Getting Started at Wichita State

For the vast majority of students at WSU, the goal of attending college is to earn a degree. As a student takes the first steps on their educational journey, it pays to keep that long-term goal in mind. WSU's Office of Student Success: First-Year Programs offers a set of programs, resources and activities designed to help students reach their goals, and maximize their success and satisfaction as they pursue their degree. The three main components to the traditional first-year experience are First-Year Programs (orientation and transition experiences), First-Year Advising and First-Year Seminar courses. Each of these is a valuable tool for navigating the transition to Wichita State University and should be considered an integral part of the student experience. Students who take full advantage of these programs and opportunities are more likely to be successful, and are more likely to finish their degrees in a timely manner.

New Shocker Orientation

Whether starting a college career at WSU fresh out of high school, transferring from another institution, or returning to school after a long absence, WSU offers orientation experiences tailored to student needs. Orientation provides opportunities to get to know faculty members and fellow students, resources and offices on campus, academic expectations, keys to college success, the history and traditions of WSU and much more. Parents and guests are invited to attend guest programs so they can learn more about how to help their students succeed in college.

New Shocker Orientation is required for all students new to WSU regardless of previously earned credit. Each semester, First-Year Programs in Student Success notifies new students about their options to complete the orientation requirement.

For the latest information, phone 316-978-5420 or visit the orientation website (http://wichita.edu/orientation/)[1].

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Registration

Specific information regarding registration can be found at the Office of the Registrar's website (http://wichita.edu/registrar/)[1]. Students register through web registration in the *my*WSU portal.

Prior to registering for classes, all students should contact their academic advisor to assure they are taking the appropriate classes. Early registration for one semester normally begins about midway through the preceding semester. ***Registration for a course or courses represents a financial commitment that the student is obligated to pay.***

Newly admitted, currently enrolled and former students not academically dismissed, are eligible for online registration. Some academic restrictions have been built into the system. College or program specific restrictions may be considered for removal by contacting the appropriate college or department and requesting an electronic override.

Registration and classes begin and end at varying times so it is important to consult the semester calendar for details. For more information, check the schedule of courses webpage (http://wichita.edu/schedule/)[1].

Once a student has enrolled, registration may be changed online for a certain period of time that varies according to the start date and length of the course. After the online period has passed, students must process in-person drop and/or add forms with the appropriate approvals. Changes of sections also require such action. Late adds can also be approved via email from the instructor of record to the Office of the Registrar. A grade of *F* could be recorded for failure to attend the classes in which a student is enrolled.

Late enrollments or adds normally will not be approved after the 20th class day. Withdrawal from classes with a grade of *W* (withdrawal) are subject to a time limit established by the registrar.

Deadlines for dropping with a refund also vary according to the start date and length of the course.

Students who find it necessary to completely withdraw from the university must withdraw from each class using the online registration system.

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