Welcome to WashU!

As you prepare to begin life as a WashU student, you will share many experiences with other students, starting with Bear Beginnings: Fall Welcome. Fall Welcome will help you become acclimated to your new university and introduce you to many people and resources that will assist you. Most importantly, Fall Welcome is a time to meet other exchange students new to the university as you begin your time here.

At the same time, WashU recognizes the individuality of its students, and we encourage you to tailor your orientation experience to your own personal needs and preferences. Your Fall Welcome experience will comprise events related to your academic divisions, programs designed just for transfer or exchange students, and social activities for everyone.

Each undergraduate school has its own programs for students in that academic division. Please pay particular attention to REQUIRED EVENTS as they may pertain to academic requirements. Make a note of the programs tailored specifically for transfer and exchange (TX) students, such as the Welcome Barbeque, the Faculty Fellow & Academic Adviser Reception, and the St. Louis Bus Tour. These events were designed specifically with you and your needs in mind! Some events are required, while others are optional; however, we strongly encourage you to participate in all programs in order to make the most of your Fall Welcome experience.

Remember that you are not alone in this new experience. Everyone on campus is excited to help you learn all that you need to know about being a student at WashU, so don’t ever hesitate to ask questions as you begin to discover your place in the WashU community!

Throughout the schedule, the following icons are used to indicate which student populations are invited to attend specific events.

A&S College of Arts & Sciences students EN McKelvey School of Engineering BU Olin Business School

Pay close attention to which events are required indicated by an asterisk (*).

We are very excited to welcome you to the Washington University in St. Louis community!
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

MOVE-IN & TIME TO COMPLETE TASKS
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Take time to complete tasks that may require more time prior to the beginning of WashU’s orientation programming.

CHECK-IN WITH OISS (*)
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM | South 40, Zetcher House, Residential Life Center
International students will need to visit with the Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS) to check-in with immigration documents. Hosted by the Office for International Students and Scholars.

CAMPUS PHOTO WALK
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM | Alumni House, Alumni Lot
Discover campus while taking photos with FYI Leaders and first-year international students. Meet at the Alumni House Parking Lot. Hosted by the Office for International Students and Scholars.

CHECK-IN WITH STUDENT TRANSITIONS & FAMILY PROGRAMS (*)
6:30 PM – 7:00 PM | Village Lawn
Check in with your Transfer & Exchange Student Mentors (TXSMs). Your Transfer & Exchange Student Mentor (TXSM) will serve as your orientation leader during Fall Welcome and as an academic mentor throughout the school year. You will receive your welcome packet and your TXSM will review the schedule with you and answer any questions you may have.

WELCOME BARBEQUE
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM | Village Lawn
Get to know your Transfer & Exchange Student Mentor (TXSM) and fellow transfer and exchange students while enjoying dinner from Pappy’s Smokehouse, a St. Louis favorite. Vegetarian options will be available.

APIDA AFFINITY PANEL
9:30 PM – 11:00 PM | Wrighton Hall, Room 300
This panel-style event features students from WashU’s APIDA community sharing their experiences and insights as you prepare for your semester or year at WashU. Hosted by the Center for Diversity and Inclusion

COMEDIAN VICTORIA VINCENT
9:30 PM – 11:00 PM | Danforth University Center, Tisch Commons
Come out for a comedy show featuring comedian Victoria Vincent! Victoria Vincent is a native of Columbus, OH and a rising star in the Chicago comedy scene. She is a healthcare worker and a comedian. Victoria is one of the Just for Laughs New Faces 2022 and a regular feature at Zanies and Laugh Factory Chicago. The host and producer of Don’t Tell Comedy Chicago has opened for the likes of Cameron Esposito, Hannah Berner, Bobcat Goldthwait, and was featured in the Chicago Reader. Hosted by Campus Life.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

HEALTHY EXCELLENCE: MORNING RUN
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM | South 40, Clocktower
Upper-division students will lead morning runs from the Clocktower into Forest Park. No preregistration required. Hosted by Recreation.

HEALTHY EXCELLENCE: ARBORETUM WALK
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM | Danforth University Center, Edison Family Courtyard
Walk through campus to learn about the Arboretum and quiet green spaces on campus. Hosted by Stan Braude, Ph.D., teaching professor of practice in Biology and curator of the WashU Arboretum.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION: STAYING IN STATUS PRESENTATION (*)
10:00 AM – Noon | Lopata House, Great Hall
Join OISS for an important discussion on the federal visa regulations. Throughout the orientation session, you will get to know other students and receive information regarding how to maintain legal status as a non-immigrant student. Hosted by the Office for International Students and Scholars.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LUNCH
Noon – 1:30 PM | Lopata House, Great Hall
Enjoy lunch with advisers and international transfer and exchange students. Hosted by the Office for International Students and Scholars.

HEALTHY EXCELLENCE PROGRAMMING
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Use this time to practice healthy excellence through well-being programs.

