2020 Student Orientation

Questions about Fall Orientation?
Contact the Office of Student Life (816) 415-5299.

Discovery...

Saturday, August 22
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – Residence Halls Open
An early start to an action packed day! Upper-class students will assist unloading your personal belongings during this timeframe. Resident Directors (RD), Resident Assistants (RA), and Mentors will be in first-year halls to meet and greet you and your family members.

10:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – New Student Luncheon
Use your student ID for your first meal in the Dining Hall! Family and friends can eat for a small fee.

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. – Meet Your Mentor Group
Gather on the Quad in front of Curry Hall to get together with your Mentor group. Your Mentor will help guide you through the four-day Orientation Program and will provide useful information throughout our program so you are prepared to begin your journey. iPads required.

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – New Student Meeting
Follow your Mentor inside Gano Chapel. You will learn the Honor Code and the Alma Mater so you are prepared for the Matriculation Ceremony. You will also learn more about the next four days. A class photo will be taken on the Quad following this meeting. iPads required.

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – The Tradition Begins!
Following the class photo, your Mentor will provide direction as you line up for the first traditional Walk Around the Quad. (You will also do this once again at Commencement.) You will proceed into Gano Chapel for the Matriculation Ceremony where the Director of Admission Services will present you to the Provost who will declare that you are an official member of William Jewell College. iPads required.

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Family Goodbye Time
Take a few moments to say goodbye to your family.

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Dinner
Meet up with your Mentor for dinner in the Dining Hall. Remember your student ID!

6:45 p.m. – 9:55 p.m. – Connect with Peers
Meet in your Mentor group on the First-Year Triangle. The Tucker Leadership staff will facilitate small group activities that will help you get acquainted with some of your peers. Meet with your RA staff to learn about residential community expectations and uses of common areas of the building.

Community...

Sunday, August 23
8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. – Morning MOSAIC (optional)
Come to Grand River Chapel if you are interested in a time of worship, music and a devotional thought to inspire you as you begin your day. Sponsored by Christian Student Ministries.

9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. – Diversity & Inclusion; Title IX & Anti-Harassment
Meet in Gano Chapel with your Mentor. You will rotate in groups through several different sessions led by fellow students on topics critical to creating a healthy community on the Hill. iPads required.

11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Brunch
Head to the Dining Hall with your Mentor group.

2:00 p.m. – Liberty Square Tour (optional)
Find out what restaurants, coffee shops, etc. are available within walking distance of your new community.

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Dinner
Head to the Dining Hall with your RA and hallmates.

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – Fun on the Ely Triangle
Follow your peers to the First-Year Triangle as you gather for snacks, music and games. The Ice Cream Truck will be there!

Engagement...

Monday, August 24
Noon – 2:00 p.m. – Explore On-Campus Organizations!
Yates-Gill College Union. This is a great opportunity for you to see what student organizations we have and to sign up to get involved! Lots of free stuff!

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Jewell Traditions
Meet in Yates-Gill College Union 221/222!

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Dinner
Meet your Mentor for dinner in the Dining Hall.

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – Craig Karges, the “Extraordinist”
Join us in Gano Chapel as College Union Activities (CUA) hosts Craig Karges! An extreme mind-blowing show where tables float. Minds are read. Metal bends and your imagination is challenged because you won’t believe your eyes!
“Craig Karges is the king of college campus entertainment!”
– CNN Headline News
Additional Events/Activities

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. – Sickle Cell Trait Testing
(new athletes only) All Sports except Fall
If you are playing a sport at Jewell and it is not a fall sport, head to the Training Room in the Mabee Center.

2:15 – 3:45 p.m. – Music Auditions and Placement:
Band – Any student interested in playing in the Jewell Symphonic Band, go to Pillsbury Music Center Room 100 and talk to Dr. Langston Hemenway, Director of Bands.

Choir – All students wishing to sing in a choir must perform a brief voice placement audition. Even if you have been awarded a voice scholarship, or have previously been enrolled in a choral ensemble, you must still audition. There is a spot for every singer. Sign-ups for audition time-slots will be available in the Pillsbury lobby a few days beforehand.

Knowledge...

Tuesday, August 25
7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. - Breakfast
Breakfast in the Dining Hall.

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – Academic Achievement Center/ Advising
Stop by the quad level/top floor of the Pryor Learning Commons to learn about Academic Advising and the Academic Achievement Center. Be sure to bring your iPad for the full experience!

9:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. - Moodle Training & Presence/Locate Your Classrooms!
Join us in Yates-Gill College Union 221/222. You need to have an understanding of Moodle, our active learning platform, so you are prepared for classes tomorrow. You will also become familiar with Presence, our co-curricular programming app. We also want to make sure you know where to find your classes! iPads required.

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Departmental Picnic
Pick-up your lunch in the Dining Hall. After you swipe your student ID, head to Phelps Dining Room. (That is on the east side.) Mentors will provide the department locations.

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. – Aiming for Academic Success – Even When It’s Hard!
Dr. Brendon Benz, Dr. Beth Sperry, and upper-class students will give you tips on how to be successful in the classroom. Meet in YGCU 221/222. iPads required.

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Dinner
Make sure and eat some dinner in the Dining Hall.