



- INSTRUMENTAL, PIANO, AND VOCAL TRACKS
- PRIVATE LESSONS
- LARGE AND SMALL ENSEMBLES

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- JAZZ COMBOS
- RHYTHM SECTION AND JAZZ PIANO CLINICS
- TECHNOLOGY, RECORDING, AND ARRANGING CLASSES

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# 2026 WCU SUMMER MUSIC CAMPS



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## SAMPLE DAY

9:00am: Music Theory Class

10:00am: Faculty Recital

10:30am: Small Ensemble Rehearsals

12:00pm: Lunch

1:00pm: Private Lesson and/or  
Individual Practice

3:00pm: Large Ensemble Rehearsals

5:00pm: Dinner

6:30pm: College Prep Class

7:30pm: Evening Concert/Activity

FOR STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN GRADES 8 -12

# Pennsylvania's Premier Comprehensive University Summer Music Camp

## ENSEMBLES

Students will perform in a variety of ensembles. Seating auditions will be held following registration on the first day of the Camp. The Camp culminates with finale concerts by the following ensembles:

### LARGE ENSEMBLES

Concert Band  
String Orchestra

### SMALL ENSEMBLES

Flute	Double Reed	Chamber Strings
Clarinet	Brass	Piano
Saxophone	Percussion	Vocal



## SOLO RECITAL

Students who are ready to perform a prepared solo are encouraged to audition for the solo recital. A professional accompanist will be provided for the audition and the evening recital.

## PRIVATE LESSONS

Students receive two 30-minute private lessons on their primary instrument or voice. Additionally, all students will participate in a studio masterclass with their private teacher.

## MUSIC THEORY AND EAR TRAINING

Students will participate in a daily music theory and ear training class.

Students should select “beginning theory” or “advanced theory” on the application.

## COLLEGE PREPARATION

Students will participate in classes focusing on practice habits, tips for successful auditions, résumé writing, and choosing a college.

## FACULTY

Our faculty consists primarily of WCU Wells School of Music professors who double as inspiring educators and active performing artists. Please visit the Wells School of Music website for faculty biographies. Faculty recitals will take place throughout the week.

## CAMPUS LOCATION AND FACILITIES

West Chester University is located in southeastern Pennsylvania, 35 miles west of Philadelphia. The University is nestled in the historic borough of West Chester.

Resident students are housed in a residence hall near the dining hall, a short walk from Swope Music Building. All residence hall rooms are double occupancy with males and females located on separate floors. Camp counselors reside on each floor.

## SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Supervised events include volleyball, a scavenger hunt, and other activities.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Several \$100 scholarships (made possible through the generous support of our former director, Dr. Ken Laudermilch) may be available to students who submit (a) a letter requesting financial assistance, and (b) a letter of recommendation from their high school music teacher. All materials (including the online application and registration fee) must be submitted by May 15<sup>th</sup> in order to be considered for a scholarship.

Students who will graduate high school in June 2027 are eligible for Rising Senior Scholarships, as well as a sample WCU Wells School of Music entrance audition.

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## Looking for an opportunity to grow as an aspiring jazz musician?

Whether students are beginners or advanced musicians, they can develop their jazz skills this summer at the West Chester University Jazz Camp. In addition to performing in ensembles, participants will explore the art of jazz improvisation, jazz styles, harmony and arranging, music technology, and jazz history.

- State-of-the-Art Wells School of Music facilities!
- Evening activities and concerts!
- Check our website for complete faculty listings and visiting artists.



### SAMPLE DAY

9:00am	Combo Rehearsal
10:00am	Improvisation Class
10:45am	Theory Class
11:30am	Lunch
1:00pm	Guest or Faculty Masterclass
2:00pm	Combo Rehearsal
3:00pm	Faculty Concert / Q&A
4:00pm	Guest or Faculty Masterclass
5:00pm	Dinner/Practice/Activities
7:30pm	Guest Concert / Jam Sessions



### JAZZ FACULTY

John Swana, Trumpet  
Jonathan Ragonese, Saxophone  
Chris Hanning, Drums  
Peter Paulsen, Bass and Jazz Arranging  
Marc Jacoby, Vibes and Technology  
Mark Allen, Saxophone & Big Band  
Jacob Kelberman, Guitar

**JAZZ COMBOS DAILY RECITALS JAM SESSIONS CRITERIONS ALUMNI REUNION CONCERT**

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**HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER MUSIC CAMP OPTIONS:**  
**July 6 – 11, 2026**

Resident .....	\$750
Resident Early Registration .....	\$725 (register before April 1)
Commuter .....	\$660
Commuter Early Registration .....	\$635 (register before April 1)

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**SUMMER JAZZ CAMP OPTIONS:**  
**July 12 – 17, 2026**

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Resident Early Registration .....	\$725 (register before April 1)
Commuter .....	\$660
Commuter Early Registration .....	\$635 (register before April 1)

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**PREMIUM PACKAGE: HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER MUSIC CAMP + SUMMER JAZZ CAMP**  
**July 6 – 17, 2026**

(includes a free night's stay and complimentary brunch on Sunday)

Resident .....	\$1450
Commuter .....	\$1270

**FEES**

Resident fee includes tuition, housing, and all meals.  
Commuter fee includes tuition, lunch, and dinner.

**DEADLINES**

HS Camp Application Deadline: June 20<sup>th</sup>  
Jazz Camp Application Deadline: June 27<sup>th</sup>  
Premium Package Application Deadline: June 20<sup>th</sup>

Register online with a credit card at [www.wcupa.edu/SummerMusicCamps](http://www.wcupa.edu/SummerMusicCamps)

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