

# Get Ready

## Summer and Orientation Information



# Checklist

- Housing Preferences due June 17
- Complete Registration in your E-Portfolio by July 11 at 11:59 p.m.:  
See Online Faculty and Student Advising Handbook
- Complete Academic Skills Assessment in your E-Portfolio by July 11 at 11:59 p.m.
- Complete Mathematics Placement Exam: See Online Faculty and Student Advising Handbook
- Complete Disabilities Services notification form in your E-Portfolio by July 11:  
See Page 1
- Complete Foreign Language Placement Exam in your E-Portfolio prior to arrival on campus
- Sign up for the Chinese or Japanese placement exam, which occurs during orientation, by July 11. Go to [wesleyan.edu/orientation/cjplacement.html](http://wesleyan.edu/orientation/cjplacement.html)
- Complete your FYM Common Reading: See page 2
- Complete the online insurance waiver, if applicable, by August 15:  
go to [gallagherkoster.com/wesleyan](http://gallagherkoster.com/wesleyan)
- Complete Health Forms by July 15: go to [wesleyan.edu/healthservices](http://wesleyan.edu/healthservices)
- Submit a photo for your WesCard by July 25: See page 3
- Fall semester student account payment by July 28
- Select your meal plan by August 1: See page 4
- Gather your Required I-9 Documentation to bring to Arrival Day: See page 4
- Complete the Religious and Spiritual Life Survey in your E-Portfolio: See page 5
- Register for a Community Engagement Trip: See page 6
- Order a copy of the Class Photo which will be taken during Orientation:  
go to [panfoto.com](http://panfoto.com)

## Electronic Portfolio

The E-Portfolio is an online application made available to all Wesleyan students. It centralizes the management of many aspects of your life at Wesleyan and will be an important tool for you throughout your time here. Go to the Wesleyan home page and click on the portfolio to login and explore. Your login information is on the personalized letter enclosed in this mailing.

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# Welcome from the Orientation Program

This booklet is intended to help answer many of the questions you have about arriving at Wesleyan in the fall and what you need to do to be prepared for your first few days on campus. It includes information about Arrival Day and the nature of the Orientation program. It also includes a checklist of tasks you need to complete over the summer and important resources available to you on campus and in the Middletown community. Please take the time to read through the information carefully. Additional information can be found at [wesleyan.edu/orientation](http://wesleyan.edu/orientation). We encourage you to contact us at any time with questions at [orientation@wesleyan.edu](mailto:orientation@wesleyan.edu).

## Reasonable Accommodations for Documented Disabilities

Students who would like reasonable accommodations to be in place for the first semester should request accommodations as soon as possible and before particular offices' administrative deadlines (i.e., residential life, registrar's). For a confidential discussion about how and when to request accommodations, the services at Wesleyan, and potential implications of requesting or not requesting accommodations during the first semester at Wesleyan, the Deans' Office strongly urges you to visit [wesleyan.edu/deans/disabilities.html](http://wesleyan.edu/deans/disabilities.html) and to contact the associate dean of student academic resources by completing the Disabilities Services notification form in your E-Portfolio.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 states: "No otherwise qualified handicapped individual in the United States ... shall solely by reason of his handicap, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance." The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and its amendments (ADAAA, 2008) extends some of these provisions.

## Request for Paper Copies

To request paper copies of any online materials referred to in this booklet, please call 860-685-5666.

# Arrival Day Information

Wednesday, August 31, 2011

## GETTING TO WESLEYAN BY CAR

### From Hartford and points North:

Interstate 91 South, Exit 22S to Route 9 South (Left Exit). At Exit 15, turn right onto Route 66 West (Washington Street).

### From New Haven, New York and points South:

Interstate 91 North, Exit 18 to Route 691/66 East; Route 66 becomes Washington Street in Middletown.

### From Waterbury and points West:

Interstate 84 East, Exit 27 to Route 691/66 East. Route 66 becomes Washington Street in Middletown.

### From Boston and points Northeast:

Mass. Turnpike (I-90) West to Interstate 84 West to Hartford. Exit 57 to I-91 South, Exit 22S to Route 9 South (left exit). At Exit 15, turn right onto Route 66 West (Washington Street).

More specific directions around campus can be found at [wesleyan.edu/about/traveltows.html](http://wesleyan.edu/about/traveltows.html) or by referring to the inserted Arrival Day map of the campus.

## ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION AND LOCAL LODGING

Information on alternate forms of transportation as well as local lodging can be found at [wesleyan.edu/about/transpor.html](http://wesleyan.edu/about/transpor.html) and [wesleyan.edu/about/lodging.html](http://wesleyan.edu/about/lodging.html).

## ARRIVING ON CAMPUS

If you are arriving on campus by car, please refer to the map included in the folder for campus directions and parking locations. Public Safety officers and Middletown Police, as well as student Orientation Leaders in red shirts, will be stationed around campus to assist new students as they arrive. Throughout the day, signs also will help direct you around campus.

While unloading, you may drive your car near your residence hall, but the driver should stay with the car. After emptying the car, it is essential to move your car to a designated parking lot, enabling other students to unload conveniently. Staff and volunteers will direct you to the closest lots.

## ORIENTATION REGISTRATION

Registration will take place from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. in the Exley Science Center lobby located on Church Street. If you arrive after 2 p.m., you should go to the Office of Public Safety at 208 High Street. At the Arrival Site, you will receive your Orientation packet and complete all the steps needed to become enrolled in Wesleyan and to clear any remaining enrollment holds you may have. You also will receive information about course registration. Much of this information is available in your E-portfolio prior to Arrival Day. In addition, you will complete your I-9 and, if applicable, your W-4 forms, so review the documentation you will need to bring with you on page 9 of this booklet.

