Winter Welcome
Exchange Student Orientation
Thursday, January 12 – Monday, January 16, 2017
WELCOME EXCHANGE STUDENTS!

Welcome to Washington University! As you prepare for your semester at Washington University, you will share many similar experiences with other new students, beginning with Winter Welcome. This orientation program will help you become acclimated to our campus and introduce you to many people and resources that will assist you. Most importantly, orientation is a time to meet and socialize with other students new to Washington University.

Your orientation experience will be comprised of events related to your undergraduate school as well as social events. Please pay particular attention to REQUIRED EVENTS as they may pertain to advising and your courses.

Some of our social events are required, while others are optional; however, we strongly encourage you to participate in all programs in order to make the most of your Washington University orientation experience.

The most important thing to remember during orientation is that you are not alone in this new experience. Everyone on campus is excited to help you learn all you need to know about being a student at Washington University, so don’t ever hesitate to ask questions as you begin to discover your place in the Washington University community!

This guide was created to assist you through your first few days at Washington University as well as offer some resources for you to use throughout your semester in St. Louis!
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Any new exchange students who would be interested in taking courses or a tutorial to refine their English for academic and professional communication may sign up for a placement test with WUSTL’s English Language Programs (ELP). Although these tests are listed as tests for graduate students, undergraduates are welcome to take them. Information about how to sign up is available at http://oiss.wustl.edu/english-language-programs/testing/schedule/. Students are also welcome to contact the ELP at elp@wustl.edu to learn more about the ELP’s services.

The last opportunity to take placement tests will be Friday, January 13 but students are welcome to contact English Language Programs at any time to get advice about which services would be most appropriate.

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**Arriving to campus**

*Plan for your arrival to campus for Wednesday, January 11th. You will need to register your arrival time with the Office of International Students and Scholars to receive free pick-up from the airport to campus.*

**Wednesday, January 11**

Optional events for students who have already arrived on campus:

**All day**

**Airport Pickup and Move-In to Residential Life**
The Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) provides complimentary shuttle from the Lambert – St. Louis International Airport to campus. You'll need to check in with OISS after you check in to your living accommodations for the semester.

**All Day**

**Your To-Do List**
Take time today to take care of tasks that may take more time prior to the beginning of Washington University’s orientation programming. View supplemental guide provided by OISS for information on mobile phone providers. View supplemental guide called “How do I get there?” for information on shopping via Metrolink and locations.

- Bank Account
- Mobile Phone
- Shopping
  - Bedding
  - Towels
  - Winter coat and warm clothing
  - Toiletries
  - Food and snacks
Basic kitchen supplies (depending on residence)
Textbooks and school supplies

6:30 PM
Optional - Dinner with Exchange Students
Stix House, 6470 Forsyth Street
Activities for Winter Welcome will begin tomorrow morning. Take time to relax, settle in, and have some dinner with fellow exchange students at one of the nearby, walkable off-campus restaurants; all campus eateries are closed after 3:00 PM today. Students will meet at the Office of International Students and Scholars office (Stix House) to walk together with a current student. Students will be responsible for the cost of their own meal.

Thursday, January 12

9:30AM – 11:00AM
Office of International Students and Scholars Orientation (Required)
Danforth University Center, Room 234
This session will cover immigration requirements and paperwork.

11:00AM – Noon
Lunch in the DUC
Danforth University Center

Noon – 3:00 PM
Shopping Trip
Meet at the stairs in the Danforth University Center
Travel with the First Year Center Executive Board to purchase essentials for living on campus. Meet at The First Year Center to walk to the Metro and travel to shopping areas in St. Louis. Groups will travel to Target and Bed Bath and Beyond, as well as the Galleria Mall.

