March 2023

Spring Break

Students are welcome to stay in the residence halls over Spring Break. Please let Residential Living know if your student will be here for emergency situations. They can sign up using the link sent to their catamount email. There is no charge to stay for Spring Break. Students should, however, be aware that dining options will be limited during the break.

Residence Hall Room Selection

Room Selection for 2023 – 2024 is underway! Current or Continuing Students should have already paid their housing deposit and completed their housing agreement. If your student hasn’t done these yet, be sure to have them do them as soon as possible. Students can go to their MyWCU account and select the “Fall 2023 Continuing Student Housing Deposit” in the special payments menu to pay their housing deposit. To complete the housing agreement, students can log in at onlinehousing.wcu.edu and click “2023 – 2024 Housing Agreement.” Note that students must pay their deposit to have access to the agreement!

The first room selection dates have already taken place for students who wanted to remain in the same room for 2023 – 2024 and could pull in roommates or suitemates to their rooms with them.

Room selection dates pick up again upon return from Spring Break. These dates are Honor’s Selection on Tuesday, March 14, for students in the Brinson Honors College who want to select a room in Balsam or Blue Ridge Halls, and then we finish with Open Room Selection on Saturday, March 18. For those choosing a room on Saturday, March 18,
a log-in time will be sent to their catamount email address on Friday, March 17.

Once all students can select a room for 2023 – 2024, we will open the portal for open room changes. Students unsatisfied with their chosen room can log in and change their room until June 1, 2023. We will notify all students when the portal opens for room changes.

If you have questions, please reach out to Residential Living at housingquestions@email.wcu.edu.

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### Residency Requirement

Students who entered WCU as a first-time, full-time freshman in the Fall of 2022 or Spring of 2023 and students who entered as new transfers within one year of high school graduation in the Spring of 2023 should review WCU Policy 96 to ensure compliance with the Residence Hall Agreement and Residency Requirement. Students subject to WCU Policy 96 who do not participate in the room selection process or receive a Residency Exemption for the 2023 – 2024 academic year may either be assigned a room and meal plan or charged the Second Year Residency Assessment per the terms outlined in WCU Policy 96.

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### Policy 96

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### Spring Closing

Later this spring, we will start reviewing closing information with students. Students should be prepared to depart campus 24 hours after their last final exam or by 5 pm on Friday, May 12, 2023. All students must move entirely out of their residence hall rooms during the summer break, even if they reclaim the same room for the following academic year.

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### Summer Housing

Residential Living offers on-campus housing for students in Summer 1, Summer 2, or the entire summer session. There is no housing deposit for summer housing. Interested students can email...
housingquestions@email.wcu.edu for access to the appropriate summer housing agreement. The agreements will be available for students beginning April 17, 2023. Rates will be announced later this spring.

Anyone with questions or needing more information can contact Residential Living at housingquestions@email.wcu.edu or by telephone at 828-227-7303.

GIVE
One Day for Western

Save the Date: March 29! One Day for Western, WCU’s inaugural campus-wide day of giving, is challenging Catamounts across the globe to give back to the cause that inspires them most.

We have a special challenge for our WCU Family: for the first 50 donors to our General Scholarship, and Student Emergency Funds, Chancellor Kelli Brown and 16 current and former WCU Foundation board members will make an additional gift to these two crucial areas. More information is coming soon. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

The Elements of Wellness
Intellectual

with Sibley Bryan, Director of the Mathematics Tutoring Center and Travis Bullock, Director of Academic Advising

We don't want unexpected, unforeseen, & urgent expenses to keep you from being a successful student!

If you’re facing unexpected, unforeseen, & urgent expenses you may be eligible for the Student Affairs Emergency Fund.

For more details and to apply, visit DOS.wcu.edu
The Catamount Shopping Shuttle runs one day a week at 5:30 pm from the Cat Tran hub at the UC to Walmart and Ingles. The last shuttle returning to campus from Walmart departs at 7:40 pm.

- Wednesday, March 15
- Thursday, March 23
- Wednesday, March 29

More Information

**New Supplemental Online Courses**

WCU has partnered with Vector Solutions to offer students online resources to encourage healthy decisions, promote positive attitudes and behaviors, and equip students with skills to create a community of belonging.

Some of the courses now available include:
- Alcohol Awareness for Students
- Communication for Inclusion
- Sexual Violence Prevention
- Hazing Awareness and Prevention

Ask your student to check their catamount email for more information.
Please save the date for the 42nd Annual International Festival (I-Fest) on Wednesday, April 19, from 11:30-3 pm! If your student has not attended an I-Fest, check out this 1-minute video. There are also student volunteer opportunities by contacting the Office of Global Engagement.
Schedule of Campus Events

March 2 - 6 - SoCon Basketball Tournament
March 6 - 10 - Spring Break
March 24 - Last day to drop with a "W"
March 25 - Open House
March 26 - Out of Darkness Campus Walk
April 5 - 7 - No classes

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