Advantage 2016
August 25-28

Student success starts with a great first year

#BearcatsConnect
OFFICE HOURS DURING ADVANTAGE

Thursday, Aug. 25
- Admissions, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Bearcat Bookstore, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Bursar/Billing, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Cashiering, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Financial Assistance, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Laptop pickup, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
- ID Office, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Orientation Stations, 7 a.m.–6 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 26
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- Textbook pickup, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.
- ID Office, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Advisement Office (Orientation Central), 7 a.m.–5 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 27
- Admissions, 9 a.m.–noon
- Bearcat Bookstore, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.
- Cashiering, 9 a.m.–noon
- Financial Assistance, 9 a.m.–noon
- Laptop Pickup 8 a.m.–2 p.m.
- ID Office, 9 a.m.–noon
- Advisement Office (Orientation Central), 9 a.m.–noon

Sunday, Aug. 28
- Laptop pickup, 1 p.m.–5 p.m.
- Textbook pickup, 1 p.m.–5 p.m.

ORIENTATION CHECK-IN

All freshmen must check in here. If you are living on campus, check into your residence hall first then check in at your designated Orientation Station. (See page 4.) If you need help during Advantage 2016, stop by Orientation Central in the Student Union Ballroom or call us at 660.562.1951

Starting Friday, Orientation Central will be in the Advisement Office, 253 Administration Building (2nd floor, west wing).
TRANSFER STUDENTS

Transfer students are not required to attend Advantage events, but are encouraged and welcome to attend all that interests them. If you haven’t attended an Orientation, plan to attend on Saturday at 1 p.m.

TEXTBOOK PICKUP & VERIFICATION

- Students may verify enrollment on CatPAWS anytime between Aug. 18-29. You must verify before you can pick up your textbooks.
- Textbook pickup is at The Station
  - Friday, Aug. 26, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.
  - Sunday, Aug. 28, 1–5 p.m.
  - Monday, Aug. 29, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.
- **Late verification:** Tuesday, Aug. 30–Wednesday, Aug. 31

> Textbooks will not be issued until students have verified. A fee will be assessed for late verification.

If students do not verify, their schedules will be canceled on Thursday, Sept. 1, to allow other students to enroll in those classes.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

**ATTENTION FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN:**

You will have an opportunity to change your schedule with your academic advisor on Friday, Aug. 26. This is the time to make any last-minute changes to your schedule. See page 12 for more information.

REQUIRED EVENTS

This symbol indicates required events for freshmen.

It is very important to attend all the required events. Your peer advisor will tell you your assigned times for “Diversity and U,” “Can I Kiss You?” and “Helping Bearcats Succeed.” Use this book to keep track of everything.
**Move-In Times**

A–G  7–9 a.m.  
H–M  9–11 a.m.  
N–R  noon–2 p.m.  
S–Z  2–4 p.m.

**New Students Check in at Orientation Stations**

Orientation Stations  
1 - Orientation Central: Student Union, 3rd floor - For students living in South, Commuters, Transfers, Students not yet registered, and anyone needing additional assistance.  
2 - Hudson and Perrin Common Area - For students living in Hudson and Perrin  
3 - The Station - For students living in Tower Suites, Millikan, Dieterich and Franken

**Bearcat Card**

- Your Bearcat Card will be in your packet at your orientation station.  
- If you didn’t get your picture taken for your Bearcat Card (student ID), go to Student Affairs in the Student Union and have that done. It’s open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Where do we eat?**

Your Campus Dining plan starts at 10:30 a.m., so you can start eating at the Union right away. Your families are welcome to purchase lunch, or use a guest meal if your meal plan allows. Commuters can use their commuter plan or pay with cash. See page 13 for Campus Dining details.

**Need help?**

If you have any questions today, go to Orientation Central in the Student Union Ballroom. You can also ask your Resident Assistant (RA), University Seminar Instructor or Peer Advisor. They can help you get used to your new environment.

**Bearcat Card photos**

ID Office, J.W. Jones Student Union  
8:30–5  After you check in at your Orientation Station, you can pick up your laptop from the Jon T. Rickman Electronic Campus Support Center. (Take your Bearcat Card and your email username and password. You should have already signed the notebook contract in CatPAWS. If not, do so before you go.)

10:30  Your meal plan is now active. You’ll need your Bearcat Card to access it. See page 13 for more Campus Dining details.

