

Academic Advancement

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Dear Parents and Families of Students in the Class of 2025:

Welcome to Wesleyan! This is the first of many letters I will send you over the next four years in which I will share my perspectives on student life at Wesleyan and offer suggestions on how you can support your student as they navigate the many academic opportunities and personal challenges they will face between now and graduation.

As the Dean for the Class of 2025, my job is to provide information, advice, and support to the students in my class. While my primary concern is with student academic growth and intellectual development, this concern naturally extends to personal growth and development within the context of the residential liberal arts environment that is at the heart of the Wesleyan educational experience. If you sense that your student has academic concerns or may be in need of personal advice or support, please encourage them to see me. While I cannot always be of direct assistance, I can always connect a student to someone who can assist.

As your student embarks on their Wesleyan journey, there are three individuals on campus with whom you should encourage them to develop a strong working relationship: their faculty advisor, their academic peer advisor, and their resident advisor. Faculty advisors provide guidance regarding academic planning and course selection. Peer advisors are fellow students who are knowledgeable of academic support resources who can also help navigate the Wesleyan “system.” Resident advisors are fellow students who are knowledgeable of Wesleyan’s co-curricular resources and whose job is to provide students with opportunities for personal growth and community engagement.

As for the questions that you as a parent or guardian may have, many answers can be found on the [Parent Programs](#) website. Another good resource is [Parents’ Questions for Students](#), which provides an overview of the kinds of academic, co-curricular, and personal challenges that students typically face during their time at Wesleyan. Also, I encourage you to subscribe to the [Class of 2025 blog](#), which provides a student-centered perspective on day-to-day life at Wesleyan. The blog also serves as the main channel of communication through which I let students know about campus events, upcoming deadlines, internships, and career opportunities.

Arrival Day for new students is Wednesday, September 1, and classes will begin the following Monday, September 6. Fall Break begins at the end of the day on Friday, October 22, and extends through the following Tuesday, October 26.



Homecoming/Family Weekend begins Friday, October 29, through Sunday, October 31. All campus services and activities will return to pre-pandemic operations this fall. Masks will be required indoors, but classrooms will return to full capacity, and athletics will resume full conference play for all sports. Please consult the [Keep Wesleyan Safe website](#) for the latest information on campus safety precautions that have been put in place for coming year.

The course add/drop period for fall 2021 begins on Monday, August 30 and ends on Friday, September 17. During this time, students can add and drop courses on their schedule. Please note that students must be enrolled in a minimum of three courses to be considered full-time at Wesleyan.

Please enjoy these final few days of summer before packing your student off for college. And if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kelly Dunn'.

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