us in Dardick House on the South 40, or visit our website at http://shs.wustl.edu for more information about each of our services and staff members.

Hours:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8 a.m.–6 p.m.
Wednesday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

A nurse answer line is available to answer any medical questions a student may have when SHS is closed. For after-hours care, please call: (314) 935-6666.

Medical Services staff members provide care for the evaluation and treatment of an illness or injury, preventive health care and health education, and nutrition, physical therapy, travel medicine and women's health services. Student Health Services' providers are considered in-network and are participating members of the Washington University in St. Louis Physician's Network. Any condition requiring specialized medical services will be referred to an appropriate community specialist. Student Health Services accepts most health insurance plans and will be able to bill the plan according to plan benefits when care is accessed at SHS. The student health insurance plan requires a referral any time care is not provided at SHS. Call (314) 935-6666 or visit http://shs.wustl.edu to schedule an appointment for medical care,
including allergy injections prescribed by your allergist, health consultations, for HIV or other STD testing, or for immunizations.

Appointments also are available for assessment, treatment and referral for students who are struggling with substance abuse.

The SHS pharmacy is available to all WUSTL students and their dependents who participate in the student health insurance plan. The pharmacy accepts most prescription insurance plans; please check with the pharmacist to see if your prescription plan is accepted at the pharmacy.

The SHS lab provides full laboratory services. Approximately 20 tests can be performed in the SHS lab. The remainder of all testing that is ordered by SHS is completed by LabCorp. LabCorp serves as our reference lab and is on the student health insurance plan as a preferred provider. The SHS lab can collect any test ordered by our providers.

All incoming students must provide proof of immunization for two measles, mumps, rubella vaccines after the age of one year old. (A titer may be provided in lieu of the immunizations.) Meningococcal vaccine proof is required. A PPD skin test in the past six months is required for students entering the university from certain countries. This list of countries may be found on our website. We suggest all students also have Tetanus Diphtheria immunization within the past five years, Hepatitis A vaccine series, Hepatitis B vaccine series and Varicella vaccine. Medical History Forms are available online at http://shs.wustl.edu. Failure to complete the required forms will delay registration and will prevent entrance into housing assignment. Please visit http://shs.wustl.edu for complete information about requirements and deadlines.

Mental Health Services staff members work with students to resolve personal and interpersonal difficulties, including conflicts with or worry about friends or family, concerns about eating or drinking patterns, and feelings of anxiety and depression. Although some concerns are more frequent than others, students’ experiences are as varied as the students themselves. Staff members help each person figure out her or his own situation. Services include individual, group and couples counseling; crisis counseling; psychiatric consultation; and referral for off-campus counseling. Call (314) 935-6666 or visit http://shs.wustl.edu to schedule an appointment.

Health Promotion Services staff members provide information and resources on issues of interest to WUSTL students including alcohol and other drugs, weight and body image, sexual health, sleep, and stress; customize professional health education programs for groups; and work with groups of students dedicated to educating their peers about healthy decision making. Call (314) 935-7139 for more information.

Important Information About Health Insurance

Washington University has a student health fee designed to improve the health and wellness of the entire Washington University community. This fee supports health and wellness services and programs on campus. In addition, all full-time, degree-seeking Washington University students are automatically enrolled in the Student Health Insurance Plan upon completion of registration. Students may opt out of this coverage if there is proof of existing comprehensive insurance coverage.

Information concerning opting out of the student health insurance plan can be found at http://shs.wustl.edu after June 1 of each year. Student Health Services does provide billing services to many of the major insurance companies in the United States. Specific fees and co-pays apply to students using Medical Services and Mental Health Services; these fees may be billable to your insurance plan. More information is available at http://shs.wustl.edu.

Campus Security

The Washington University campus is among the most attractive in the nation and enjoys a safe, relaxed atmosphere. Your personal safety and the security of your property while on campus is a shared responsibility. Washington University has made safety and security a priority through our commitment to a full-time professional police department, use of closed circuit television, card access, good lighting, shuttle services, emergency telephones and ongoing educational safety awareness programs. The vast majority of crimes that occur on college campuses are crimes of opportunity, which can be prevented.

The best protection against crime is an informed, alert campus community. Washington University has developed several programs to help make your experience here a safe and secure one. An extensive network of emergency telephones, including more than 100 “blue light” telephones, is connected directly to the University Police Department and can alert the police to your exact location. In addition to the regular shuttle service, an evening walking escort service or mobile Campus Circulator is available on the Danforth Campus.

The Campus2Home shuttle will provide a safe ride home for those living in four designated areas off campus — Skinker-DeBaliviere, Loop South, north of The Loop and just south of the campus — from 6:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. seven days a week. The shuttle leaves from both the Mallinckrodt Center and the Brookings Drive steps and takes passengers directly to the front doors of their buildings. Shuttle drivers then will wait and watch to make sure passengers get into their buildings safely.

The University Police Department is a full-service organization staffed by certified police officers who patrol the campus 24 hours a day throughout the entire year. The Police Department offers a variety of crime prevention programs including a high-
security bicycle lock program, free personal-safety whistles, computer security tags, personal safety classes for women and men, property inventory services and security surveys. For more information on these programs, check out the police website at http://police.wustl.edu.

In compliance with the Campus Crime Awareness and Security Act of 1990, Washington University publishes online an annual report, Safety and Security on the Danforth Campus — A Guide for Students, Faculty and Staff, which is available to all current and prospective students on the Danforth Campus and university employees on the Danforth, North and West campuses at http://police.wustl.edu. To request a hard copy, contact the Washington University Police Department, Campus Box 1038, One Brookings Drive, St. Louis, MO 63130-4899, (314) 935-9011.