COFFEE AND COOKIES WITH THE CENTER FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM | Danforth University Center, Suite 150
Visit the Center for Diversity and Inclusion, meet people, relax, and get to know the staff. Hosted by Center for Diversity and Inclusion.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM | Danforth University Center, Fun Room
Play bingo and win snacks for your room. Learn about campus dining locations, meal plans, budgeting, and where to ask questions or get help. Hosted by Student Financial Services and Dining Services.

MEET THE STUDENT-RUN EMERGENCY SUPPORT TEAM
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM | Danforth University Center, Room 276
Join the Emergency Support Team (EST) to learn about WashU’s medical amnesty policy, how to be safer at parties, and CPR certification. Hosted by Habif Health and Wellness Center.

PAUSE TO CENTER YOURSELF
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1:00 PM – 4:00 PM | Danforth University Center, Goldberg Formal Lounge
Stop by to de-stress, catch your breath, and try out various ways to pause! Customize a journal, make a bracelet, learn about mindfulness, or connect with WashU staff and student leaders available to help you center yourself! Hosted by Office of Religious, Spiritual and Ethical Life.

PLANTS ON THE PORCH
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM | Danforth University Center, Edison Family Courtyard
Looking for an afternoon break? Kick back, relax, and plant a succulent. Come hang out, have a snack, and learn about student health and well-being resources. Hosted by Health Promotion Services.

SIP AND PAINT
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM | Danforth University Center, Tisch Commons
Take time to relax and unwind by painting your own canvas or tote bag. Chat and connect with campus resources including Counseling and Psychological Services and Nutrition Services while enjoying our infused water bar with fresh fruits, vegetables, and herbs. Hosted by Counseling and Psychological Services.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES “STUDY SPACES SEEK AND FIND” AND WELCOME
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM | Danforth University Center, First Floor Inside the North Entrance
Learn about University Libraries. Participate in a seek and find of all campus libraries. Connect with librarians and library staff. Enjoy plenty of sweet treats and swag for everyone. Hosted by University Libraries.

TEXTBOOK CENTRAL
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM | Olin Library, Level A, Instruction Room 2
This hands-on overview will teach you how to find affordable ways to get your textbooks for classes and use the libraries’ services and resources. Participants will receive library swag. Pre-register at wustl.libcal.com/event/10974365. Hosted by University Libraries.

SHOPPING TRIP WITH OISS
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM | Mallinckrodt Bus Terminal
Shuttles will be available from WashU to Brentwood Promenade, a local shopping center, so international students can purchase any necessities they may need. Please refer to an email from OISS for more information. Hosted by the Office for International Students and Scholars.

MEET YOUR TRANSFER & EXCHANGE STUDENT MENTOR (*)
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Caroline – Seigle Hall, Room 305
Grace – Seigle Hall, Room 205
Sania – Seigle Hall, Room 111
Participate in a small group discussion led by your Transfer & Exchange Student Mentor. During this session, you will receive some welcome items, get to know fellow transfer students, and engage in conversation about personal and WashU values.
SILENT DISCO
9:30 PM – 11:00 PM | Danforth University Center, Tisch Commons
Kick off your weekend with a silent disco take over in Tisch Commons. Grab your headphones and switch between a variety of music played by two DJs. Whether you are into singing, dancing, or both, this dance party is for you! *Hosted by Campus Life.*
FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

HEALTHY EXCELLENCE: MORNING RUN
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM | South 40, Clocktower
Upper-division students will lead morning runs from the Clocktower into Forest Park. No preregistration required. Hosted by Recreation.

HEALTHY EXCELLENCE: ARBORETUM WALK
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COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES
(A&S) TRANSFER & EXCHANGE STUDENT ORIENTATION AND LUNCH (*)
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM | Danforth University Center, Room 248
Get to know more about your academic division, expectations for the classroom experience, and make key connections with faculty and staff.

MCKELVEY SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING
(EN) WELCOME AND ACADEMIC OVERVIEW (*)
10:00 AM – 11:15 AM | Whitaker Hall, Atrium
Welcome to your first McKelvey event of the fall 2023 semester! After an “in-person” hello, you will meet McKelvey faculty and learn more about your major field of study.

(EN) ACADEMIC AND POLICY OVERVIEW (*)
11:30 AM – 12:15 PM | Lopata Hall, Room 303
Join Dean Melanie Osborn to learn the policies and resources in McKelvey and ask your questions for a better understanding of your new WashU home.

(EN) LUNCH (*)
12:15 PM – 1:00 PM | Urbauer Hall, Room 116
Enjoy lunch with your fellow transfer and exchange students.

OLIN BUSINESS SCHOOL
(BU) EXCHANGE STUDENT GROUP ADVISING MEETING (*)
10:00 AM – 11:15 AM | Simon Hall, Room 109
Meet with your Olin academic advisor to learn more about advising support, answer questions you have before classes begin, and get to know your peers in a small-group setting.

(BU) COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS WITH DEAN PAIGE LAROSE (*)
11:15 AM – 12:15 PM | Simon Hall, Room 113
Transfer and exchange students will learn more about the Olin Business School degree requirements and the opportunities, programs, and responsibilities which are central to the Olin experience.