## RESIDENCE HALL CHECK-IN

All new students will get their keys at their residential unit. Because Wesleyan staff members are busy preparing for the fall, they cannot provide any advance room tours or accommodate early arrival requests.

## STUDENT RESOURCE PAVILION

Following your residence hall check-in and Orientation registration, please consider visiting the Student Resource Pavilion, located in the Fayerweather Building, Beckham Hall, which will be open from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Many campus and community services representatives for telephone, laundry, and bank services will be available to answer questions and set up accounts.

## LUNCH

Lunch will be available for new students and their families from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Check your arrival packet for details.

# New Student Orientation Information

The New Student Orientation Program consists of a week-long series of events and activities designed to introduce you to the different components of Wesleyan's vibrant educational community. The program focuses on three important dimensions of Wesleyan: academic life, student life, and the Middletown community.

## Academic Life

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Intellectual pursuits are the center of college life. At Wesleyan, students enjoy tremendous freedom in structuring their academic program and, as such, must take great responsibility for doing so. During Orientation and throughout your time at Wesleyan, you are expected to work closely with your faculty advisor to develop your course of study.

At Orientation you will learn more about the pre-registration system and meet several times with your faculty advisor to develop your fall schedule. You also will attend an Academic Forum that will allow you to meet with faculty and student majors from different departments and programs on campus.

In addition, you will have the opportunity to participate in events that will expose you to the intellectual life of campus, including talks by faculty members and discussions of the First Year Matters common reading. You also will learn about faculty expectations of classroom participation and of your academic work, especially with respect to Wesleyan's Honor Code.

## Community Life

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There is no one type of Wesleyan student; indeed, the diverse backgrounds, beliefs, and expressions of the student body help to make the campus community a dynamic one. We expect all students to adhere to the community standards outlined in the Code of Non-Academic Conduct and the Honor Code. In order to remain a welcoming community where people from different cultures and backgrounds can live and learn in a safe and supportive community, it is essential for all of us to honor and respect our fellow students, staff and faculty, and our homes. During Orientation, you will have an opportunity to learn more about Wesleyan community standards and to discuss their implications in your residence hall.

At Orientation, you also will have the opportunity to learn about the diversity of the Wesleyan community. Wesleyan students come from different communities and cultures from across the United States and the world. Campus community members work to maintain an environment that acknowledges and appreciates the various identities, beliefs, and cultures that exist at Wesleyan.

Community life involves making smart decisions related to health and wellness. Related programs during Orientation, and throughout the year, will help you to consider these decisions before they arise and will also introduce you to the array of resources available to support your physical, mental, and spiritual well-being.

## Middletown Community

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Wesleyan maintains an active role in the greater Middletown community. Through the Center for Community Partnerships, as well as through student-run groups, Wesleyan makes a tremendous contribution to the city. This year, students will have the opportunity to participate in community engagement trips to learn more about Middletown during Orientation.

## Campus Resources

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Throughout Orientation week, students will learn more about the numerous resources available to them on campus, including the libraries, the Writing Program, Information Technology Services, the Career Resource Center, and the Wesleyan Student Assembly. Many of these support services have additional information in this booklet and a list of campus resources is available on the Orientation web site.

## Student Academic Resources Network

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The Student Academic Resources Network (SARN) is a collection of academic enrichment support services dedicated to supporting the intellectual growth, academic success, and post-graduation planning of every Wesleyan student. Partners in the network include such resources as the class deans and tutorial services, the Writing Workshop and the Math Workshop, the Career Resource Center, and the reference librarians.

SARN also includes peer advisors ("PA") who work with all of the SARN partners to provide Wesleyan students with useful information about the curriculum, course registration, and academic resource referrals. You already may have encountered some of the PAs at *Peer Advisor* ([peeradvisor.blogs.wesleyan.edu](http://peeradvisor.blogs.wesleyan.edu)), where you can ask questions and get answers from current students about academic and co-curricular life at Wesleyan.

Peer advisors will be available to talk in the residence halls when you arrive for Orientation and will remain assigned to the same residence hall throughout the year. They will hold regular drop-in hours, and facilitate academic strategies and time management skills sessions in a group or individual setting.

During Orientation, your PA will be available to provide general information about course planning and refer you to others who can give more discipline-specific advice. Useful questions to ask your PA include:

- What should I do to prepare for my first meeting with my faculty advisor?
- What are the questions I need to ask my faculty advisor?
- What will my faculty advisor expect of me?
- How can I create a productive working relationship with my faculty advisor?
- What is WesMaps, and how do I use it?
- How does course registration work?
- What do I do if I did not receive my top choices for FYIs or other courses?
- How does course registration work?
- What academic resources are available to help me excel in my courses?
- How can I manage my coursework and be actively involved in academic and co-curricular activities?

For more information on the SARN Peer Advising program, please visit [peeradvisor.blogs.wesleyan.edu](http://peeradvisor.blogs.wesleyan.edu). For more information about the services available through SARN, see [peeradvisor.blogs.wesleyan.edu](http://peeradvisor.blogs.wesleyan.edu), where a comprehensive listing of the network partners is available.

## First Year Matters

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First Year Matters is a program administered by the Student Affairs/Deans' Office and coordinated through a collaborated effort with Academic Affairs and the Center for the Arts. It introduces new students to the curricular and cocurricular life of Wesleyan. First Year Matters activities are organized around a thought-provoking, interdisciplinary topic designed to introduce new students to the ten Essential Capabilities, which are the University's learning goals that students are expected to develop in their course work.

The 2011–2012 topic will focus on energy. The heart of the program is a common reading experience. Students engage in a set of materials available through their Wesleyan E-portfolio prior to their arrival to campus. The common reading program will also include an exploration of the topic through visual art and other mediums; all of the common reading materials will be accessed through the First Year Matters web site and your electronic portfolio.

