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January 2020 New Student Orientation

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

You are expected to attend scheduled orientation events. Please contact Dean Johnson Thornton or Dean Leathers with questions about scheduling conflicts.

9:00am-11:45am – Arrival Check-In Site
Dean’s Office Reception Area, North College (237 High St), 2nd Floor
Check in at the Arrival Site to pick up your orientation packet, wescard, residential assignment information and room key. Your Class Dean and Academic Peer Advisors will be available to answer any questions you may have.

12:00pm-1:15pm – Lunch
Downey House Lounge (294 High St)
Join your Class Dean and other administrators for lunch and a welcome to the Wesleyan community from Dean of Students, Rick Culliton. You will also have an opportunity to have any outstanding questions answered by university administrators representing such areas as: Health Services, Counseling and Psychological Services, Financial Aid, Public Safety, Residential Life, Career Services, and Religious and Spiritual Life.

1:30pm-2:45pm – Nuts & Bolts: Course Pre-Registration and Other Essential Academic Information – Students Only
Boger Hall (41 Wyllys Avenue), Room 114
Senior Associate Registrar Karri Van Blarcom will provide an overview of the WesPortal and course pre-registration process. Dean Renee Thornton, Dean Tanesha Leathers and the Academic Peer Advisors will also lead a discussion about academic programs, course selection and the Honor Code.

3:00pm-5:00pm – Individual Advising Appointments with your Faculty Advisor or Class Dean Faculty Advisor - note location of faculty office
Class ‘22: Dean Johnson Thornton - North College, Room 217
Class ‘21: Dean Leathers - North College, Room 202
Class ‘23: Dean Wood – North College, Room 203
Visiting and Exchange Students: Dean Phillips – North College, Room 215

5:30pm-6:45pm – Dinner with Wesleyan Student Assembly (WSA) representatives, Student Activities & Leadership Development (SALD) Intern, and Residential Life student leaders
Usdan University Center, Room 110
Bring your wescard in order to swipe into the marketplace for your meal.

7:00pm – 9:00pm Roller Skating (547 Main St)
Meet at the front steps of Usdan (Wyllys Ave) for Wesleyan Ride shuttle transportation. Join us for an evening of fun and physical exercise at the local indoor roller skating rink. Free transportation, admission, and skate rentals provided. Sign-up at: JTO_Skating by 3 pm on Monday, 1.21.2020.
Wednesday, January 22, 2020

8:00am-10:00am - Online Pre-Registration Adjustment through WesPortal
Students will be able to enroll in eligible courses with seats available and submit ranked Drop/Add enrollment requests for other courses.

10:30am-11:15am - Community Standards & Campus Safety
Boger Hall (41 Wyllis Avenue), Room 110
With Dean of Students Rick Culliton, Assistant Dean Kevin Butler and Public Safety Captain, Paul Verillo.

11:15am-12:15pm – Lunch – Usdan Marketplace, 2nd Floor
Bring your wescard in order to swipe into the marketplace for your meal.

12:30pm-4:00pm - Individual Appointments with Class Dean or Faculty Advisor
North College, 2nd floor (or advisor’s office)

1:30pm-4:00pm - Drop-In Hours for Campus Services
Various campus resources will hold drop-in hours to answer new transfer students’ personal questions. Stop by the offices that are of interest to you.

8:30am-5:00pm Office of Student Accounts, North College, 1st Floor
1:00pm-2:30pm Dining Meal Plans, Usdan Administrative Offices, Room 134
1:30pm-3:30pm Gordon Career Center, Boger Hall, 1st Floor – counselors available for general, pre-law, STEM, and health professions career advising
1:30pm-4:00pm Fries Center for Global Studies, Fisk 201 – staff available to discuss options for study abroad, language study, post-undergraduate fellowships, global learning on campus, and the International Relations certificate
1:30pm-4:00pm Academic Resources / Accessibility Services, North College, Room 021
1:30pm-4:00pm Optional Library Tour, Olin Library – Meet in Olin Library Lobby at 1:30, 2:30, or 3:30pm to go on the tour
2:00pm-4:00pm Office of Financial Aid, North College, 2nd Floor

