

Spring 2025

New Student Orientation



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Friday, January 17

- 8:00 am - 5:00 pm** **Offices Available**
[Student Health Center](#), McLeod-Tyler Wellness Center*
[Financial Aid](#), Blow Hall, Room 124
[University Registrar](#), Blow Hall, Room 240
[Student Accessibility Services](#), Sadler Center, Room 181
- 8:00 am - 12:00 pm** **Residential New Student Orientation Check-In**
Sadler Center, Atrium
Residential new students should plan to arrive at the Sadler Center at your designated residence hall appointment time. You will begin with the orientation check-in process and receive your Tribe (Student ID) Card* before moving on to Residence Life. Once you have successfully checked in with Residence Life, students will be able to begin moving their belongings into their residence hall space.
**Students should bring a valid picture ID with them to receive their Tribe (Student ID) Card and pick-up their residence hall room key.*
- 10:00 am - 2:00 pm** **International Welcome Table**
Sadler Center, Atrium
Stop by to meet the Office of International Students, Scholars & Programs staff! We will be available to answer questions and provide resources.
- 11:00 am - 2:00 pm** **New Student & Family Connections Fair**
Sadler Center, Atrium
W&M has numerous resources to help students be successful throughout their university experience. Various campus representatives will be available in one convenient area so you can pursue the information you want to ensure a positive start to your W&M experience.
- 11:00 am - 2:00 pm** **Ask a Transfer Coordinator**
Sadler Center, York Room
Have questions about your transfer credits? Want to make sure your fall semester transcript(s) have arrived – even if they have not yet been reviewed? Pop in to chat with the university's Transfer Services Coordinator.
- 11:30 am - 1:30 pm** **Lunch**
Sadler Center Dining Hall
Meals during orientation are provided for all new spring semester students. Move-in helpers are welcome to join their new students through the line, as well, for this meal using the wristband provided to them during their student's orientation check-in.
- 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm** **Off-Campus/Commuter New Student Orientation Check-In**
Sadler Center, Atrium Main Entrance

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Off-campus and commuter new students should plan to arrive at the Sadler Center Atrium anytime during this timeframe to check-in for orientation and receive your Tribe (Student ID) Card before the program begins.

**Students should bring a valid picture ID with them to receive their Tribe (Student ID) Card.*

- 1:30 pm - 2:00 pm** **Celebrating Your William & Mary**
Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium
Together new students, parents, families and student supporters will officially be welcomed to the Tribe family!
- 2:15 pm - 3:00 pm** **Foundations & New Beginnings**
Orientation Group Meeting Rooms
Meet your Orientation Aides (OAs) and other students in your orientation group.
- 3:10 pm – 4:00 pm** **Cultivating Authentic Excellence**
Sadler Center, Chesapeake
This program explores the Plateau Effect, the tendency for people to stay “stuck at good”, and how the college transition can be a critical time for either breaking that pattern or cementing it further. Students will learn about the Authentic Excellence Initiative, designed to move us beyond the Plateau Effect and enhance productivity, fulfillment, and resilience.
- 4:10 pm – 5:00 pm** **Academic Success: Planning Your Path**
Sadler Center, Chesapeake
Learn about our Liberal Arts curriculum while considering your future academic plans. The transfer credit process will be covered, and students will have the opportunity to work in smaller groups to prepare for course registration and meeting with their faculty advisor.
- 5:10 pm - 6:00 pm** **Your New Tribe Home for ALL Residential New Students**
Sadler Center, TBD
Learn about on-campus life, opportunities for engagement, and your rights and responsibilities.
- 5:10 pm - 6:00 pm** **Your New Tribe Home for New Off-Campus Students**
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- 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm** **Dinner**
Sadler Center Dining Hall
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- 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm** **Community Connection ... S'mores Galore!**
Crim Dell Meadow (Rain Location: Sadler Center, Lodge 1)
Use this time to get to know other students who are new to W&M -- or spend it focusing on your own well-being.

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Saturday, January 18

- 7:00 am – Breakfast**
9:00 am *Commons Dining Hall*
Meals during orientation are provided for all new spring semester students.
- 9:00 am – We Enhance Your Campus Experience**
9:30 am *Orientation Group Meeting Rooms*
Learn more about how Auxiliary Services works with products and services like the W&M Spirit Shop & Bookstore, Tennis Center, Parking & Transportation, Tribe Card Services, Dining, and more to make your campus experience the best it can be!
- 9:45 am** **Student Success in the W&M Community (Group Green)**
10:35 am *Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium*
The Dean of Students & entire Student Success Team are here to support you throughout your W&M journey. Learn about the amazing supports and programs Student Success has to offer. What made you the amazing success you already are? Learn about ways to keep that momentum going. Meet some of the administrators who will become your guides, confidants, and cheerleaders all along the way.
- Connecting the Liberal Arts & Career (Group Gold)**
Sadler Center, Chesapeake
All degree-seeking students will be introduced to two campus resources that support a successful spring semester transition: the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs and the Office of Career Development & Professional Engagement.
- 10:50 am** **Student Success in the W&M Community (Group Gold)**
11:40 am *Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium*
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- 11:50 am - Lunch**
1:15 pm *Sadler Center Dining Hall*
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- 1:30 pm - Sexual Violence Prevention & Title IX Training**
2:30 pm *Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium*
Waiting for a description*

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- 2:45 pm - 4:00 pm** - **Wellness Mindset: Do It for the Well of It Dialogue**
Orientation Group Meeting Room
Wellness is such a broad term and how we think about wellness is affected by our culture and our life experiences. We believe wellness is conscious, self-directed, and evolving; holistic and multidimensional; positive and affirming; and inclusive.
- All dimensions of wellness need our attention for us to truly flourish. There does not have to be a balance among all dimensions. Instead, the goal is to find a personal harmony with the dimensions that is most authentic for you. You cannot get there passively, it requires active awareness, acceptance, and commitment. It is our hope that the following information about the eight dimensions of wellness will help you get started or refine your wellness plan.
- 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm** - **Engaging Across Difference Through Better Arguments**
Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium
Being a college student requires an open mind and a willingness to respect conflict and its place within the university experience. Learn the five principles of a "better argument" and hear from faculty, staff and administrators as they set in motion a framework for the year ahead.
- 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm** - **Dinner**
Sadler Center Dining Hall
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- 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm** - **Community Connection ... Ghost Tour of Colonial Williamsburg (CW)**
Meet at Wren Building
Use this time to get to know other students who are new to W&M -- or spend it focusing on your own well-being.

