

Spring 2024 New Student Orientation



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Friday, January 19

8:00 am - Offices Available

5:00 pm Student Health Center, McLeod-Tyler Wellness Center*

(then closed Financial Aid, Blow Hall, Room 124

until Monday, University Registrar, Blow Hall, Room 240

January 22) Student Accessibility Services, Sadler Center, Room 181

*Student Health Center closes at 4 pm until Monday, January 22.

9:00 am - Residential New Student Orientation Check-In

12:00 pm *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.

11:30 am - Lunch

2:00 pm *Commons 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.

1:30 pm- Campus Tours with More!

3:00 pm *Meet in Sadler Center, Atrium*

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2:30 pm- Campus Tours with More!

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4:30 pm - Your New Tribe Home for ALL Residential New Students

5:00 pm *Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium*

Learn about on-campus life, opportunities for engagement, and your rights and responsibilities.

5:30 pm - Dinner

7:00 pm *Commons Dining Hall*

Meals during orientation are provided for all new spring students. Families are welcome to join their student through the line, as well, for this meal using the wristband provided to them during their student's orientation check-in.

7:00 pm - Community Connection ... W&M Women's Basketball v. Delaware

10:00 pm *Kaplan Arena*

Saturday, January 20

- 7:00 am – Breakfast**
9:00 am *Commons Dining Hall*
 Meals during orientation are provided for all new spring semester students.
- 8:00 am Off-Campus/Commuter New Student Orientation Check-In**
9:00 am *Sadler Center, Atrium Main Entrance*
 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.*
- 8:00 am - New Student & Family Connections Fair**
10:00 am *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.
- 9:30 am - Foundations & New Beginnings**
11:15 am *Orientation Group Meeting Rooms*
 Meet your Orientation Aides (OAs) and other students in your orientation group.
- 11:15 am – We Enhance Your Campus Experience**
11:45 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!
- 12:00 pm - Celebrating Your William & Mary**
12:30 pm *Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium*
 Together new students, parents, families and student supporters will officially be welcomed to the Tribe family!
- 12:30 pm - Lunch**
1:45 pm *Commons Dining Hall*
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- 1:50 pm – Cultivating Authentic Excellence**
2:30 pm *Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium*
 This program explores the Plateau Effect, the tendency for people to stay “stuck at god”, 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.
- 2:40 pm Student Success in the W&M Community (Group Green)**
3:30 pm *Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium*
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Academic Success: Planning Your Path (Group Gold)

ISC 1221

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.

Navigating W&M as a New Exchange Student (Group Gold)

Sadler Center, York Room

All new exchange students will gather for this unique session to meet the Director of the Global Education Office with the Reves Center for International Studies to learn the basics about William & Mary so you can successfully navigate your semester in Williamsburg.

**3:40 pm -
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**4:40 pm -
5:30 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.

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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 21

7:00 am – Breakfast

9:00 am *The Food Hall at the Sadler Center or Commons Dining Hall*

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11:00 am – Lunch

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11:00 am – Being a W&M Student Veteran

12:30 pm *Sadler Center, York Room*

Non-Traditional Aged and Veteran new students are highly encouraged to join current students for a frank conversation about overcoming first-semester hurdles and how the student veterans group can support you through your university experience.

12:45 pm – On Our Honor ... (Classes of 2025 & 2026)

1:35 pm *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.

Building a Liberal Arts Experience for What is Next ... (Class of 2027)

Tucker Hall, Auditorium

All degree-seeking Class of 2027 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.

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3:00 pm - Wellness Mindset (Do It for the Well of It) Dialogue

4:15 pm *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.

4:20 pm - Ensuring Community at W&M

5:15 pm *Orientation Group Meeting Rooms*

Building community is everyone's responsibility, and often requires the help of others. Hear from key campus partners about how W&M works to ensure a safe and welcoming campus environment. You will also use this time to download and create a TimelyCare account.

5:30 pm - Dinner

7:00 pm *The Food Hall at the Sadler Center or Commons Dining Hall*

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6:30 pm Community Connection ... Exploring Merchants Square & DOG Street

8:30 pm *Consult your OAs for Meeting Location*

Use this time to get to know other students who are new to W&M -- or spend it focusing on your own well-being.

Monday, January 22

7:00 am – Breakfast

9:00 am *The Food Hall at the Sadler Center or Commons Dining Hall*

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8:00 am - First-Generation & Limited Income (FGLI) College Student Breakfast

9:30 am *Sadler Center, York Room*

Any student, new or returning, who identifies as a first-generation and/or limited income (FGLI) college student is invited to drop in and join STEP and the *First-Generation Low Income at W&M* student organization for a semester kick-off breakfast. Enjoy breakfast and perhaps meet a few new folks along the way!

