



Division of
Student Affairs



January 2022

Updates to WCU Spring Semester

Face Coverings: It is essential that we, as a campus community, adhere to the requirement of wearing appropriate face coverings indoors. [Face coverings that cover the nose and mouth are required in ALL indoor settings and on the CatTran.](#) Those who do not comply with this requirement will be asked to do so for their safety and those around them and can face repercussions.

Quarantine/Isolation at Home: Depending on the availability of on-campus quarantine/isolation beds/rooms, students may be required to travel home for quarantine/isolation.

Vaccinations and Boosters: The best weapon against all COVID-19 variants is to get vaccinated and boosted and we strongly urge all members of the campus community to do so as quickly as possible. For those who are vaccinated, be sure to get your booster shot as soon as you are eligible. Appointments can be made for a vaccine or booster shot through the [Health Services patient portal](#). The

combination of vaccines and booster shots has proven to be effective at preventing infections from developing into serious illnesses.

Bookstore: We expect January 7 - 12 to be extremely busy at the WCU Bookstore. We would like to remind all students that we expect long lines during the busiest times and it is important to practice social distancing both inside and outside of the store.



Current First-Year Students Required to Live in Residence Halls 2022-2023

Per **Policy 96**, students will be required to live in on-campus housing during their second academic year (AY 2022-23). The decision to enforce the second-year requirement for the current first-year class was made, based on several pieces of information, including a significant drop in the freshman retention rate. Residential Living is proud of the communities they facilitate throughout the

residence halls and trust that the residential experience will provide students the best opportunity to be personally and academically successful.

WCU students subject to the [Policy 96](#) two-year residence requirement should not sign a lease for an off-campus apartment or rental property. Students subject to the two-year residence requirement will be charged for a room and meal plan per Policy 96 procedures (see section IV. Procedures, paragraph #2) if they move off-campus without authorization from Residential Living. Details about the two-year residence requirement, the exemption process, residence hall room selection, and appeals are included in Policy 96. Please read this information carefully and do not allow your student to sign an off-campus lease without first getting authorization in writing from Residential Living!

If you have questions about the policy, please contact the Department of Residential Living at housingquestions@email.wcu.edu or 828-227-7303.

Video for Students and Parents: Completing the FAFSA via Mobile App

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Created as part of NASFAA U's Fundamentals of Student Financial Aid online course curriculum, NASFAA recently published a [video](#) that covers the steps a student must go through to complete and submit a FAFSA through the myStudentAid mobile app.

Academic Check-In

Some students are pleased with their academic performances in the fall semester. Other students know they need to make improvements to reach their true potential. College is a marathon that requires steady progress and continuous work throughout. If your student is one in the latter category, please

encourage them to keep working hard. Like any marathon, college requires a steady pace and is not won or lost in the first few miles. #

If your student needs or wants to make improvements to their academic performance, recommend that they make a success plan at the beginning of the spring semester. Encourage your student to visit **Tutoring Services** for assistance. The Writing and Learning Commons (Belk 207) and Mathematics Tutoring Center (KA 214) promote student success through math and course tutoring, writing support, academic skills consultation, exam prep, and more are great resources for students. Students can also speak with advisors and faculty members early in the semester to make sure they are progressing successfully. Finally, ask your student to review their course schedule for the spring semester to ensure it is accurate.#

Information Technology Update

On **Wednesday, January 19**, the Division of IT staff will be making necessary changes to our network that require all users to connect to eduroam using the wireless option found at: network.wcu.edu.

If you have set up your device using this option in the past, no further action is needed. If you are unsure or have only connected to eduroam using your username/password, please visit network.wcu.edu prior to January 19 to ensure your device(s) are ready to go. This action can be completed on or off-campus.

NOTE: Devices running macOS will require multiple username/password prompts to complete setup.

Please contact the [IT Help Desk](#), or visit the [Technology Commons](#) on the ground floor of Hunter Library.

'Until justice rolls down like water'

— MLK Jr., Amos 5:24

DR. MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR.

CELEBRATION WEEK

JAN. 17-22, 2022

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UPCOMING

JANUARY 1

FAFSA Priority Filing
Deadline. FAFSA
required for need-based
aid and scholarships.

FEBRUARY 1

WCU Undergraduate
Scholarship Application
Deadline

DEADLINES

Best Wishes for a Healthy and Happy 2022!



HAPPY
NEW
YEAR

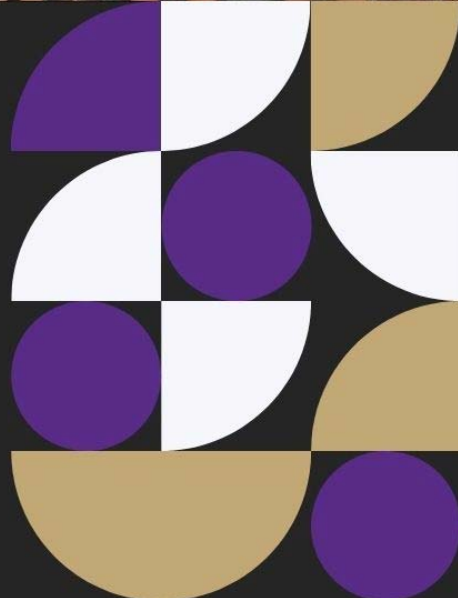




Application available now on jobs.wcu.edu

JOIN THE ORIENTATION TEAM FOR SUMMER 2022!

Housing and Meal Plans provided by the Orientation Office during summer sessions. Be the first to welcome in new Catamounts and their families this Spring and Summer!





Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

January 10 - First Day of Classes

January 10 - 14 Drop/Add

January 17 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, No
Classes

February 1 - Scholarship Applications Due

[Schedule of Campus Events](#)

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