
Parent Wrap Up Session

School Zone

Rules of the Road Differ

- Less hours of class (Going to class is the tip of the iceberg)
- Going to class is akin to having a two-day work-week
- More unscripted time but more hours of homework, library, research
- GPA is a blank slate (only as good as your first semester)

Academics First (FinishInFour.wcu.edu)

- Look at your class schedule and syllabi and create a study schedule
 - ◆ Where and when are you planning to study?
 - ◆ The earlier in the day and the earlier in the week, the better
 - ◆ “Later” never comes
 - ◆ If you fail to plan then plan to fail

RR Crossing (Read and React)

Official emails from university (check your Catamount email)

Syllabi (assignments and deadlines)

Online Catalog (Academic Regulations) (catalog.wcu.edu)

Degree Audit (www.wcu.edu/apply/distance-online-programs/current-students/advising-and-registration.aspx)

Academic Calendar (academiccalendar.wcu.edu)

Wrong Way (Steer Clear of Poor Choices)

Plagiarism and Copyright Infringement (dsce.wcu.edu)

Alcohol and Substance Abuse (dsce.wcu.edu)

Sexual Harassment or Violence

(studentawareness.wcu.edu)

Roads Diverge

Make Informed Choices

- Advising Center & Advising Day (advising.wcu.edu)
- Pre-professional Advising
- Resident Assistants and Case Managers
- Career Services (careers.wcu.edu)
- First Year Experience (fye.wcu.edu)
- Professors' Office Hours

Pedestrian Crossing (Share the road)

Community Creed (dsce.wcu.edu)

(Be respectful of and concerned for your neighbors)

Professors, Staff, RAs, University Police, Roommates, Classmates, Community

Speed Bumps (Delays to Graduation)

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Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) issues

Low GPA or Low Percentage of Course Completion (67% rule)

(FinishInFour.wcu.edu)

Tuition Surcharge (surcharge.wcu.edu)

Poor personal choices

Construction Zone (Your future is under construction)

Building Your Transcript

Completing your degree audit (www.wcu.edu/apply/distance-online-programs/current-students/advising-and-registration.aspx)

Co-op and Internships (careers.wcu.edu)

Study abroad (studyabroad.wcu.edu)

Campus employment (studentemployment.wcu.edu)

Co-curricular involvement

(westerncarolinauniversity.orgsync.com/orglist)

Recognize Rest Areas and Welcome Centers

- Writing and Learning Commons (walc.wcu.edu)
- Math Tutoring Center (mathlab.wcu.edu)
- Intercultural Affairs (ica.wcu.edu)
- Counseling & Psychological Services (counselingcenter.wcu.edu)
- Student Support Services (tiny.cc/studentssupport)
- Health Services (studenthealth.wcu.edu)

No Parking (Get out of your room and get involved)

Good question to ask:

“What new or interesting thing did you do this week?”

- Convocation and Class of 2020 Photo
- Valley Ballyhoo and Week of Welcome
- CAT Fair (student organizations) and Student Employment Fair
- Catamount Athletics (www.catamountsports.com)
- Intramurals and Club Sports (intramurals.wcu.edu)
- Base Camp Cullowhee (hiking/biking trail) (basecamp.wcu.edu)

Bringing a car to campus

- Will having a car drive you to your future or return you to your past?
 - ◆ Ride Post (WCU.RidePost.com)
 - ◆ Fines for parking in the wrong places
 - ◆ Academic Incentive: parking rate decreases based on class standing
- Two ways to Think About the Parking Issue
 - ◆ Test drive the first semester or year without a car
“Show me the grades, then I’ll show you the car keys.”
 - ◆ Base bringing a car back spring semester on academic performance
“Show me good grades or give me your car keys.”

Steep Grade Ahead

Baseball Analogies

- From the minor leagues to the major leagues
- Pitches you’ve seen before (i.e., writing, math) but the pitches are tougher

Roughly 1 in 10 of the students last fall went the wrong way on the steep grade

Remember the destination of this road trip

- ◆ Graduation with Honors or Distinction
(start strong so you can finish strong)
- ◆ Open doors to career options
(graduate or professional school)

Stop (Take care of unfinished business)

Check your Catamount email frequently

Complete the Release of Information (www.wcu.edu/learn/academic-services/advising-center/current-students-and-advising/release-of-student-information.asp)

Complete the Health Insurance Waiver (www.bcbsnc.com/content/studentblue/wcu/index.htm?page=waiver%20)

Submit Final transcripts/records

(August 1 deadline to avoid having schedule dropped)

Complete Alcohol Edu and Haven Training (dsce.wcu.edu)

Finalize Financial Aid (finaid.wcu.edu)

Pay bills (Mid July)

(August 1 deadline: avoid having schedule dropped)

Contact Roommate (Mid July)

Discuss Medical History

Read and React to move-in day instructions

Freshman Convocation

First-year Reading: Serena

Parent Wrap Up Session Reminder Chart



School Zone - Academics First

- Destination Graduation
- Grades start over
- Class time is tip of iceberg
- Create study schedule



Speed Bumps - Delays to Graduation

- Withdraw & Incompletes
- Tuition Surcharge
- Satisfactory Academic Progress Issues
- Low GPA - 67% Rule
- Poor Personal Choices



RR Crossing - Read & React

- Official emails
- Syllabi & Online Catalog
- Degree Audit
- Academic Calendar
- Dates & Deadlines



Construction Zone - Building your Resume

- Academics
- Experience
- Involvement



Wrong Way - Poor Choices

- Plagiarism
- Copyright Infringement
- Drinking & Substance Abuse
- Sexual Violence or Assault



No Parking - Get Involved

- Convocation & Freshman Assembly
- WOW & Valley Ballyhoo
- Athletics, Intramurals, BaseCamp Cullowhee
- Car or No Car



Informed Choices

- Recognize the Welcome Centers



Steep Grade Ahead

- Welcome to the Big League
- No Weighted GPA
- Academic Program
- Entrance Requirements



Pedestrian Crossing - Community Creed

- Share the Road
- Considerate of Others
- Know when to give Right of Way



Homework

- Check Catamount Email Often
- Complete Release of Information
- Health Insurance Waiver
- Submit Final Transcripts
- View Shots Fired
- Complete Alcohol Edu and Haven Training
- Finalize Financial Aid
- Pay Bills
- Contact Roommate
- Discuss Student Medical History
- Read & React to Move-In Day Instructions
- Read "Serena"
- Attend Freshman Convocation