2, 2:30 & 3  Bearcat Commons Wellness Walks

See page 13 for more info.
3 Freshman Orientation
(for freshman who did not attend
SOAR or the SOAR make-up day.
Families welcome), Union, Ballroom

4–4:30 Commuter student meeting, Check in at Orientation Central in the Ballroom, then attend commuter meeting in the Ballroom, 4 p.m. (required only for students living off campus)

We recommend eating early to avoid the 6 p.m. rush

7–8:30 Residence Hall Orientation (required for students living on campus), residence halls

8:30—10 Backyard Bash, Centennial Garden
Come enjoy s’mores, limeade and some cool activities!

9 Theater Northwest’s “24-Hour Play Slam”, Theater major or not, you are sure to enjoy. In just 24 hours, Theater Northwest creates a full production just for you. Followed by a meet-and-greet with Theatre faculty and upperclassmen.

Studio Theater, Houston MLA

10—midnight Outdoor movie, Now You See Me 2, south side of the Station. Bring your blankets and chairs out for the movie!

Parking permit
To get your parking permit, go to the Personal Information tab on CatPAWS, click the “Parking Permit Registration” link. Permits can be picked up in Cashiering on the first floor of the Administration Building.

Email essentials
Your email address is username@mail.nwmissouri.edu. Your username is on the card you received at SOAR or can be found on CatPAWS under the Personal Information tab.

Location key
Ballroom — Student Union, third floor
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Pavilion — Raymond J. Courter College Park Pavilion
Tower View — Student Union, third floor
Stuff to do

- If you didn’t get your laptop on Thursday, pick it up today 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Take your Bearcat Card and know your email username and password.
- Textbook pick-up will be in The Station today from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you miss the chance to get your books today, Textbook Services will be open 1–5 p.m. on Sunday.
- Try Ziplining by Colden Pond and meet friends at the Rec Center Bash.

Games and activities include:
- Bubble Soccer, 3 on 3 Basketball, Badminton, Bag Toss, Extreme Dodgeball, Floor Hockey, Goal Ball, Ladder Golf, Madden 17 Tournament, NBA 2K16 Tournament, Pickleball, Racquetball, Sitting Volleyball, Table Tennis, Walleyball, Washers

NOTE: If you were unable to check in on Thursday, pick up your materials before University Seminar in Orientation and Advisement, 253 Admin. (2nd floor, west wing)

8:30–9:30 University Seminar, Seminar Classroom (location noted on the card in your orientation envelope)

8–4 Textbook pickup, The Station

8:30–4:30 Laptop pickup for students who didn’t get theirs Thursday at the Jon T. Rickman Electronic Campus Support Center (Take your Bearcat Card and your email username and password)

10 Department meetings and advising. See page 12 for more information.

11:30–5:30 Zip lining by Colden Pond

Language Test Out

- Vouchers must be purchased from Cashiering at the time of test-out.
- Indicate your intent to test out and direct any questions to the Department of English and Modern Languages 660. 562.1265.
- Testing may also be done after the trimester begins.

FRIDAY

2 Test out exams for Spanish, French, and American Sign Language, Colden Hall 3700

2, 2:30 & 3 Bearcat Commons Wellness Walks See page 13 for more info.

2–5 Rec Center Bash Get moving at the Rec Center. Drop-in for free food and stay for cool games and activities at the Foster Fitness Center and Student Rec Center.

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3 Writing challenge - for students who were placed into 10-110 Intro to College Writing, but want to challenge their placement, Colden Hall 1200

6 & 8 Can I Kiss You?, Houston MLA (see your Peer Advisor for your time — Students attend with your Peer Advisor and University Seminar class)

7–10 Ice Cream and Floats, Pavilion (right across from the Houston MLA), hosted by the Northwest Greek Community

10 K-Von, Comedian

Houston MLA, sponsored by Student Activities Council

Ask your University Seminar Instructor or Peer Advisor for your assigned times and note it here:

My library tour day and time:

My advising meeting time and location: (find out at your department meeting)

Don’t Forget!

AUGUST 26

Get your ice cream and head over to the Houston MLA for K-Von

My “Can I Kiss You?” time: 6 p.m. or 8 p.m.
General registration
(For transfer and returning students not yet registered in classes) You should register at the time indicated according to the first letter of your last name.
- 9:30–10 a.m. F-J & special populations
- 10–10:30 a.m. K-O
- 10:30–11 a.m. P-T
- 11–11:30 a.m. U-Z
- 11:30 a.m.–noon A-E

Transfer Students!
We have recommended times for transfers to attend some events, such as:
- Helping Bearcats Succeed, 2 p.m., Student Union Ballroom
- Diversity and U, 3 p.m., Houston MLA

Most events are for transfers and freshman alike, so if you see something that looks interesting, plan to attend.