4:00PM – 5:00PM
Residential Life Meeting
(Mandatory for any students living in Residential Life Housing)
Danforth University Center, Room 234
This meeting is REQUIRED for all students living in Residential Life Housing. This important program will give you information about what it’s like to live in the residence houses and how to be comfortable, happy, and healthy throughout your time living with Residential Life.
session is in addition to the meeting that all students who live in Residential Life housing will attend with their resident advisors once classes begin.

6:30PM – 8:00PM  **OISS Dinner**  
*Village House Fireside Dining*  
Join the Office of International Students and Scholars for a dinner and getting to know fellow exchange students.

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**Friday, January 13**

Meal plans start today. If you purchased a meal plan for your university Campus Card, you will start receiving access to it today.

9:00AM – 10:00AM  **Welcome from the First Year Center**  
*Danforth University Center, room 234*  
Get to know one another, the Exchange Student community, and more!

10:00AM – 10:30AM  **Navigating St. Louis**  
*Danforth University Center, room 234*  
Learn about getting around St. Louis by public transportation, your Metrolink pass, and other transportation options.

10:30AM-11:00AM  **Safety at WashU**  
*Danforth University Center, room 234*  
Join our university police department and First Year Center staff for information on protecting your belongings, taking care of yourself, emergency procedures on campus, and more. Laptop security services will be available.

11:00AM – 11:50PM  **Campus Tour**  
Get to know the Washington University campus on this tour led by a First Year Center student leader.

12:00PM – 1:30PM  **School/College Meetings and Lunch (Required)**  
*Danforth University Center*  
*Breakout Rooms: College of Arts & Science: DUC 241 School of Engineering & Applied Science, DUC 242 Olin Business School, DUC 239*  
Reconnect with your academic advisor and review academic information vital to your success as a student at Washington University. Lunch will be provided.

1:30PM-3:00PM  **The Date (Required)**
Mallinckrodt Center, room 303
A dynamic presentation and discussion with the Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention (RSVP) Center on healthy dating and relationships.

3:00PM – 4:00PM
**Stress Less with SHS**
*Mallinckrodt Center, room 303*
Join Student Health Services (SHS) for information about health and wellness at Washington University, including how to access health services and resources to manage the stresses of a new environment.

6:30PM – 8:30PM
**Dinner on the Loop**
*Meet at the Danforth University Center to walk over to the Loop*
Join First Year Center student leaders and current students for dinner on the Delmar Loop.

8:30PM – 10:00PM
**Game Night Social**
*Danforth University Center, Second Floor, Fun Room*
Spend more time getting to know your fellow classmates in this informal setting.

**Saturday, January 14**

Optional: Grab brunch in the Village at 11:00 AM.

12:30 PM – 2:30PM
**Explore the Loop**
Walk with the peer leaders over to the Delmar Loop for places to grab lunch and check out the Annual Loop Ice Carnival with activities, giveaways, ice sculptures, performers, and more.

3:00PM – 5:00PM
**First Year Center Oasis**
*First Year Center, Umrah House, South 40*
Nothing to do? Come hang out in the First Year Center, located on the South 40. Chat with new friends or enjoy some games. Snacks are provided. If you need to go shopping, First Year Center student leaders will be available to direct you via the Metro to local shopping areas.

5:00PM – 6:00PM
**Dinner at Bear’s Den**
*Bear’s Den, South 40*
Meet at Bear’s Den for a dinner with peer leaders and other students.

6:30PM
**Ice Skating**
Meet in front of Brookings Hall
Join us for ice skating at Steinberg skating rink in Forest Park. You may want to bring cash for snacks or hot cocoa. The First Year Center will pay for your skate rental. Don’t forget to dress warmly, in layers, and wear/bring warm socks!

Sunday, January 15

1:00PM - 3:00PM  St. Louis City Bus Tour
Meet in front of Brookings Hall no later than 1:00 PM to get on the bus.
Join the peer leaders and go on a guided city tour of St. Louis with Renegade STL, a fun and energetic professional tour of the whole city – past and present.