During Orientation, a sequence of events will facilitate peer interaction and community among new students, provide opportunities for new students to build relationships with faculty and staff outside the classroom, and engage students in a variety of different modes of inquiry in the liberal arts. Events continue throughout the academic year to sustain new students' exploration of energy from different fields of study and to stimulate intellectual curiosity and critical thinking. Students will find the issues explored in the common readings raised throughout the year in programming driven by other students, University-wide seminars, departmental lectures and programs, shows and displayed work at the Center for the Arts.

For more information about the 2011–2012 First Year Matters program, please visit the FYM web site: [wesleyan.edu/fym](http://wesleyan.edu/fym)

## Learning and Living Seminars

Learning and Living seminars are courses designed solely for first-year students in which classmates live together in the same residence hall. Because students are living in close proximity to one another, intellectual discussions and collaborative learning easily extend beyond the classroom. This arrangement facilitates group assignments and projects, and allows for the growth of a strong community of students through daily interaction. Learning and Living seminars strengthen students' intellectual and residential community experience.

The courses for the Fall 2011 are: **AFAM151/HIST140:** The Long Civil Rights Movement in 20th Century America—Professor Leah M. Wright; **PHIL221/EAST220:** Philosophy as a Way of Life—Professor Stephen Angle; **ECON122:** Schooling and Scarcity—Professor Wendy Rayack. See [wesleyan.edu/wesmaps](http://wesleyan.edu/wesmaps).

## Class Photos

Every year the new class has a panoramic photo taken during orientation. Continuing the tradition, the Class of 2015 will have its class portrait taken during their Orientation, which will be one of the few times that the entire class assembles in one location. In years to come this photograph will be a wonderful memento of special times shared with good friends.

Color photographs are reasonably priced at \$25 unframed, \$30 laminated, and \$115 framed and matted (frame is black wood). Pictures will be delivered six to eight weeks after the photo session. All photographs have a money-back guarantee.

To order a photograph of this important milestone, please go to [panfoto.com](http://panfoto.com) or call 781-788-9595.

# Over the Summer

## Residential Life

### ROOM ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

Beginning on July 27, you may access your room assignment in your E-portfolio by clicking on "Campus Life." If you are assigned to a double or triple room, your portfolio will contain contact information for your new roommate(s). Check out our web site at [wesleyan.edu/reslife](http://wesleyan.edu/reslife) to learn more about the area to which you have been assigned.

### STAFFING

The Office of Residential Life employs 10 full-time staff members and approximately 100 students to serve our community. All residence halls are staffed by resident advisors (RAs), continuing students who are responsible for community development, programming, and serving as

a referral source. We encourage you to get to know the RAs in your building, and to utilize them in the event that you encounter problems or have any questions.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Please do not hesitate to go to [wesleyan.edu/reslife](http://wesleyan.edu/reslife), send an e-mail to [reslife@wesleyan.edu](mailto:reslife@wesleyan.edu), or call 860-685-3550. Our office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

## WesCard—Student ID

All Wesleyan students receive a personalized identification card, the WesCard. The WesCard is essential for access to campus dining facilities, Olin Library, the Freeman Athletic Center, and residence halls. It also has many optional features which you can learn more about at <https://onecard.wesleyan.edu>.

All students must submit a picture for their WesCard no later than July 25, 2011 to have their ID ready for arrival day. Photos should be a front facial shot on a white background. Do not wear a hat or sunglasses in the photograph. Please complete either Option 1 or Option 2 below.

### OPTION 1

Submit a digital photo to your Wesleyan E-Portfolio. Once you are logged in, click on the "New Student Programs" section and then select "Upload WesCard ID Photos" and follow the instructions.

### OPTION 2

Mail a 2" x 2" color passport photo to the address below. Include an index card or piece of paper that has your first, middle, and last name and your Wes ID Number.

- WesCard Office, Wesleyan University, 237 High Street, Room 111, Middletown, CT 06459

Please write "photo enclosed" on the lower left corner of the envelope. Questions regarding the WesCard should be directed to Cathy-Lee Rizza, WesCard coordinator, Room 111, North College, 860-685-5300.

## Student Account Information and Payment Options

Information about Student Accounts policies and procedures can be found online at [wesleyan.edu/studentaccounts](http://wesleyan.edu/studentaccounts). Detailed information about our E-Billing system is available there, as well as in the Welcome to Wesleyan booklet that you received in the May packet from the Office of Admission. Please make sure to pay special attention to the section about "Authorized Payers"; we send all bills electronically 11 times per year and parents will not receive bills unless their students set them up in the E-Billing system. Payments are due within 30 days of each statement date. Your E-Bill for the fall semester will be sent out at the end of June and is due July 28. A \$200 late payment penalty may be applied on any account balance outstanding after the due date.

Many families choose to spread their payments out over the course of the year and the Wesleyan Monthly Payment Plan (MPP) provides that opportunity. This is a 10 month, interest-free plan administered by Tuition Management Systems (TMS), whose only mandatory cost is a \$65 application fee. Please note that payment on the MPP begins on July 1. For additional details and the online application, please visit <https://www.afford.com/wesleyan>.

Other alternative financing options that extend the payments over several years also are available. Federal PLUS Loans for parents and several independent organizations provide loan plans for students and parents to finance educational expenses. It is a good idea to research them to determine which one may best suit your needs. For further financial aid

information, please see the fact sheet available online at [wesleyan.edu/finaid/finance.html](http://wesleyan.edu/finaid/finance.html).

Should you have any questions about the E-Billing system, the MPP, or other Student Account matters, please call 860-685-2800 for assistance.

## Wesleyan Station

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Wesleyan Station, University Mail Services, is located in the Usdan University Center. Student mailboxes are located on the 1st floor, as well as a service window where the Wesleyan community may buy stamps and mail out letters and packages. Mail can be sent by United States Postal Service or by Federal Express.