5:00pm-7:00pm – Transfer Connection Dinner and Candid Conversations
Usdan University Center, Room 108
Speak with other transfer students about their experience and transition to Wesleyan.
Thursday, January 23, 2020

First Day of Spring 2020 Classes
8:30am - Online Drop/Add Period begins through WesPortal
Academic Peer Advisor meetings – by appointment

Friday, January 24, 2020 - Saturday, January 25, 2020

Attend the first events of the semester!
Friday, January 24th @ 7pm Beckham Hall - Usdan Center Activities Board (UCAB) event
Join UCAB for a fun night with Mat Lavore, Magician, Mind Reader, and Hypnotist all in one!
Learn more by visiting the Student Activities and Leadership Development Website:
www.wesleyan.edu/sald

Important Phone Numbers, dial 860-685 + extension

Counseling and Psychological Services x2910
Academic Advancement:
    Accessibility Specialist (Crystal Hill) x5581
    Dean for Academic Advancement (Laura Patey) x2757
    Dean for the Class of 2020, TCEX & Community Scholar Advisor (David Phillips) x2758
    Dean for the Class of 2021 (Tanesha Leathers) x2765
    Dean for the Class of 2022 (Renee Johnson-Thornton) x2774
    Dean for Class of 2023 (Jennifer Wood) x2790
Financial Aid x2800
Health Services x2470
Physical Plant x3400
Public Safety (Emergency) x3333
Public Safety (Non-Emergency) x2345
Registrar’s Office x2810
Religious and Spiritual Life x2278
Residential Life x3550
Student Accounts x2890

Friday, January 31, 2020

12:15pm - 1:15pm - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Speaker
Crowell Concert Hall
At the start of every Spring semester we come together as a community to honor the civil rights legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This year’s MLK Commemoration keynote speaker will be writer, producer, and activist, Bree Newsome.
Course Registration Checklist

Below are the steps you should follow in preparation for course selection and registration.

_____ Refer to WesMaps for a complete, up-to-date listing of course offerings. WesMaps provides full catalog information, including course descriptions, instructor and scheduling information, cross-listings, prerequisites, enrollment limits and preferences, General Education designations, and additional requirements, etc.

_____ Attend “The Nuts and Bolts” academic resources and advising session on Tuesday, January 21.

_____ On Monday, January 20, the “Enroll Me” button will be activated in your WesPortal. You must click the Enroll Me button from any computer on the Wesleyan on-campus network to enroll in the University. You must enroll no later than Monday, January 27 at 5:00 p.m.

_____ You will be eligible to participate in the “Adjustment” phase of course registration on Wednesday, January 22, from 8 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

_____ Classes begin on Thursday, January 23. During the Drop/Add period (January 23 - February 5), you may drop or add courses from your schedule or change the grading mode of a course (when this option is available). To drop or add a course, click on the “Drop/Add” link under the “Course Registration” option in your WesPortal.

_____ Use the link to “Current Classes and Schedule” in your WesPortal to review your course schedule, grading, and credits. You are responsible for the accuracy of your schedule!

_____ After the Drop/Add period, you may withdraw from a course with signatures from the instructor, your faculty advisor, and your class dean. A “W” (withdrawal) will be recorded on your transcript. The last day to withdraw from third quarter classes is Friday, February 28. The last day to withdraw from full semester and fourth quarter classes is Wednesday, April 29.
**Important Academic Information**

**Auditing Courses**
You may attend a class as an auditor with the instructor's permission. You will be added to the instructor's grade sheet and the course will be listed on your transcript as audited without credit (AU).