Sunday, January 19

- 7:00 am - 9:00 am** - **Breakfast**
Sadler Center Dining Hall
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- 10:30 am - 12:30 pm** - **Being a W&M Student Veteran**
Sadler Center, York Room
For ALL military and veteran students! Meet incoming and current military and veteran students, connect with the staff and students who work in the Office of Student Veteran Engagement, and learn about resources just for your W&M experience.
- 11:00 am - 12:45 pm** - **Lunch**
Sadler Center Dining Hall
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- 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm** - **On Our Honor & Community Values Pledges (Group Green)**
Wren Building, Great Hall and Hearth: Memorial to the Enslaved
(Weather Locations: Wren Great Hall and Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium)
Join members of the W&M Honor and Conduct Councils to learn more about our community values, followed by the taking of the W&M Honor Pledge. Then, affirm your commitment to our community with members of W&M Student Assembly.

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Ensuring Community at William & Mary (Group Gold)

Orientation Group Meeting Room

Building community is everyone's responsibility, and can often require the help of others. Hear from additional campus partners about how they work to ensure William & Mary is a safe and welcoming campus environment.

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One Tribe, Many Stories

5:30 pm

Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium

William & Mary students are diverse in talents, interests, backgrounds, and identities. Alongside the Center for Student Diversity, explore the rewards, obligations, and tensions associated with your commitment to the William & Mary Community. Includes a special presentation by Inside Out Theatre.

5:30 pm -

Dinner

7:00 pm

Sadler Center Dining Hall

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7:00 pm -

Community Connection ... Movies & Popcorn

9:30 pm

Sadler Center

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Monday, January 20

The university is closed. All activities on this day are optional yet encouraged.

7:00 am –

Breakfast

9:00 am

The Food Hall at the Sadler Center or Commons Dining Hall

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10:30 am

Community Connection ... Exploring Merchants Square & DOG Street

1:30 pm

Consult your OAs for Meeting Location

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7:00 pm *Sadler Center Dining Hall*
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Tuesday, January 21

7:00 am – **Breakfast**
9:00 am *Sadler Center Dining Hall*
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9:00 am – **Group Academic Advising**
11:15 am *Washington Hall, Classrooms ...*
Looking for new description for this academic advising structure

9:00 am – **Community Connections**
10:00 am Use this time to get to know the offices and resources available to you throughout the William & Mary community.

A Home Without Hazing – Prospective Member Training

Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium

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Learn more about Hazing Prevention at W&M online: www.wm.edu/hazingprevention

The Washington Center: Your Campus in the City

Zoom:

Add a W&M experience in Washington, DC to your bucket list. Come learn about all the opportunities your campus in the city has to offer! The Washington Center partners with faculty from departments and schools across William & Mary to offer high-impact learning experiences for students in all majors. Among the diverse topics offered are government, policy, culture, business, and education.

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- 11:30 am - 2:00 pm** **Lunch**
Sadler Center Dining Hall
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- 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm** **Course Registration Continues**
Computer Labs or Personal Laptops
Your OA will let you know where to meet. This timeframe has been reserved for new spring semester students only.
- 1:45 pm – 2:45 pm** **Community Connections**
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**2:00 pm -
4:00 pm**

Supports. Opportunities. Services. (SOS) Fair

Sadler Center, Atrium

All students can be successful at William & Mary - provided you recognize the **support** structures in place, take advantage of the **opportunities** in front of you, and utilize the **services** that can uplift you during times of challenge.

**2:55 pm –
3:55 pm**

Community Connections ... Engagement & Tribe Pride (Repeated at 2:30 pm)

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TutorZone

Sadler Center, TBD

Learn about the variety of resources available to you through the Office of Academic Wellbeing. We will give you an overview of academic support programs, free tutoring & time management support through the TutorZone, and our Success Coaching program.

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Fraternity & Sorority Life

Sadler Center, TBD

Here at William & Mary the tradition of fraternity remains strong and our Fraternity & Sorority Community plays a vital role on campus and in the community. Come learn about our chapters and engagement opportunities!

3:00 pm **Ongoing Add/Drop Spring Semester Course Registration**

4:00 pm – **Wrapping Up Your Academic Schedule Advising Zoom Drop-In Hours**
5:00 pm

Zoom:

Students who have not registered for at least 12 credits can meet with an Academic Advisor via Zoom to discuss wrapping up their schedule.

5:30 pm - **Dinner**

7:00 pm *Sadler Center Dining Hall*

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6:00 pm - **Mid-Year Student Organizations & Activities Fair (Round 1 of 2)**
8:00 pm

Sadler Center

The Office of Student Leadership Development (SLD) is pleased to offer the Mid-Year Student Organizations & Activities Fair. This event is intended to meet the needs of incoming students AND provide a mid-year opportunity to current students and organizations. SLD works to help students engage, elevate, and explore opportunities for leadership and involvement on campus. We hope you'll check it out!

Wednesday, January 22

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