Mail, including packages, is sorted and processed on the lower level of the Usdan Center. If you receive envelopes or packages too large to place in mailboxes, you will receive an e-mail notification. The pickup location and description will be indicated in the e-mail and signage will be posted to help you find the location. Please bring the information from the e-mail when you come for your package. For new students, there will be a special package pickup location on the lower level for arrival day. Please do not ship packages to arrive at Wesleyan prior to August 22. Packages that arrive before you will be held for pickup. There is also a package material recycling center adjacent to the lower level package pickup window.

Your campus mailing address and mailbox combination will be available in your E-portfolio under "Enrollment Status/Enrollment and Addresses/Personal Data/Mailing Address." Please try to ensure that all your incoming mail comes addressed to your mailing address including magazines and packages.

## Wesleyan Dining by Bon Appétit

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Wesleyan is pleased to partner with food service provider Bon Appétit Management Company. Founded in 1987, Bon Appétit is an onsite custom restaurant company that provides café and catering services to corporations, colleges and universities, and specialty venues. The company is known for its culinary expertise, commitment to socially responsible food sourcing and business practices, and strong partnerships with respected conservation organizations. Bon Appétit offers a reusable to-go container program and strongly encourages the participation of the Wesleyan community.

At Wesleyan, first-year students choose between four meal plans. Each plan has a certain number of meals that can be taken at the Usdan Marketplace or Summerfields Restaurant as well as declining balance points for a la carte dining. Please note the All Declining Balance Plan is only available to juniors and seniors. Meal plan costs are part of the Residential Comprehensive Fee except for the additional cost of the Block 285 meal plan.

Please select your meal plan no later than August 1 by selecting "Meal Plan Enrollment" in your E-Portfolio. For a comprehensive look at all meal plan options, please go to the WesCard web site at <https://onecard.wesleyan.edu>. For more information on dining at Wesleyan, visit [wesleyan.edu/dining](http://wesleyan.edu/dining).

## I-9 Documentation Required on Arrival Day

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The Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 requires that employment eligibility be verified before employment begins. As almost all students will work on campus at some point, Wesleyan asks that all new students complete INS Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification. To complete this form, certain documentation is needed. The complete list is available at [wesleyan.edu/finaid](http://wesleyan.edu/finaid) under "Student Employment."

The most common documents used are a passport or both a driver's license and a Social Security card.

You will be asked to complete an I-9 form at the arrival site. At that time, you must present originals of the above documents. Additionally, students receiving a stipend, prize, or work study award will need to fill out a W-4 form at this time. Even if you do not believe you will work during your first year, it is required that you complete the necessary documentation at this time.

Questions regarding this process can be directed to the Payroll Office at [payroll@wesleyan.edu](mailto:payroll@wesleyan.edu) or 860-685-2670.

## Banking in Middletown and Direct Deposit

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Numerous banking options exist in the Middletown community and you will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from many of them on Arrival Day at the Student Resource Pavilion. However, if you would like to look at options before your arrival in Middletown, go to [wesleyan.edu/orientation/banking.html](http://wesleyan.edu/orientation/banking.html). Wesleyan highly recommends direct deposit for paychecks. Contact the payroll department for details at [payroll@wesleyan.edu](mailto:payroll@wesleyan.edu) or call 860-685-2670.

# Resources on Campus and in Middletown

## Writing at Wesleyan

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As a Wesleyan student, you are joining a vibrant community of writers. Acclaimed contemporary authors teach an array of outstanding courses, and students develop their critical writing across the curriculum. Students' engagement with writing also extends far beyond the classroom. See [wesleyan.edu/writing](http://wesleyan.edu/writing) for information about:

- The new Shapiro Creative Writing Center
- Creative writing concentration for English majors
- Writing Certificate for students in any major
- Koepfel journalism courses
- Arts, film, music panels; science writing workshops
- Writing Hall/Writing House, student residences
- Prizes and fellowships awarded for student writing
- Dozens of student-run publications
- The Distinguished Writers series and other visiting writers
- Wesleyan University Press
- The Wesleyan Writers Conference

## WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

Critical and creative writing skills are emphasized in courses across the curriculum. In addition to the focus on analytical writing in the social sciences and humanities, writing courses are offered in fiction, poetry, non-fiction, journalism, and playwriting. The Writing Certificate is designed to provide a flexible framework within which students from all majors can develop proficiency in creative writing. For English majors who wish to pursue writing intensively, the English Department offers a concentration in creative writing. In the University's First-Year Initiative Program, entering students take small seminars with a special focus on writing.

## THE WRITING WORKSHOP AND OTHER SERVICES FOR WRITERS

Students can visit the Writing Workshop's daily office hours at any stage of their writing process. Trained peer tutors are available to discuss ideas for an upcoming assignment, edit a rough draft of a paper, or help polish a final product. Writing mentors work one-on-one with students for a full semester at any point in their college career. Writing tutors also staff

selected courses. An ESL specialist provides academic advising for international students and coordinates services for bilingual students.

The Ford Teaching Seminar trains students for positions as tutors and mentors. Students may begin working as sophomores. Wesleyan was one of the first universities to train undergraduates as writing mentors and tutors and has continued this successful program for more than 30 years.

For contact information, visit [wesleyan.edu/writing](http://wesleyan.edu/writing)

## Wesleyan Student Assembly (WSA) and Student Organizations

The Wesleyan Student Assembly (WSA) is an elected body that represents all undergraduate students. The primary purpose of the WSA is to advocate on behalf of the interests of the student body. Historically and presently, the WSA is well-respected by administrators and faculty and consequently has a very strong voice in the setting of University policy in areas ranging from student life to academics, facilities, and more.

