Welcome to the Academic Success Program at WCU!

Important Instructions and Information for Your Arrival

Students: Please share this information with your parents.

We are looking forward to your arrival at Western Carolina University and your participation in the Academic Success Program (ASP)!

Please review the enclosed information carefully to ensure that you are prepared for arrival on June 29th. If you have any questions or need additional information, please visit the ASP website at http://academicsuccess.wcu.edu, call the ASP office at 828-227-3017, or send an email to asp@wcu.edu.

Catamount Email

Students will receive their bills and all additional information by email through their Catamount Email address which can be accessed through MyCat (http://mycat.wcu.edu). Instructions for setting up your email account are available on the ASP website (http://academicsuccess.wcu.edu) under the Important Updates and Announcements link. Please be sure to set up your account as soon as possible to ensure receipt of all information.

Sunday and Monday, June 29th and 30th:

ASP students and parents will need to report to Albright-Benton Hall (located beside Cullowhee Methodist Chruch) for check-in between 10:30 am and 12:00 pm on Sunday, June 29th. Signs will be posted on campus to direct you to the correct location. Staff will direct cars to the unloading areas and volunteers will be available to help with unloading and moving items into the student’s room. Please clearly label all boxes and items with your building and room number to assist with getting your things to the correct location. After unloading, you will be asked to move your car to the parking lot across the street.

Parents who will be staying on campus for Orientation will be able to check into their rooms and pick up their keys in the Albright-Benton lobby during this time as well. Parents and family members will stay in Blue Ridge Hall. However, many parents choose local hotel accommodations. On-campus accommodations will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Parents will be assigned rooms together and every effort will be made for single parents to have a private room. Rooms have twin beds and every two rooms at Blue Ridge share a bathroom with a toilet and shower; sinks are located in each room. Parents who choose to stay on campus will need to provide their own linens and toiletry items. Information about the local area, including hotel accommodations, is available on the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce site at http://www.mountainlovers.com.

At 1:30 pm, all students and parents are required to attend the ASP Opening Session in the University Center Grandroom. This session will provide an overview of the Academic Success Program, an outline of program expectations, and an introduction of staff.

After the ASP Opening Session, students and registered parents/guests will continue with WCU Orientation. This orientation session is strongly encouraged for parents. Orientation provides parents the opportunity to find out about campus resources, policies, and programs. The information covered during Orientation may be particularly helpful for first-time parents of college students or those who may not be familiar with WCU. Registration for Orientation and payment of Orientation fees are required and must be paid separately from other summer costs. These fees are not covered by ASP summer tuition and fees. You may register and pay for Orientation through the CatWalk. You may also pay the Orientation fee online at http://specialpayments.wcu.edu. The cost is $145.00 for the student; $100.00 for each parent/guest if staying on campus and $70 for each parent/guest if not staying on campus.

UPDATE: Information About Summer Parking Permits

Students who are planning to have a vehicle on campus for the summer as well as the upcoming fall semester can register online prior to their arrival this summer and receive one parking permit for summer and the school year. To register online, go to https://itapp.wcu.edu/VehicleRegistration.

Parking permits will be available for pick-up during Orientation at the OneStop on Monday afternoon at 2:00 – 5:00 pm. ASP students will be able to purchase parking permits for the summer term at a cost of $12.00. Students who plan to bring a vehicle for the summer only will need to submit a vehicle registration form (available on the Catamount Gateway website at http://gateway.wcu.edu). Students must have their vehicle registration card and proof of insurance with them in order to obtain a permit. Students will need to pay the fee at the OneStop counter prior to obtaining their permit from Traffic Services.

Student Id/Access Cards (Catcards)

Students must email a digital photo to the CatCard Office (catcard@wcu.edu) or mail a hard copy photo to WCU CatCard Office, Killian Annex, Cullowhee, NC. 28723 at least one week prior to Orientation so that you can pick up your CatCard at check in. Your CatCard will give you access to Albright-Benton Hall, so it is important for you to complete this step prior to your arrival. You will receive your CatCard at check-in.

Class Schedules

Students will receive their summer and fall class schedules during Orientation on Monday, June 30th. They will also meet with their advisor during Orientation and will be able to discuss their schedules during their advising session.

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Payment of Summer Bill

All summer balances due should be paid by Monday, June 23rd. Please use the following chart to determine your balance due. If you have questions concerning your account, please call the OneStop Student Service Center at 828-227-7170. If you have questions regarding your Financial Aid status, please call the Financial Aid Office at 828-227-7732.

**Important Note:** If you are missing information, your online bill may not contain all charges that need to be paid. Please refer to the following chart for the correct amounts:

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(Note: If you choose to sign up for the student health insurance summer plan, then you will need to add $254.25 to the above balance due amount.)

(The University reserves the right to alter any charges without any prior notice upon direction from the appropriate governing authorities.)

**Full payment is due by Monday, June 23, 2014.**

Checks may be made payable to Western Carolina University and mailed to:

Academic Success Program
137 Killian Annex, WCU
Cullowhee, NC 28723

Or, payments can be made online with a credit card at [https://wcupg.wcu.edu/C20252_tsa/web/login.jsp](https://wcupg.wcu.edu/C20252_tsa/web/login.jsp).

Student Health Insurance

WCU requires all full-time enrolling students to have major medical health insurance. In the event that you do not have medical insurance coverage, the University will make available to you a student health insurance plan. Due to recent changes in the school administered plan, health insurance is not required for the summer session. However, a one-month summer plan is available for the month of July at a cost of $254.25. To sign up for the voluntary plan, please visit [http://www.wcu.edu/student-life/division-of-student-affairs/departments/student-health-services/student-health-insurance/voluntary-enrollment.asp](http://www.wcu.edu/student-life/division-of-student-affairs/departments/student-health-services/student-health-insurance/voluntary-enrollment.asp).

If you already have health insurance coverage, you do not need to enroll in the University supported plan; however, all students must waive or accept the insurance online at [http://www.wcu.edu/student-life/division-of-student-affairs/departments/student-health-services/student-health-insurance/how-to-waive.asp](http://www.wcu.edu/student-life/division-of-student-affairs/departments/student-health-services/student-health-insurance/how-to-waive.asp).

Contact the Health Services Center at 828-227-7640 if you have any questions.

Summer Room Assignments

In order to receive your summer room assignment, you must have submitted a housing deposit and a Summer Residence Hall agreement. If you have been assigned a room, your room assignment and roommate’s contact information have been included in this letter. We will continue to pre-assign rooms until June 23rd and will be contacting those students with missing assignments through their Catamount Email address with roommate information as assignments are made. All others will be assigned on a walk-in basis at check in on Sunday, June 29th.

What to Bring

A list of suggested items to bring with you is provided on the ASP website under Frequently Asked Questions. Please note that students need to bring a set of clothing that can get dirty, including one pair of pants or jeans and a pair of closed-toe shoes, for our service projects. Additionally, students are encouraged to bring at least one set of clothes for attending a professional event (no shorts or t-shirts).

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Be sure to check the ASP website at [http://academicsuccess.wcu.edu](http://academicsuccess.wcu.edu) for additional information and updates!

Mailing forms or other information?
To expedite the process, please send all paperwork to the ASP office:

137 Killian Annex, WCU; Cullowhee, NC 28723

You may also scan and email these items to [asp@wcu.edu](mailto:asp@wcu.edu) or fax them to 828-227-7078.