

Session Descriptions

Academic Advising at WMU – Academic advisors will provide an overview of our advising process and the Student Success Hub, which brings together support services from across campus into one online platform.

Financial Aid & Accounts Receivable – Representatives from Financial Aid and Accounts Receivable will explain the financial aid process, discuss financing options, talk about the billing and payment process, and answer your questions.

Bronco Socials – Come to the Bronco Social room to meet other incoming students and current students. Get answers to questions from the student perspective in this laid-back environment.

Browsing Tables – This is your chance to learn a little more about some of the many programs and services available to students at WMU. You can even pick up some cool swag!

Career and Student Employment Services – Learn about resources to help students find and secure on campus jobs, internships, part-time jobs, and full-time jobs after graduation. This session will introduce WMU's job posting platform – Handshake – and other resources for career planning. Also learn about the different experiences all students should plan to participate in as part of laying a strong foundation for future careers and job searches.

Diversity and Inclusion – Hear about resources and programming intended to break down barriers, expand perspectives, and foster a sense of belonging and empowerment for all students and members of the WMU community.

Global Engagement & Study Abroad – Explore the world on campus, in the classroom and abroad! By attending events, enrolling in courses, studying abroad and more, students can earn Global Bronco, Global Explorer and Global Citizen status. Each status contains unique rewards, including scholarships for studying abroad on any of WMU's 85 programs in over 30 countries. Ranging from a few weeks to an academic year, programs run year-round and all majors and minors are encouraged to participate.

Graduate College & Accelerated Degree Programs – Learn about the Accelerated Graduate Degree Program pathways, which allow undergraduate students meeting certain criteria to enroll in graduate courses while still an undergraduate. Find out what programs are available and how to apply.

Health Promotion and Education – Student Well-being Learn how we can work together to support your student's well-being! We'll discuss on-campus well-being education, student leadership opportunities, and resources focused on prevention and support. Topics include mental health, violence prevention, sexual health, substance use, and more.

Housing and Dining – Learn about what to expect with your housing experience and where to eat on campus, as well as details about move-in and meal plans.

Student Engagement – Learn about how to get involved with one (or more) of WMU's 300+ Registered Student Organizations, Fraternity and Sorority Life, experiential educational leadership opportunities to find your people and build up resume skills all at the same time.

Student Success Services is committed to providing academic support programs that connect students to resources they may need to achieve their academic and personal goals. Attend this session to learn more about the Bronco Study Zone, Learning Assistants, Supplemental Instructors, Peer Navigators, and Peer Academic Success Coaching.

TRIO Programs Social – TRIO Student Success Program and TRIO Future Educator Success Program is a learning community funded by the [U.S. Department of Education](#) that helps first-generation, income eligible and students with disabilities complete their baccalaureate degrees. TRIO has been a vibrant part of the Western Michigan University campus community. Providing students with services like learning opportunities, scholarships, and career prep, TRIO continuously works to help students succeed.

WMU and You: A Safe Space to Be – Video focusing on WMU Public Safety, Title IX and Student Rights and Responsibilities.

Additional Resources

- New Student Orientation PowerPoint presentations: wmich.edu/transitions/orientation
- Bronco Resource Guide: wmich.edu/broncoguide
- Family Connection newsletter: Sign up at wmich.edu/studentaffairs/familysignup

Office of Student Transitions

The Office of Student Transitions is committed to supporting all undergraduate students, including first-years, transfers, and contemporary adult learners. We assist and support students in developing social networks, understanding the expectations of academic rigor, learning about the opportunities and resources at WMU, and preparing for life beyond WMU. This all begins with New Student Orientation. Other programs that following include:

- **Fall Welcome:** Students move into their residence halls (or check-in at a central location, if living off campus) August 22-24. In small groups with their peers and an upper-class student leader, they will spend several days learning more about campus resources, finding their classrooms, and engaging in academic and social programming. This is a great way for students to feel more comfortable on campus, start making friends, and ease their transition to campus life. All first-year students are required to attend, and transfer students are strongly encouraged to register. First-year students will automatically be registered at the end of July and will receive an email notification with additional information. The Fall Welcome fee is \$265 and will appear on the student's first tuition statement.
- **First-Year Experience (FYE 2100):** This is a two-credit, fall semester course to help students successfully begin their academic journey. Taught by an instructor and student co-facilitator, these small group classes (capped at 20) provide a community to support student success. The curriculum focuses on helping students make a successful social and academic transition and supports personal growth and development. Students should discuss the course with their academic advisor.

2024 Important Dates

August 22-27: Fall Welcome

August 28: Classes begin at 8 a.m.

September 2: Labor Day (no classes)

September 5: Last day to drop or add a class without penalty

October 16-18: Fall break

October 26: Homecoming/Family Weekend

October 28: Last day to withdraw from classes

November 27-29: Thanksgiving break

December 9-12: Final exam week

NOTE: Please remember that the fee for attending Orientation (\$200 for two-day beginner sessions, \$150 for one-day transfer/EMC sessions) will be billed to your student's account in July.