WSA members have a seat at the table whenever a major issue is being addressed by the administration. During the past year's financial crisis, the WSA played a key role in helping the University to solve its own budgetary crisis after Wesleyan's endowment took a major hit. We developed a set of recommendations for budget cuts and were successful in advocating for the preservation of such important things as need-blind financial aid.

The Assembly also works to initiate change to benefit the student body. When fire safety fines were getting out of control, the WSA stepped in. We successfully advocated for revised procedures for Fire Safety inspections, thereby protecting student privacy; we created an Appeals Board so that students who feel they have been wrongly fined have a fair process to potentially get it overturned; and we worked with the administration to create fire safety seminars that students can attend after receiving a first violation, rather than automatically having to pay an exorbitant fine.

In addition, the WSA is the body that approves the creation of all new student groups. The Assembly collects funds through the Student Activities Fee and distributes them to students and student groups to finance activities, events, and other initiatives.

If you are interested in playing a role in the setting of University policy or the distribution of funds to student groups, you should consider becoming a member of the WSA when you get to campus in the fall. Check out our web site at [wsa.wesleyan.edu](http://wsa.wesleyan.edu). If you have any questions, e-mail us at [wsa@wesleyan.edu](mailto:wsa@wesleyan.edu).

## Zipcar Transportation

Need a car this fall? Borrow a Zipcar!

All students at Wesleyan now have wheels when they want them with Zipcar's car-sharing program. Two Zipcars are available on campus, 24/7 to be reserved by the hour or day. Gas, insurance, roadside assistance, and 180 miles are included for every reservation with rates starting at \$8 per hour.

Get off campus for errands, entertainment, even road trips. Students only need to be 18+ to join. International students are welcome, too.

Interested? It's easy. Go to [zipcar.com/wesleyan](http://zipcar.com/wesleyan)—join for \$35 and get \$35 in free driving. Zipcar is brought to you by the WSA in conjunction with Transportation Services.

## Office of Religious and Spiritual Life

You have chosen to come to a university that few can match in its educational opportunities and your time here will surely contain immeasurable growth. Spiritual and religious advisors at Wesleyan hope you will

mature not only intellectually and socially, but also spiritually. When your commencement day arrives, may you find that every dimension of your life has been enriched.

The role of the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life is to serve your spiritual progress. For some of you, this will mean developing a stronger and more mature relationship to your religious tradition. For others, it will mean setting out on new paths. We will try to offer opportunities for every spiritual quest.

The Office of Religious and Spiritual Life is committed to serving and supporting every student. This includes Protestants, Jews, Catholics, Buddhists, atheists, Hindu, Muslims, and those who belong to other religious traditions or follow individual or multiple spiritual paths. The office staff includes:

- Rabbi David Leipziger Teva, director of religious/spiritual life
- Rev. Joan Burnett, university Protestant chaplain
- Greg Beseck, vespers/spirituality coordinator
- Marwa Aly, university Muslim chaplain
- Father Halbert Weidner, university Catholic chaplain

In order to better serve you, please make sure that you fill out the spiritual/religious identity information request on your E-Portfolio. This can be found in the "New Student Programs" section. This will allow the office staff to better inform you of gatherings and events and give us an understanding of the diverse spiritual needs on campus.

For more information, please visit the office at 169 High Street or go to [wesleyan.edu/orssl](http://wesleyan.edu/orssl).

## Davison Health Center

### HEALTH SERVICES

Health Services, located in the Davison Health Center at 327 High Street, provides medical care for the Wesleyan student body. All enrolled students are eligible for services. Students are requested to make appointments by calling 860-685-2470. Walk-in visits are available for urgent care. A physician on-call is available after hours when classes are in session.

Visits to the Health Center are without charge. However, certain diagnostic tests, procedures, medications, and supplies are provided at nominal cost. Fees, while far below local retail cost, are subject to change as the cost of medical supplies varies.

Health Services is committed to providing you with the lowest cost and highest quality health care. The Davison Health Center is open six days a week during the academic year, when classes are in session. All incoming students are required to submit a health form by July 15. Forms can be downloaded at [wesleyan.edu/healthservices/geninfo/forms/healthforms.pdf](http://wesleyan.edu/healthservices/geninfo/forms/healthforms.pdf).

Students must also comply with health insurance requirements by August 15. Go to [gallagherkoster.com/wesleyan](http://gallagherkoster.com/wesleyan) for more details.

For more information, visit [wesleyan.edu/healthservices](http://wesleyan.edu/healthservices) or call 860-685-2470.

### COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), located in the Davison Health Center at 327 High Street, exists expressly to help Wesleyan students to deal effectively with emotional, personal, interpersonal, and situational issues which cause unhappiness, frustration, and/or disruption to their lives. This office is here to help support you and the attainment of your personal and educational goals.

If you are a Wesleyan student who thinks some professional input could be useful, CAPS encourages you to make an initial appointment. Call 860-685-2910 and speak to the receptionist. In an emergency, you can always reach the therapist on call 24/7 when classes are in session by calling 860-685-2910 and following the directions you hear on the phone.

CAPS services are free to Wesleyan students. What personal information you reveal to the staff is held in strict confidence and revealed only: (1) with your explicit permission or (2) in an emergency where human life appears to be at risk.

Hours: Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

For more information, visit [wesleyan.edu/caps](http://wesleyan.edu/caps) or call 860-685-2910.

## **WESWELL, THE OFFICE OF HEALTH EDUCATION**

WesWELL offers health promotion and education activities which empower students to take active responsibility for their own well-being. The health topics addressed by WesWELL include, but are not limited to, alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, sexual health, sexual violence, and stress management.

