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Dear Sophomore and Junior Transfer Student,

On behalf of our colleagues at Wesleyan University, it is a pleasure to welcome you to the community. Wesleyan uses a class dean model for advising and supporting students' academic progress and personal wellbeing. Each of the four class deans follows the students in their cohort until graduation. **The number of credits you transfer from your former institution will determine your assignment to Dean Brown, if you join the Class of 2021, or Dean Thornton, if you join the Class of 2022.** Your class dean will assist you in your transition to Wes and will serve as your academic support and general point of contact during your years here.

To prepare for your arrival to Wesleyan, you should visit your [WesPortal](#) or log on at: <https://webapps.wesleyan.edu/portal>. WesPortal is Wesleyan's electronic portfolio that is used to access information related to your academic record as well as to check your e-mail and review your student account bill. You also enroll in the University and register for courses through your portal. Information about placement testing, [accessibility services](#), and other important links and deadlines may be found in the "Orientation News & Checklist" bucket in your WesPortal and on the [Transfer Student Orientation website](#). Please use the Checklist to ensure that you return all required materials by their deadlines. It is especially important that you submit the Academic Interest Questionnaire by Friday, January 4.

Puruse your WesPortal now for important information and deadlines:

- [WesMaps](#) is Wesleyan's online course catalog, which provides scheduling information and course descriptions for classes that will be offered in the Spring 2019.
- [Placement tests](#) are administered through the WesPortal. Placement tests for mathematics and music theory and for the following language—Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Russian, and Spanish—are required, if you are planning to continue to study in the listed areas and will be used to enable enrollment in the appropriate course level in January. In certain cases, you may be able to use AP scores for a placement recommendation.
- The [Major Declaration](#) website will assist you in the process of declaring a major.
 - Junior transfers (Class of 2021) need to declare their majors prior to their arrival on campus.
 - Second-semester sophomore transfers (Class of 2021 also) will be declaring their majors after the [drop/add period](#) in the Spring 2019 semester.
 - First-semester sophomore transfers (Class of 2022) will declare their majors in the Fall 2019 semester.

Since your membership in the Class of 2021 or 2022 is determined by the number of credits Wesleyan accepts from your former institution, pay special attention to the transfer credit recommendations and regulations:

1. Secure a course catalog from each college or university from which you have submitted a transcript. Your class dean will assist you with any outstanding issues concerning transfer credits, including the evaluation of credits you post to your Wesleyan transcript. You will need to earn a minimum of **16.00 Wesleyan credits** to meet one of Wesleyan's graduation requirement.
2. A maximum of 2.00 credits per summer in which you earn a B- or above may be counted toward your degree.
3. Pre-matriculant credit (2.00 credits maximum) may be earned by students who have received high scores in Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or A-Level examinations. In most cases, it will be necessary to successfully complete a specified course at Wesleyan in order to post the test credit to your Wesleyan transcript.

Transfer Student Orientation begins on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 and continues through Wednesday, January 23. This is an important time for you to become familiar with the campus and make new friends, and to begin your discussions with your faculty advisor about your declared or intended major, spring semester course selection, and educational goals. We will meet with the entire group of transfer students to discuss academic regulations, policies, and procedures, and will meet individually to address your concerns and answer any questions you may have. We expect you to arrive on campus between 9 a.m. and 12 Noon on Tuesday, January 22. If you anticipate a problem with this arrival time, please contact your class dean by phone or email (see below).

Besides from the formal aspects of enrollment, we recognize that you may be eager to make friends. To support your transition to Wesleyan, we will match you with a sophomore or junior Wesleyan student through the Transfer Connection Program. Please complete the Transfer Connection Form by January 4, 2019 available in your WesPortal. We will use the information you provide to match you with a Wesleyan student who transferred to the university one or two years ago. You will have the opportunity to meet the Transfer Connections Dinner scheduled for Wednesday, January 23, 2019.

Remember to stay on top of the information and deadlines in your WesPortal and peruse the Transfer Student website for updates on schedules and events. Best wishes for an enjoyable holiday season and please do not hesitate to contact us with question or concerns. We are looking forward to your arrival!

Sincerely,

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