Spring Orientation Agenda – 2020

8 – 8:30 a.m. – **Check-in** - Second Floor of the Bernhard Center
  • ID Pictures Taken

8:30 – 8:50 a.m. – **Official Welcome** – North Ballroom

8:50 – 8:55 – **Public Safety**

8:55 a.m. – 9:05 a.m. – **Office of Family Engagement**
Food Pantry

9:05 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. – **Student Panel**
(parents, family members and guests escorted to Rooms 208/209 at the conclusion of the panel)

9:30 a.m. – 10:25 a.m. – **Panel JUST for Students**: PlanIt 4-Ward, WMU Signature, Diversity and Inclusion, Institutional Equity, Student Engagement and Community Standards – North Ballroom

9:35 a.m. – 10:25 a.m. – **Presentation for Parents, Family Members and Guests** – Rooms 208/209

10:30 a.m. – 10:55 a.m. **Session I for All Attendees**
  • Bronco Express and Accounts Receivable – North Ballroom
  • Academic Advising – Rooms 208/209

11:00 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. **Session II for All Attendees**
  • Study Abroad – North Ballroom
  • Career and Student Employment – Rooms 208/209

11:30 – 11:50 a.m. **Session III for All Attendees**
  • Academic Success at WMU – North Ballroom
  • Residence Life/Dining Services – Rooms 208/209

11:55 to Noon – **Transfer Student Services Presentation** - North Ballroom

Noon – **Wrap-Up**
  • ID Cards Distributed
  • Drawing for Bookstore Certificate – **Must be present to win.**
  • Dismiss for tours (HCoB students will tour then have lunch at Schneider Hall)
  • Dismiss for lunch

1:30 p.m. - **Advising Meetings and Other University Business**
  • Scheduled with LHC
  • College advisors available for academic advising and follow-up, etc.
Session Descriptions

Academic Advising at WMU
An academic advisor will give a general overview of how advising works at Western Michigan University as well as information regarding GoWMU and the pre-audit/graduation application.

Bronco Express (Financial Aid/Billing)
A representative from Bronco Express will explain the financial aid process, discuss financing options, talk about the billing and payment process, and answer your questions.

Academic Success Programs and Services
WMU is committed to providing services to help increase students’ college skills and success levels. This session will cover topics such as writing, tutoring, supplemental instruction, and the impact families can have in their students’ academic experience.

Career and Student Employment Services
Learn about full-time, part-time and internship opportunities on and off campus. This session will explain WMU’s web-based employment service – BroncoJOBS – and the resources for career planning that are available throughout the academic year.

Diversity and Inclusion, Office of
Learn about the many programs and services offered to students through the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

Family Engagement, Office of
A special session just for parents, family members and guests to learn more about how they can access resources and services at WMU to help support their student during the transition. Participants will also have the opportunity to ask questions about WMU and learn more about Family Weekend, the Family Connection Newsletter and more.

Institutional Equity
The Title IX Coordinator will share how to get involved in the University-wide effort to end all forms of sexual misconduct.

Plan It 4-Ward
Plan It 4-Ward is a comprehensive tool which helps students plan their time around 4 core dimensions of college and beyond: Financial, Academic, Career & Engagement

Residence Life and WMU Dining Services
This session will provide you with information regarding on-campus options, assistance in finding a roommate, and WMU Dining Services information for students living on and off-campus.

Student Engagement and Community Standards
Whether you live on camps or not, you are part of the Western Michigan University community. This presentation will help you explore how you can become actively engaged within your community, while learning about various standards that we value at WMU.

WMU Signature
Learn about this student engagement program for students to reflect on their out-of-class learning experiences, to explore and identify a passion that will be reflected on their WMU diploma.

WMU Study Abroad
Receive an overview of WMU’s Study Abroad programs and non-WMU programs, resources, and information regarding scholarship opportunities.