Students are encouraged to get involved as a volunteer Peer Health Advocate. This group of trained peer educators create and implement health promotion activities which speak directly to the needs of Wesleyan students. WesWELL also offers:

- Workshops and awareness events presented by the professional and student staff of WesWELL, often in collaboration with Residence Life or student organizations.
- A significant online presence through our web site ([wesleyan.edu/weswell](http://wesleyan.edu/weswell)), including assessments, credible health links and upcoming event information.,
- An in-house library, with a searchable database on our web site.
- Free nonprescription safer sex supplies such as condoms, oral dams, and gloves.

Located on the first floor of the Davison Health Center at 327 High Street, WesWELL's health promotion efforts complement the treatment options available at Health Services and the Counseling and Psychological Services.

Hours: Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; evenings and weekends by request.

For more information, visit [wesleyan.edu/weswell](http://wesleyan.edu/weswell) or call 860-685-2466.

## **Center for Community Partnerships**

The Center for Community Partnerships (CCP), which includes the Service-Learning Center, the Office of Community Service and Volunteerism (OCS), the Office of Community Relations, Green Street Arts Center, and Upward Bound, facilitates community and university engagement. The CCP's underlying philosophy is to develop partnerships that are mutually beneficial.

The Service-Learning Center encourages and supports the creation of service-learning courses, which use service to the community as one part of their course content, a teaching tool for better understanding of the course material. The Office of Community Service and Volunteerism (OCS) offers opportunities to participate in volunteer work through 15 different programs, provides work-study placements in the community, and supports student-sponsored social action initiatives. The Office of Community Relations aims to enhance and maintain collaborative initiatives at Wesleyan and between Wesleyan and the greater Middletown community. The Green Street Arts Center, a collaboration with the City

of Middletown and the North End Action Team, uses the arts to transform lives. Green Street offers an array of events, exhibitions, classes, and workshops, serving local individuals and families. Wesleyan students can volunteer in the after-school program as homework helpers and teaching assistants, or provide support for marketing, fundraising, and media relations.

Upward Bound provides a fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. The program provides opportunities for participants to succeed in their pre-college performance and ultimately in their higher education pursuits. Upward Bound serves; high school students from low-income families, and high school students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelors degree.

One way to experience the type of work the CCP engages in throughout the year and to get to know Middletown a little better is to participate in a service trip during Orientation. On Saturday, September 3, the OCS is sponsoring 12–15 projects; participants are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. To learn more about the trips being planned for this year's orientation and to sign up, please visit [wesleyan.edu/orientation/trips.html](http://wesleyan.edu/orientation/trips.html).

To learn more about the Center for Community Partnerships, please visit the center at 167 High Street, call 860-685-2881, or go to [wesleyan.edu/ccp](http://wesleyan.edu/ccp).

## **Resources for Students of Color**

### **FEATURED PROGRAMS:**

#### **WESCONNECTS PEER MENTOR PROGRAM, WESDEF DIVERSITY EDUCATION PROGRAM, AND STUDENT OF COLOR ORAL HISTORY PROJECT**

#### **DWIGHT GREENE INTERNSHIP, MELLON MAYS UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM, AND RONALD E. MCNAIR POST-BACCALAUREATE ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM**

The dean of diversity and student engagement is a member of the Office of Diversity and Strategic Partnerships (ODSP). The dean of diversity creates and facilitates opportunities for students to engage their talents, expertise, and interests to foster an inclusive and supportive educational environment. To achieve this, the dean of diversity facilitates a number of programs that encourage student development and diversity including the WesConnects Peer Mentor Program, the Wesleyan Diversity Education Facilitators (WesDEF), and the Student of Color Oral History Project. Additionally, the dean of diversity coordinates the Dwight Greene Internship, supports the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program, and promotes the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program.

To get more information about these resources, please visit [wesleyan.edu/odse](http://wesleyan.edu/odse)

WesConnects is a student-of-color mentoring program designed to cultivate the sharing of knowledge, experiences, strengths, and aspirations among incoming students and returning students, faculty, staff, and alumni. This program seeks to create a network of support that recognizes and affirms the complex identities and multiple meanings associated with the concept of students of color. We invite you to visit the WesConnects' web page to complete the downloadable WesConnects Information Sheet and e-mail it to Dean Johnson-Thornton at [rjohnson01@wesleyan.edu](mailto:rjohnson01@wesleyan.edu)

Wesleyan Diversity Education Facilitators (WesDEF) is a program consisting of peer facilitated workshops and conversations about race, gender, sexual orientation, class and other identities. The purpose of WesDEF is to help participants to develop awareness about systems of oppression, to develop skills that students may use to alter their presumptions about human variations, and to foster their personal and social development in

a pluralistic society. You may find more information about WesDEF at [wesleyan.edu/odse](http://wesleyan.edu/odse).

The Oral History Project was designed to record the experiences of alumni and students of color at Wesleyan and to contribute video recordings to the Wesleyan archives. Wesleyan maintains robust living archives such as the Hewlett Diversity Archive which contains documents, photographs, textiles, audio recordings, and transcriptions related to the history of diversity and students of color at Wesleyan. You may find more information about these archives at [wesleyan.edu/odse](http://wesleyan.edu/odse).

The Dwight Greene Internship provides professional development to upper level students so that they may assist in the coordination of the New Student Orientation Student of Color Reception, the Dwight Greene Student and Alumni Dinner, and the WesConnects Program. You may find out who the interns are for this year and learn more about the upcoming events at [wesleyan.edu/odse](http://wesleyan.edu/odse).

The Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program and the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program are two targeted academic resources available to Wesleyan students that promote academic achievement and success. These programs seek to encourage and support students from underrepresented backgrounds to pursue graduate school and become college professors. You may learn more about these programs at [wesleyan.edu/odse](http://wesleyan.edu/odse).