**Course Credit Load**
The typical Wesleyan course carries 1.00 credit and the normal course load is 4.00 credits per semester. Note: enrollment in more than 4 credits in a single semester requires faculty advisor approval. Students must register for a minimum of 3.00 credits each semester. Students who earn 2.00 or fewer credits in a semester will be placed on Strict Probation as will students who are below the cumulative credit minimum. Incompletes with provisional failing grades and the first half of sequence courses are not considered earned credit for purposes of promotion to the next semester or semester credit. For more information on Academic Standing and Academic Review and Promotion see: https://catalog.wesleyan.edu/academic-regulations/academic-standing/ and https://catalog.wesleyan.edu/academic-regulations/review-promotion/

**Drop/Add Period**
The Drop/Add period takes place during the first two weeks of the semester, from January 23 - February 5 (5:00 p.m.). To drop or add a course during the Drop/Add period, click on the "Drop/Add" link under the “Course Registration” section in your WesPortal. A course dropped during this period will be deleted from your transcript. After the Drop/Add period, you may withdraw from a course with signatures from the instructor, your faculty advisor, and your class dean. A "W" (withdrawal) will be recorded on your transcript.

**Grades**
At Wesleyan, students earn grades on an A-F scale. The grades of “E,” “F” and “U” are failing grades. A student who earns failing grades in two courses (.75-1.50 credit courses) in a single semester will be Required to Resign from the University. Two “D’s” are considered the equivalent of an “F” for purposes of academic review.

**Grading Mode**
Many courses offer a grading mode option where students can choose to be evaluated by a letter grade (A-F) or Credit/Unsatisfactory (CR/U). When that option is available, students enter their choice through the Drop/Add system in the e-portfolio. Changes in grading mode can be made no later than 14 days after the Drop/Add period ends.

**Incompletes**
All course work must be completed and submitted to the instructor by the last day of classes, except for exams scheduled during exam week, take-home final exams, or final papers, which may not be scheduled or be due prior to the first day of exam week. Students who cannot meet this deadline may request an Incomplete from the instructor. If the Incomplete is granted, the deadline to submit all work is due by 5 p.m., 30 days after the last day of exams, unless an earlier date is stipulated by the Instructor.
**Sequence (Two-semester) Courses**
Sequence courses require the successful completion of both semesters to receive credit for either course. Sequence courses are identified in their WesMaps listing with the text “Required Sequence” beneath the course title. If you fail the first semester of a sequence course, you may not continue in the second semester without the instructor's permission. An “F” will be recorded on your transcript regardless of whether you continue the course. If you fail the second semester of a sequence course, you lose course credit for both semesters. Students on Twelve College Exchange for one semester should avoid enrolling in sequence courses they cannot complete and for which they will not receive credit.

**Tutorials**
Upper-level students are eligible for individual tutorials. All tutorial forms must be submitted and approved via the electronic Drop/Add system by the end of the Drop/Add period.

**Withdrawing from a Course**
You may withdraw from a full-credit course in the spring through **April 29**. A “W” will be recorded on your transcript.
The Honor Code

Wesleyan University is an academic community in which all members are expected to abide by ethical standards in their conduct and in their exercise of responsibilities toward other members of the community. Wesleyan expects students to understand and adhere to the standards of honesty and academic integrity, which are articulated in the Honor Code.

Wesleyan’s Honor System was initiated in 1893 through the efforts of a group of students who had worked to gain acceptance for their idea among the faculty, students and administration. The following behaviors constitute violations of the Honor Code

- The attempt to give or obtain assistance in a formal academic exercise without due acknowledgement. This includes, but is not limited to: cheating during an exam; helping another student to cheat or to plagiarize; completing a project for someone and/or asking someone to complete a project for you.

- Plagiarism - the presentation of another person’s words, ideas, images, data or research as one’s own. Plagiarism is more than lifting a text word-for-word, even from sources in the public domain. Paraphrasing or using any content or terms coined by others without proper acknowledgement also constitutes plagiarism.