9:00 am – Community Connections ... Engagement & Tribe Pride (Repeat at 11:30 am & 2:45 pm)

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A Home Without Hazing – Prospective Member Training

Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium

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Center for Student Diversity: Welcome to the Tribe! We are Here for You!

Sadler Center, Room 268P

We welcome you to the W&M family and look forward to helping you have a dynamic experience. Stop by the CSD for casual conversation with students from diverse organizations, cultures, faiths and meet the dynamic CSD team.

Fraternity & Sorority Life

Sadler Center, James Room

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**10:00 am -
3:00 pm**

Academic Advising with your Assigned Faculty Advisor

Each new student must meet with their advisor either in-person or via Zoom to review and plan a schedule for spring semester. Your meeting time will have been arranged during Saturday’s academic planning session. Meetings typically last for 30 minutes.

**10:15 am –
11:15 am**

Community Connections ... Academic Wellbeing & Exploration (Repeats at 1:30 pm)

Attend the session that feels most applicable to your current transition situation. All will repeat during the 2:30 pm time block.

Strategies for Academic Success

Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium

Join us for a look into the variety of academic resources and supports offered by Academic Wellbeing. Whether it is helping you plan for a successful semester or guiding you through the bumps along the way, we’re here to help!

Visit Academic Wellbeing online: www.wm.edu/academicwellbeing

Writing and Communications Center

Sadler Center, York Room

Learn about the Writing and Communications Center and the support services provided to students through their office including resources, workshops and individual support.

Visit the Writing Resource Center online: www.wm.edu/as/wwc/

Career Development

Cohen Career Center, Presentation Room

Connect with the Office of Career Development & Professional Engagement to learn about resources and strategies for exploring career options and gaining experience through internships and applied learning. During this session, you'll complete an interactive exercise to help get you started on your path to career readiness. You'll also learn about when and how to engage with the career center.



Visit the Career Development & Professional Development online: career.wm.edu

Global Education

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Discuss aspects of studying away including choosing a program, earning transfer credit, setting up finances, and determining the timing in your personal and professional development with staff from the Reves Center.

Visit the Reves Center for International Studies online: www.wm.edu/revescenter

The Washington Center: Your Campus in the City

Sadler Center, Room 298

Add a semester 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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11:00 am - 3:00 pm International Students, Scholars & Programs (ISSP) Welcome Table & Activities

Sadler Center, Atrium & Lodge 1

This is an opportunity for new international students & families to meet International Students, Scholars & Programs (ISSP) staff, and learn about available resources for international students at W&M.

11:30 am – 12:30 pm Community Connections ... Engagement & Tribe Pride (Repeated at 2:30 pm)

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4:00 pm - 5:15 pm – **Cohen Career Center Tours**
Cohen Career Center, Lobby
Having learned what career development resources are available to you, this is your chance to explore the Cohen Career Center in person! Refer to your OA for your group’s slated time during this time block.

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm – **Dinner**
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7:00 pm - 8:30 pm – **Mid-Year Student Organizations & Activities Fair**
Sadler Center
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organizations. SLD works to help students engage, elevate, and explore opportunities for leadership and involvement on campus. We hope you'll check it out!

8:30 pm - Community Connection ... S'mores Galore!

9:30 pm *Crim Dell Meadow (Rain Location: Sadler Center, Lodge 1)*

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Tuesday, January 23

7:00 am – Breakfast

9:00 am *Commons Dining Hall or The Food Hall at the Sadler Center*

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8:15 am – Course Registration Continues

8:45 am *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.

9:00 am - Campus Tour Rotations (repeated from 10:15 am – 11:15 am and 11:30 am – 12:30 pm)

10:00 am *Consult Your OA for Rotation*

- . W&M Spirit Shop & Bookstore & The Hub
- . Swem Library
- . McLeod-Tyler Wellness Center

12:00 pm - Lunch

2:00 pm *Commons Dining Hall or The Food Hall at the Sadler Center*

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1:00 pm Ongoing Add/Drop Spring Semester Course Registration

2:00 pm – Wrapping Up Your Academic Schedule Advising Zoom Drop-In Hours

3:00 pm *Zoom: <https://cwm.zoom.us/j/93482859116>*

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

3:00 pm - Explore Williamsburg Challenge

5:00 pm *Meet in the Sadler Center, Atrium*

Get to know your local community, connect with other students, learn how to get the most out of being a Williamsburg resident, and receive W&M swag. Sign up for the Explore Williamsburg Challenge, a civic scavenger hunt of Williamsburg, all within easy walking distance to campus.

5:00 pm - Dinner

7:00 pm *Commons Dining Hall or The Food Hall at the Sadler Center*

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7:00 pm - Mid-Year Student Organizations & Activities Fair

8:30 pm *Sadler Center*

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