## **LGBTQQ . . . Life at Wesleyan**

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Issues pertaining to sexuality, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression are an integral part of a commitment to education, communication, and understanding. Students, faculty, administrators, and staff strive to create a safe space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQQ . . .) students at Wesleyan. Many queer faculty, staff, and administrators also make themselves available to serve as resources to LGBTQQ . . . students. LGBTQQ . . . students are vocal, active, organized, and respected members of the Wesleyan community. While some students choose to become involved in political and social organizations that exist on campus, there is no universal or typical way of being queer at Wesleyan.

Many people in the Wesleyan community use the word “queer,” a non-gender specific and inclusive word, in place of other terms that do not fully encompass the variety of sexual and gender identities of our community members. While this term was used as an epithet against LGBTQQ . . . people in the past, many have sought to reclaim it and now use it with pride. There is, however, space at Wesleyan to self-identify with any words that best validate one’s identity.

For more information about queer studies, student groups, and other resources on campus for LGBTQQ . . . identified individuals, go to [wesleyan.edu/queer](http://wesleyan.edu/queer).

## **Athletics and Physical Education**

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

In the pursuit of excellence, the Department of Physical Education and Athletics strives to be the most innovative and successful athletic program in the prestigious New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) and a leader at the national level. Wesleyan also pursues excellence in all of its programs, including club sports, intramurals, physical education classes, and recreational activities. Intercollegiate athletics, as an integral part of the overall educational process, is uniquely positioned to enhance a liberal arts education. Wesleyan supports highly trained and dedicated faculty-coaches and talented students by providing state-of-the-art facilities and comprehensive programs.

### **FALL SPORT STUDENT-ATHLETES**

The athletic team practice and meeting schedule has been designed to enable the fall athlete ample time to participate in Orientation and have an opportunity to become fully integrated into team events. During your first days at Wesleyan, it is essential that you are fully engaged in the Orientation program, which will be the foundation for a productive and successful start of a Wesleyan education.

### **ARRIVAL DAY FOR FALL STUDENT-ATHLETES**

Depending on your sport, fall sport athletes are expected back on either Sunday, August 28 or Monday, August 29. Your coach has or soon will communicate with you about the schedule for arrival for pre-season practice. If you have not heard from the coach, please contact the coach by e-mail and make him or her aware of your plans to participate in athletics. The names and e-mail addresses of all the varsity head coaches are listed on the Department of Physical Education web site at [wesleyan.edu/athletics](http://wesleyan.edu/athletics).

### **MEDICAL HISTORY**

All athletes are required to access their medical records by logging into the web site [swol123.net](http://swol123.net), using their Wesleyan e-mail address and following the instructions on the site. Information is available on the Wesleyan Athletic Injury Care web site under the Medical Clearance tab. All athletes will need to meet with Wesleyan athletic trainers before practicing or testing for the purpose of record review, resting heart rate and blood pressure measurement and to sign the acknowledgement and consent statements. This form must be completed in addition to the required forms for health services. Students are not permitted to practice unless a medical history interview is conducted with a member of the Wesleyan athletic injury care staff.

### **CLUB SPORTS**

Wesleyan sponsors a wide range of club sports. Teams registered through the Wesleyan Student Assembly (WSA) in 2010–11 included cycling, equestrian, ice hockey, lacrosse, martial arts, rugby, sailing, soccer, ultimate Frisbee, volleyball, and water polo. Other activities are added based on student interest.

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES**

Wesleyan offers an assortment of activity classes for credit throughout the year. Please refer to Wesmaps for a listing of physical education offerings.

### **INTRAMURAL SPORTS**

Wesleyan offers an exciting intramural program, promoting organized competition within the Wesleyan community. Nearly 1,000 individuals, including students, faculty, staff, and alumni, take advantage of intramurals.

### **ATHLETIC WEB SITE**

The Wesleyan Department of Physical Education and Athletics maintains a web site at [wesleyan.edu/athletics](http://wesleyan.edu/athletics). This web site is a constant and consistent source of information on all intercollegiate athletic teams including schedules, results, ongoing seasonal highlights, in-season and post-season honor, and a multitude of photographs, both still and action. All are encouraged to use this resource throughout the year to monitor the activity of Wesleyan’s athletics teams.

## Music Performance

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### UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA AND UNIVERSITY CONCERT CHOIR

Wesleyan has an excellent music department with many performing groups. Two of them are the Wesleyan University Orchestra and the newly created Wesleyan Ensemble Singers (W.E.S.). In past seasons, the orchestra, in collaboration with the theater department, presented a full stage production of Kurt Weill's *The Threepenny Opera*; and performed the premiere of a new orchestral work by Barbara Croall, commissioned by the Wesleyan Center for the Arts. The orchestra is renowned for its versatility and artistry under its music director Angel Gil-Ordóñez. The Wesleyan Ensemble Singers is a new choral ensemble of auditioned singers dedicated to the performance of challenging choral works written since the 19th century as well as choral works accompanied by the orchestra. Angel Gil-Ordóñez is the music director and graduate student Natalie Plaza is the assistant conductor. This past academic year, W.E.S. participated alongside the Wesleyan University Orchestra in performances of Stavinsky's *Les Noces*, and Lou Harrison's *Strict Songs*; W.E.S. also performed a repertoire of works written by some of the most innovative composers in the field today.

You do not have to be a music major to be in either of these two ensembles. Students are able to participate in each as a full credit course, which meets Mondays and Wednesdays during the semester. Auditions for new members will be held during the first rehearsal in the fall. If you are interested in auditioning or have any questions about musical opportunities at Wesleyan, contact Angel Gil-Ordóñez at [agilordonez@wesleyan.edu](mailto:agilordonez@wesleyan.edu). Please visit the Orchestra web page at [wesleyan.edu/music/orchestra](http://wesleyan.edu/music/orchestra).

### CHAMBER MUSIC AND ENSEMBLES PROGRAM

Coached this coming fall by members of the West End String Quartet, this program requires auditions for placement. Auditions are held the first week of classes. Most ensembles audition during the first class. Please check the Music Studios bulletin board for possible audition dates and times. Go to [wesleyan.edu/music/ensembles.html](http://wesleyan.edu/music/ensembles.html) for a list of performance/study groups.