(BU) TRANSFER & EXCHANGE STUDENT LUNCH (*)
12:15 PM – 1:00 PM | Simon Hall, Room 120
Enjoy lunch with other transfer and exchange students and the Olin Undergraduate Programs office staff.

COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS & STUDENT CONDUCT (*)
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM | Seigle Hall, Room L006
A discussion of community expectations and student conduct at Washington University in St. Louis. *Hosted by the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards.*

SAFETY & SECURITY (*)
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM | Seigle Hall, Room L006
Learn about safety and security on campus and in the surrounding areas. *Hosted by the Washington University Police Department (WUPD).*

RELATIONSHIP AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION (*)
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM | Complete Virtually on Your Own
You will complete a module on Canvas put together by Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention (RSVP) Center staff. This module will help you understand community standards around consent, bystander intervention, and survivor resources. It also helps establish a precedent for ending sexual violence on campus. This module must be completed between 3:00 PM and 4:00 PM, as the RSVP Center will have staff on-call during this time to provide additional support to students who may need it. If needed, please contact the RSVP Center at 314-3445 or rsvpcenter@wustl.edu or visit them in Seigle Hall, Suite 435.

SMALL GROUP WITH TXSM (*)
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM
Caroline – Seigle Hall, Room 305
Grace – Seigle Hall, Room 205
Sania – Seigle Hall, Room 111
Meet again with your Transfer & Exchange Student Mentor at the room listed with their name. During this session, you will continue discussing yourselves, your experiences, and your future at WashU.

TAILGATE
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM | Athletic Complex
Enjoy activities and great food as we get ready to cheer on the WashU volleyball team. Please bring your WashU ID to purchase a meal with your meal plan. Credit cards will not be accepted. Dinner service will begin at 6:00 PM. *Hosted by the Social Programming Board.*

VOLLEYBALL GAME
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM | Athletic Complex
Come experience a WashU Varsity scrimmage against Maryville with music, activities and games, giveaways, and more. Dinner can be purchased in the Athletic Complex and you can eat during the scrimmage.

NIGHT AT THE REC
9:00 PM – 11:00 PM | Sumers Recreation Center
Experience a night in Sumers Recreation Center. Whether you are into playing games, roller skating, sports, getting a workout, or engaging with recreation and well-being partners, you will be able to have fun and enjoy the perks of our recreation community. *Hosted by Recreation.*
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

CLASSES ARE MONDAY, GET READY! (*)
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Caroline – Seigle Hall, Room 305
Grace – Seigle Hall, Room 205
Sania – Seigle Hall, Room 111
Meet one final time with your Transfer & Exchange Student Mentor before classes begin on Monday. Learn how to succeed academically at WashU. Your TXSM will provide you with academic resources, deadlines, study tips, and more.

FIND YOUR CLASSES TOUR
11:30 AM – Noon | Danforth Campus
TXSMs will lead tours of WashU to help you locate your classes.

FACULTY FELLOW & ACADEMIC ADVISER RECEPTION
Noon – 1:00 PM | Umrath Hall, Umrath Lounge
Participate in a casual meet and greet with residential college faculty fellow and associates. This will be an opportunity to get to know faculty from many different academic areas, who will become familiar faces during your time at WashU.

ST. LOUIS BUS TOUR
2:00 PM – 5:30 PM | Alumni House Parking Lot
You will embark on a bus tour of St. Louis. This excursion includes a tour of the Gateway Arch. You will return to campus on the MetroLink – don’t forget your U-Pass! Close-toed shoes, sunglasses, and water are recommended.

FIRST TXSM HOURS
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM | Danforth University Center, Fun Room
Stop by the Danforth University Center (DUC) Fun Room for your first TXSM Hours! TXSM Hours are a university tradition that occur every other week throughout the fall semester, except for breaks. They typically involve games, chatting, and community-building activities. Your TXSMs will provide you with the full TXSM Hours schedule during this event.

PARTY IN THE PARK
8:30 PM – 9:30 PM | East End, Tisch Park
Join first-year students for entertainment and light refreshments to close out Fall Welcome.
RELIGIOUS, SPIRITUAL, & ETHICAL SERVICES AND EVENTS

The Office of Religious, Spiritual, and Ethical Life (ORSEL) offers connections to a wide variety of religious organizations on campus and in the St. Louis area. Please reach out to ORSEL to get connected with campus ministry groups and St. Louis organizations.

It often happens that religious services occur during Fall Welcome. It is our goal that students will be able to fully observe their faith, practices, and traditions without missing important information. Students should reach out to their TXSM if they plan to participate in a religious observance during an orientation event to ensure they have access to any information they miss.

Please visit newstudents.wustl.edu for a listing of religious, spiritual, and ethical services and events happening during Fall Welcome.

CAMPUS RESOURCE OPEN HOURS
For a list of campus resource open hours, please visit newstudents.wustl.edu.
- Bear Necessities
- Campus Bookstore
- Campus Card Services
- Dining Services
- Disability Resources
- Habif Health and Wellness Center
- Residential Life
- South 40 Mail Room
- Student Financial Services
- Student Technology Services
- Sumers Recreation Center