MY CHECKLIST | Fall 2016

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See you soon!
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With one quick stop, you’ll get your Bearcat Card (student ID), a new copy of your class schedule and an Advantage planner. This is one stop you definitely don’t want to miss.

**Commuting? Join the club!**

Commuting students MUST also check in at Orientation Central and attend required events. There are many opportunities to meet people and you won’t want to miss anything.

**Get your bearcat card (student id)**

If you didn’t get your ID picture taken at SOAR or Transfer Orientation and Registration day, visit the ID Office on the second floor of the Union, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Lunch is available**

The Bearcat Commons, The Jones, Starbucks, and The Station will be open Thursday at 10:30 a.m. for your convenience. Families are welcome to eat with their students. Students can use their meal plans with their Bearcat Card (which will be picked up at Orientation Station) and families may pay with cash or card.

**Transfer students**

Transfer students who are not enrolled in University Seminar are encouraged but not required to attend Advantage events. It’s a great way to meet people and get acclimated. We think you’ll really enjoy it. Transfer students that are not yet registered. This is Orientation Central to get an Advantage planner. You can unload and take your things right to your room. If you’ve unloaded, please park far from the loading area so others can move in.

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- Move in to residence halls, 7 a.m.–4 p.m.
- Orientation Station Check-in, 7 a.m.–6 p.m.
- Bearcat Card photos, ID Office, J.W. Jones Student Union, 1–5 p.m.
- Laptop pickup, Jon T. Rickman Electronic Campus Support Center, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
- Campus Dining locations open, 10:30 a.m., families welcome
- Orientation for Freshmen who did not attend SOAR, 3 p.m.
- Commuter student meeting (for students living off campus only), 4 p.m.
- Residence Hall Orientation (for students living on campus), residence halls, 7–10 p.m.
- Backpack Bash, Centennial Gardens, 8:30 p.m.–10 p.m.
- Outdoor movie, The Station, 10 p.m.
- Theater Event, TBD, TBD p.m.

Friday AUG 26

- University Seminar, seminar classroom, 8:30–9:30 a.m.
- Department meeting and Advisement, 10 a.m.
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- Ice Cream, Pavilion, 7–10 p.m.
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- Merchant Fair, Bell Tower, 11 a.m.–noon
- Transfer and Returning Student Orientation, 1 p.m.
- Dr. Joe Martin, Bearcat Arena, 7:30–9 p.m.
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- External hard drive and flash drive to back up your files
- Cables and cords for your TV and electronics
- Any type of storage boxes, shoe racks or other organizers are a big help
- Tennis shoes for the rec center
- Sports equipment if you plan to play intramurals
- Robe and shower shoes for the halls, hand towels for the bathroom
- Bring a fan. Even in air-conditioned halls, there are times you may want a fan
- Be weather-wise: umbrellas are always a good idea, and it doesn’t hurt to pack a jacket — even in August — because cooler weather can arrive without notice.
- Shower caddy

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