FAQ on the New Health and Human Sciences Building
Important Information for Students

This Summer/Fall will herald an exciting opportunity for the students, faculty, and staff, at Western Carolina University and our community with the opening of the Health and Human Sciences (HHS) Building on the new West Campus. We anticipate the opening will also present several challenges and questions to address. Please see below for a few of the issues in which we know you will be interested. We are working to resolve some of the anticipated concerns, particularly around travel to and from the building, as well as parking.

Where is the new Health and Human Sciences Building?
The new four-story 160,000 square foot building is located 1.5 miles from main campus across Highway 107 on Little Savannah Road. This beautiful four-story building will feature classrooms, numerous dedicated laboratory spaces, simulation labs, a rooftop garden, numerous student collaborative meeting spaces, and an interdisciplinary clinic providing outpatient health and rehabilitation services.

Can I get to my classes on time if I have to travel between the H.H.S. building and the main campus?
You can take classes in both locations if you carefully plan your schedule ahead of time. In addition, WCU has elected to stagger the schedules between the H.H.S. Building and the main campus to provide students more “travel time.”

What does this mean for students?
Students enrolled in standard MWF classes will have a minimum of 45 minutes built in between classes as they travel from between the H.H.S. Building and main campus. Students enrolled in typical Tuesday/Thursdays (T/R) classes will have a minimum of one hour and fifteen minutes in between classes as they travel from the H.H.S. Building to main campus and a minimum of 45 minutes as they travel from main campus to H.H.S. building. This rule will not hold if classes are offered at specialized times. Students should plan accordingly by allowing for at least 30 minutes between classes if they plan to travel from one side of campus to the other.

Can I walk or bike to the West Campus?
Although there are discussions in progress, there are currently no sidewalks or bike lanes and students are strongly discouraged from walking/biking in between the H.H.S. building and main campus, for safety reasons.

Is there student parking available at the H.S. building?
There will be limited parking spaces available on a first come first serve basis. Students are encouraged to car pool and/or consider taking the Cat Tran from main campus. WCU is planning an additional overflow gravel parking lot across the street from the building.

Where can I board the Cat Tran to the West Campus?
Two 22-passenger buses will be used to transport students between the H.H.S. building and the University Center on main campus. There should be an available bus approximately every 10-15 minutes.
Will there be food available in the Health Sciences Building?

Java City will be located in the main atrium and will provide hot or cold espressos, coffee, bottled beverages, pastries, salads and sandwiches, as well as assorted grab and go items, snacks, and drinks.

What course(s) will be offered in Health Sciences Building?

The majority of programs listed below will teach their courses in the H.H.S. building. A few lower level and liberal studies courses will be taught in various locations on the main campus.

- CSD (Communication Sciences and Disorders)
- ND (Nutrition and Dietetics)
- ATTR (Athletic Training)
- HSCC (Health Sciences)
- EMC (Emergency Medical Care)

*Criminal Justice (CJ) will remain on the main campus

What factors should I consider when planning my class schedule?

1. Register for classes as soon as you can. Try to group your courses by where they will be offered (e.g. main campus versus H.H.S. Building).

2. Consider taking your Liberal Studies courses (offered on main campus) prior to taking your major courses offered in the H.H.S. building to minimize the time you will have to travel back and forth during the same semester.

3. Make sure you plan your schedules so that you have enough time to get to your classes on time, considering the parking and transportation challenges. It is your responsibility to make sure you can arrive to all of your classes on time.

How do I know which courses are offered in the H.H.S. Building on the West Campus?

The Class Schedule Search has a search by campus option, and the Class Schedule Listing prominently displays the campus associated with each section offered.