4:30PM – 5:30PM  Friends, Transitions and Crossing Cultures (Required)
Mallinckrodt Center, room 303
This reflective workshop will help you think more broadly about navigating the transition to Washington University including thoughts on crossing cultures, connecting with others, and making the most of your experience here.

5:30PM – 7:00PM  Dinner at Bear’s Den
Bear’s Den, South 40
Meet at Bear’s Den for a dinner with peer leaders and other students. Student leaders will walk over from the required session beforehand.

7:00PM – 8:30PM  Student to Student
First Year Center, Umrath House, South 40
Join current students as they share experiences about transitioning to campus, making the most of their experience, and dealing with difficulties. Come and meet all new and returning members of the transfer and exchange student community and have a sweet treat.
Monday, January 16

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Holiday – No Classes

Looking for a way to spend the day? The Missouri History Museum is accessible by Metrolink, offers free admission, and hosts a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration for the St. Louis community with musical performances and exhibits. The museum is located at the intersection of Lindell Boulevard and DeBaliviere Avenue and is inside Forest Park.

3:30 – 4:30 PM  **Academic Integrity (Required)**  
*Seigle Hall, Room 303*
Join Olin Business School’s Associate Dean and Director of Undergraduate Programs, Steve Malter, for a mandatory session on academic integrity at Washington University. Students from all divisions (Engineering, Arts & Sciences, and Business) must attend.

5:30PM-6:30PM  **Dinner with OISS**  
*Stix House*
Join OISS for pizza and a discussion about the importance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the United States and around the world.

7:00PM – 8:30PM  **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Commemoration**  
*Graham Chapel*
Join the Washington University community to celebrate Dr. King’s life and legacy.

Tuesday, January 17

First day of spring semester classes
Washington University Campus Bookstore Hours

Located in the Mallinckrodt Center, ground level

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Spring Semester Campus Events

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday  Monday, January 16 (class not in session)

Spring Activities Fair  Friday, January 20

Ready to get involved? At the Spring Activities Fair you can meet representatives from over 200 student groups on campus. More information can be found at campuslife.wustl.edu.

Lunar New Year Festival  February 10-11

Lunar New Year Festival (LNYF) is a student-organized and –performed cultural show with two days of skits, dances, and music to ring in the Lunar New Year. The organization explores Asian culture in WashU and the world over and sponsors an annual philanthropy. Help run the show, perform in it, or watch LNYF demonstrate traditional and contemporary facets of Asian culture.

Black Anthology  February 3-4

Black Anthology, founded in 1989, is an annual student production written by students to explore and commemorate the history, culture, and progress of African Americans. Costume design, coordination, and production is all done by students.

Spring Break  March 12-18

Classes do not meet during spring break.

Carnaval  March 31-April 1

The Association of Latin American Students puts on this Latin cultural show primarily featuring dances and skits. Dances and skits are added and changed every year, and students of all backgrounds help develop and perform the acts.
Thurtene Carnival April 21-23

A three-day carnival dating back to 1907, Thurtene takes place in the Brookings parking lot and features facades built by sororities and fraternities as well as food, booths, rides, and performances. The carnival is put on by the Thurtene Honorary and brings together WashU students and the greater St. Louis community.

Mr. WashU Wednesday, April 5

Mr. WashU is a student-run charitable organization that selects candidates every year to compete for the title of Mr. Wash U in a series of fundraisers and a culminating talent show, featuring choreographed dances. The organization benefits City Faces, a St. Louis charity benefiting youth in the Clinton Peabody Housing Projects.

Spring W.I.L.D. Friday, April 28

Walk In, Lay Down (WILD) is Wash U’s largest concert, put on by the Social Programming Board. Spring WILD takes place on the last day of class; past WILDs have featured such artists as Icona Pop, Childish Gambino, Chance the Rapper, Karmin, Atmosphere, Method Man, the Black-Eyed Peas, and Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros.

Reading Week May 1-4

Final Exams May 4-10

Commencement Friday, May 19