

Academic Advancement

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Dear Parents and Families of Students in the Class of 2024

With the end of summer approaching, Wesleyan is gearing up for the start of the new academic year. Housing opens for returning students at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 4, and classes will begin the following Monday. Fall Break begins at the end of the day, Friday, October 23, and extends through the following Tuesday. Homecoming/Family Weekend begins Friday, October 29, through Sunday, October 31. While masks will be required indoors, classrooms will return to full capacity, and athletics will resume full conference play for all sports. Please consult the [Keep Wes Safe website](#) for the latest information on campus safety precautions that have been put in place for coming year.

[Major declaration](#), which takes place in the spring semester, is the academic milestone of the sophomore year. While some students have known what they are going to major in before they were admitted to Wesleyan, other students seem to change their minds about their major with every passing semester. This fall, my office will be hosting a series of departmental open houses so that sophomores will be able to meet with faculty to learn about the academic requirements and curricular pathways for each major. If you sense that your student could benefit from some guidance on how to find or decide upon a major, please encourage them to make an appointment with me so that we can consider their options and explore possibilities.

The other thing on the minds of sophomores is study abroad. Wesleyan strongly encourages students to participate in study abroad, regardless of major, and believes that immersion in a foreign culture can be a transformative personal experience that will resonate in a student's intellectual work in profound and unexpected ways. And, while knowledge of a foreign language is required for some programs, there are also many programs for which English alone is sufficient. If your student is thinking about studying abroad, please encourage them to begin researching their plans by visiting the [Study Abroad Office](#) as soon as possible since many programs have application deadlines in early spring.

I will be writing to you again later in the semester. If you will be on campus for [Homecoming/Family Weekend](#), please know that I will be holding drop-in hours for parents on Saturday, October 30, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. In the meantime, please feel free to call or write if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes,

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