### PRIVATE LESSONS PROGRAM

This program requires auditions for placement. Each instrument requires a separate audition held the first week of classes. Please go to [wesleyan.edu/music/privatelessonsprogram.html](http://wesleyan.edu/music/privatelessonsprogram.html) or check the Music Studios bulletin board for audition dates and times.

Contact Sandy Brough in the music department at [sbrough@wesleyan.edu](mailto:sbrough@wesleyan.edu) or call 860-685-2594 with any questions.

## Telephones and Cable TV

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WesTel offers landline telephone (local service only) and voicemail in students' residence halls. Phone service is already turned on and waiting for undergraduates in their rooms for \$100 a semester. To decline telephone service, go to your E-Portfolio and select "I am Declining WesTel Phone Service." For additional information, send an e-mail to [westel@wesleyan.edu](mailto:westel@wesleyan.edu) or call 860-685-5000.

Wesleyan has entered into an agreement with AT&T to provide video services to common area televisions. Students may also elect to purchase video packages directly from AT&T in their rooms. AT&T's system is called U-Verse. Please consult: [wesleyan.edu/its/resnet/cabletv.html](http://wesleyan.edu/its/resnet/cabletv.html) for details.

## Cardinal Technology Center

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The Cardinal Technology Center is a university-owned and -operated business specializing in computer and electronic sales. The store also carries university apparel and dorm-life supplies. The Cardinal Technology Center is both PC and Apple certified as a reseller and a repair service. All sales occur in our store located in the Usdan University Center, while all repairs are done in the Exley Science Center.

During the back-to-school period (June–September), the store offers incredible deals and savings on computer purchases. Bundle packages ensure each student will have all the computing power and accessories they will ever need during their four years at Wesleyan. We also offer exclusive accidental damage protection for all Apple laptops, which you will not find anywhere else.

All accepted students will receive an informational order form in June. All profits go to supporting technology on campus including computer labs, kiosks, classroom technology, and wireless networking.

For any questions, please feel free to contact our store at 860-685-3907 (Mon.–Fri., 8 a.m.–6 p.m.) or visit [wesleyan.edu/store](http://wesleyan.edu/store).

## Laundry Services on Campus

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Laundry machines are located throughout campus and are accessed either through the Middletown Cash program on your WesCard (see page 3) or by obtaining a Mac-Gray Card. Mac-Gray Cards can be obtained at the Science Center. Funds may be added to the card at the Science Center or the Usdan University Center.

To learn more about the options available in your residence hall or house, go to [wesleyan.edu/reslife/policies/laundry.html](http://wesleyan.edu/reslife/policies/laundry.html).

## Wesleyan Outdoor Orientation Trip (WOOT)

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WOOTs provide small groups of first-year students with an opportunity to meet new people while spending time in the great outdoors. Experienced leaders from the Wesleyan Outing Club will lead trips focused on group bonding, helping first-year students adapt to life at Wesleyan, and enjoying rustic New England.

The program is designed for participants of all experience and fitness levels. You don't have to be super athletic or outdoorsy to participate. The leaders will teach you everything you need to know.

Trips include backpacking (hiking with overnight campout), day hiking (hiking without overnight campout), camping, bicycling, canoeing/kayaking, rock climbing, and wilderness meditation.

WOOTs are relatively inexpensive; their cost covers food, gas, and campsites. You don't need to have your own equipment, but it helps! Although we do ask you to bring your own gear, you can get cheap rentals from the Outing Club or nearby stores. For financial assistance, please contact Hans Cui at [hcui@wesleyan.edu](mailto:hcui@wesleyan.edu).

The 2011 WOOT's will begin after classes Friday, September 9 and will end the afternoon of Sunday, September 11, 2011. Further information, application forms, equipment lists, and trip descriptions are available at the Outing Club web site: [wesoutingclub.googlepages.com](http://wesoutingclub.googlepages.com).

Deadline to apply: July 31, 2011

Trips will fill quickly, so apply early! Apply at [wesoutingclub.googlepages.com](http://wesoutingclub.googlepages.com).

## Sustainability at Wesleyan

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For five years the Wesleyan Sustainability Advisory Group for Environmental Stewardship (SAGES), composed of students, faculty and staff, has been working to improving sustainability on campus

by drafting and implementing sustainability initiatives in the areas of academics/education, energy, green building, procurement, recycling and waste, and transportation. President Michael Roth also signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment (PCC), an agreement that commits the University to develop a concrete action plan to become climate neutral. If you'd like to learn more about these and other sustainability initiatives at Wesleyan, come to one of the information sessions during Orientation Week!

Visit Wesleyan's Sustainability web site for more information at [wesleyan.edu/sustainability](http://wesleyan.edu/sustainability) and if you have any questions about sustainability, feel free to e-mail us at [sustainability@wesleyan.edu](mailto:sustainability@wesleyan.edu)

#### **WASTE NOT!**

Waste Not! is a student-organized, student-run program sponsored by Wesleyan's Environmental Organizers' Network (EON). Waste Not! encourages keeping used items in circulation by collecting students' unwanted items at the end of each spring semester and reselling them back to students in the fall at reduced prices. All the money from the sale and any leftover items go directly to charity. For great discounts on necessary school items, come to our tag sale. The date and time of the tag sale will be advertised in your orientation arrival packet. We will have many dorm essentials, such as fridges, microwaves, lamps, as well as clothes to suit all your fall needs. For more information about Waste Not! and a complete list of items that will be available at the tag sale, check out the web site: [wesleyan.edu/wsa/eon/wastenot](http://wesleyan.edu/wsa/eon/wastenot).



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