- The submission of the same work for academic credit more than once without permission.

- Willful falsification of data, information, or citations in any formal exercise.

- Deception concerning adherence to the conditions set by the instructor for a formal academic exercise.
The Pledge

The pledge is an affirmation of each student's agreement to adhere to the standards of academic integrity set by Wesleyan's Honor Code. In order to promote constant awareness of the Honor Code, students are routinely required to sign the pledge when submitting an academic exercise for evaluation. The pledges read as follows:

**For papers and similar written work:**
In accordance with the Honor Code, I affirm that this work is my own and all content taken from other sources has been properly acknowledged.

**For tests and other academic exercises:**
In accordance with the Honor Code, I affirm that this work has been completed without improper assistance.

The Honor Board

The Honor System is directed and guided by the Honor Board comprised of students, and advised by the Dean for Academic Advancement (or designee), serving ex officio.

Penalties

Violations of the Honor Code are among the most serious offenses an individual may commit at Wesleyan. The Honor Board invokes penalties at its discretion up to and including dismissal from the University.

Where to find the Honor Code

http://www.wesleyan.edu/studentaffairs/studenthandbook/
Important Academic Information for Transfer Students

Note: Students must confirm that all official transcripts are on file in the office of the class dean.

Wesleyan Academic Regulations can be found in the University Catalog 2019-2020 and online at: https://catalog.wesleyan.edu/academic-regulations/

Graduation Requirements for Transfer Students
1. Satisfactory completion of a major
2. Completion of 32 course credits (with no oversubscription), 16 of which must come from Wesleyan or Wesleyan-sponsored programs
3. Cumulative GPA of 74.00 or higher
4. Minimum of 5 semesters of residency for entering first-semester sophomores; 4 semesters for entering second-semester sophomores and juniors

Credit Requirements

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Major Declaration
- Students entering as second-semester sophomores will declare in the Spring 2020 semester after the Drop/Add period ends.
- Students entering as first-semester sophomores will declare in the Fall 2020 semester after Drop/Add period ends.
- Juniors should have their major upon arrival to campus or be connected to their department of intent, declaring no later than the end of the Spring 2020 semester.

Advanced Placement
Up to 2.00 AP credits may be counted toward your Wesleyan degree, depending on the score received on the AP exam and on individual Wesleyan departmental regulations, such as the completion of a specific Wesleyan course with a minimum grade. See your class dean for particular requirements. AP credit does not act as an automatic prerequisite in the course registration process.

Faculty Advisor
Transfer students entering with sophomore standing are assigned a pre-major faculty advisor who will meet with them during orientation and for pre-registration for the spring semester, and until they declare a major. Junior transfer students, who declare a major, will be assigned a faculty advisor by the major department. Dean David Phillips serves as faculty advisor for Twelve College Exchange students and community scholars.

General Education Expectations
The faculty has divided the curriculum into three areas: natural sciences and mathematics (NSM), the social and behavioral sciences (SBS), and the humanities and arts (HA). To experience the full
dimension of intellectual breadth vital to a liberal education, Wesleyan students are encouraged to complete three GenEd designated courses in each of the three curricular areas.

- **Stage 1** completion requires two courses in each division from six different departments—6 different courses total
- **Stage 2** completion requires one additional course in each division from any department—3 additional courses total

Some departments require fulfillment of GenEd Expectations for admission to the major, completion of the major, or for eligibility for departmental honors. In addition, students who do not satisfy the GenEd Expectations are not eligible for University Honors, Phi Beta Kappa, or honors in general scholarship and may not declare more than a combined total of two majors, certificates, and minors. See General Education Expectations (https://catalog.wesleyan.edu/academic-regulations/general-education-expectations/) for more information.

