Western Michigan University
International Student Orientation

Wednesday, August 22
Parents and families welcome!

- Check-in & Welcome
  - Document check-in
  - Banking
  - Student identification card

- Immigration & Insurance
  - Immigration information
  - Health insurance information

- Parent & Family Session
  - Ask questions of current WMU students. Parents and families attend a special session.

- Resource Fair & Time for Outstanding Business
  - Learn about academic, professional and social resources on the WMU campus! University offices are open until 5 p.m. for you to take care of outstanding business.

- Local Supermarket
  - Travel to a local supermarket to purchase groceries and living essentials. Transportation provided.

Thursday, August 23

- Sessions for Success
  - Academic tips
  - Classroom culture
  - Expectations of professors

- Safety, Security & Laws
  - Learn about safety on the WMU campus and important U.S. laws.

- Your Campus Experience
  - Details about your WMU program
  - Campus tour
  - Ask questions

- Social Activity
  - Optional social activity!

Friday, August 24

- Advising for Business & Engineering
  - Advising for graduate students in the Haworth College of Business and the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

- Work on Pre-Semester Check-list
  - Friday provides an opportunity for graduate students to work on their Pre-Semester Check-list!

Graduate Student Pre-Semester Check-list

- Call your family to let them know you are OK
- Activate and check your WMU email account
- Log-in to E-learning and complete the mandatory courses
- Meet with your academic advisor in your department
- Register for classes online after speaking to your advisor
- Confirm your health insurance with International Admissions
- Verify Lawful Presence with International Admissions
- Confirm TB Test results with Sindecuse Health Center
- Read the Graduate College website about upcoming events and opportunities
- Sign up for WMU Emergency text/SMS alerts
- Establish a Bank Account
- Obtain Student ID Card
- Buy books (online or the Bernhard Center)
- Familiarize yourself with the library website
- Buy household items
- Set up exercise schedule for your semester to stay healthy and reduce stress
- Check out counseling options at Sindecuse
- Familiarize yourself with the faculty expertise in your department
- Familiarize yourself with the Buses (you ride free with your Student ID!!!)
- If you have received an employment offer, you must apply for a Social Security Number (SSN)
- Explore the Kalamazoo area
- Relax before the semester begins

Each day of International Student Orientation includes free BREAKFAST & LUNCH