**Graduation Credits and Residency Requirements**
To graduate, you must earn at least 16.00 Wesleyan credits and 32.00 credits in total (with no oversubscription, see below). Students entering as first-semester sophomore transfers must complete at least five semesters in residence at Wesleyan; students entering as mid-year sophomores or junior transfers must complete at least four semesters in residence.

**Major Declaration**
Students at Wesleyan may not declare their major until the second semester of their sophomore year. Junior transfers need to declare a major upon arrival to campus because declared majors get priority admission into certain courses during pre-registration. Junior transfers who are not accepted into a major during the orientation period must declare a major by the end of the fall semester.

**Oversubscription**
Students may count no more than 16.00 credits from any one subject towards the degree. Credits beyond this limit will still be included on your transcript and in your credit total and grade point average.

It is important to review periodically your Credit Analysis Report available in your WesPortal. To learn more about the areas that are subject to credit limitations, such as PHED, tutorials, pre-matriculant credits, etc., go to: [http://www.wesleyan.edu/studentaffairs/facguide/oversub.html](http://www.wesleyan.edu/studentaffairs/facguide/oversub.html) and [http://www.wesleyan.edu/studentaffairs/facguide/Credit%20Analysis.html](http://www.wesleyan.edu/studentaffairs/facguide/Credit%20Analysis.html)

**Transfer Credits and Majors**
Acceptance of a transfer course for credit toward the Wesleyan degree does not necessarily mean it will count towards fulfilling your major requirements. You must get permission from your major department to count your transfer courses toward the major.
Major Declaration Information for Junior Transfers

If you are beginning your junior year, you will need to declare a major upon arrival, if you have not already done so. You can declare a major by using the Major/Minor/Certificate Declaration link in the Student Toolbox bucket of your WesPortal. Please be aware that you may be required to meet with the department/program chair or advisor or provide further information.

Listed below are some FAQs and answers that may be helpful for you. See the Major Declaration website at: http://www.wesleyan.edu/studentaffairs/resources/majordeclaration/index.html and http://www.wesleyan.edu/academics/ for more information, including a list of Wesleyan majors and descriptions.

Can I have more than one major?
Yes, although you should consider carefully the impact this will have on the breadth of your academic program and graduation requirements. Your opportunity to take elective courses obviously decreases with an additional major. Students must be Gen Ed compliant to be eligible to complete three majors or a combination of three majors, minors or certificates.

What interdepartmental majors are possible?
Three types: standing interdepartmental majors, departmentally-sponsored interdepartmental majors, and University majors. For the last, a student may arrange a major program involving two or more departments with the approval of the University Major Committee.

What are my major requirements?
Major requirements are usually explained in terms of necessary credits and necessary courses or distribution of courses. Each department and program has its own set of requirements for completion of the major. An explanation of those requirements can be found on WesMaps and the department/program homepages at: http://www.wesleyan.edu/acad/dept.html. This information is updated annually in order to convey information that is as accurate as possible, so check it again before you declare your major.

In addition to fulfilling the requirements of the major, are there other graduation requirements?
Of the 32.00 credits required for graduation, 16.00 must be earned at Wesleyan with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 74.00. Four semesters of residence as a full-time student at Wesleyan are required for junior transfer students.

How many transfer credits (credits earned outside of Wesleyan) can I count toward my major requirements?
Each department and program has a different policy in this regard. While 2.00 credits is typical, consult with the chair or the designated advising expert in the department(s) or program(s) in which you are interested.

Can I take as many credits as I want in one department?
Students may count no more than 16.00 credits from any one subject towards the degree. Credits beyond this limit will still be included on your transcript and in your credit total and grade point average.
If a given course appears in more than one departmental listing, i.e., is cross-listed, it must be counted in all the subjects in which it is listed. Advanced Placement credits or credits earned elsewhere count toward the maximum credits allowed in any one department that can be counted toward the degree, and any of these credits can oversubscribe you.
Please note that this map is also available here:
http://www.wesleyan.edu/about/images/maps/campus_map1.jpg