8:30–10 University Seminar, Seminar classroom

9:30–noon General registration for transfer or returning students not yet registered, Administration Building

10–noon Merchant Fair, Bell Tower

10–4 Helping Bearcats Succeed assigned times, Ballroom

10–4 Diversity and U, assigned times, Houston MLA

1–2 Transfer orientation (for students who did not attend Transfer Orientation & Registration), Meeting Room A

2, 2:30 & 3 Bearcat Commons Wellness Walks

You will attend these with your University Seminar class. Ask your Instructor or Peer Advisor for your assigned time and location and note it here:

My Diversity and U time:

My Helping Bearcats Succeed time:
TO DO TODAY

Stuff to do

■ Free stuff? Who can say no to that? Learn about Maryville businesses at the Merchant Fair. Lots of free samples and goodies just for you! Next Wednesday, Sept. 7 there will be an Organization Fair on campus to help you get involved.

■ Tonight Dr. Joe Martin comes to Northwest to speak about how to be yourself and be successful on campus. He will inspire you!

7:30–9 Dr. Joe Martin, Bearcat Arena, attend with your Resident Assistant and roommates; *Commuter students meet in the lobby of Bearcat Arena by the ticket booth to attend together.*

9–11:30 Casino night, Ballroom, sponsored by RHA

MIDNIGHT movies FREE ADMISSION for Northwest students at The Hangar, Main Street — Carpool with friends or watch the SafeRide Facebook page for times they are available for rides to and from the theater, or call 660.562.1245 to inquire.

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Meeting Room A — Student Union, third floor
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Tower View — Student Union, third floor
What if I get sick?
Don’t go to class and infect the whole campus. Seriously, if you are ill, go to Wellness Services, west of Millikan Hall. If you miss any sessions during Advantage, contact your University Seminar Instructor or Peer Advisor. They will help you catch up on what you’ve missed. If you miss a class because of illness during the regular school year, be sure to contact your instructors as soon as possible.

Look ahead
During the first few weeks of classes we have more activities planned for new students. Check out the Pancake Feed and Organization Fair.

Get those books!
OK, in case you just didn’t have time to get them Friday, go today to The Station 1–5 p.m. or Monday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to pick up your textbooks. We promise, those books will come in handy when the trimester gets rolling.

I’m broke. What now?
If you cannot meet your financial obligation to the University, don’t drop out of school. There may be solutions to the problem. There is an installment payment plan you can sign up for in the Bursar’s Office. The Bursar’s office is on the first floor of the Administration Building or call 660.562.1583. You can also check with Financial Assistance on the second floor of the Administration Building or call 660.562.1712 to see if you have more options.
TO DO TODAY

2:45–3:45 Convocation, Bearcat Arena; attend with your University Seminar class
3:45 March through the Tower for incoming class

Ring the Bell of ’48 in celebration of your arrival at Northwest!

6–8 Religious student organizations open houses, Fourth Street

Take some time to hang out with your new friends, relax, get your room organized and your school supplies ready. College is about to start!

8:30 approx. Fireworks, College Park, Start school with a bang!

Religious houses
(on Fourth Street)
Baptist Student Union
Christian Campus House
Lutheran Campus Center
Newman Catholic Center
Wesley Foundation

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At 10 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 26, freshmen will attend a meeting with their academic department. If you have changed your major, you should attend the meeting for your new major. If you are unsure what department you should be with, check with a staff member at Orientation Central or your University Seminar Instructor.

### DEPARTMENT MEETINGS AND ADVISEMENT

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The Northwest Campus Dining office is located on the 2nd floor of the Student Union, open 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday–Friday.

Meal plans are available starting Thursday, August 25 at 10:30 a.m. We recommend eating at a time to accommodate your schedule rather than traditional meal times the first week of classes. This means faster times and less waiting!

The Bearcat Commons will be open 7 a.m.–1 a.m., 7 days a week.

Visit [www.NWCampusDining.com](http://www.NWCampusDining.com) for a complete list of dining options and hours.

Stay connected with Campus Dining on Twitter (@NWCampusDining) and Facebook for hour changes, specials and more.

### Bearcat Commons Wellness Walks with Northwest Campus Dining

Join your dietitian for a scheduled tour through the dining facilities. Learn about all the resources Campus Dining provides and discover new meal options to enhance your dining experiences.

- Thursday – Saturday during Advantage at 2, 2:30 and 3 p.m.

### GET CONNECTED

We know you are anxious to get involved on campus, which is why we have an organization fair planned for Wednesday, September 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Many student organizations will be there, but you can get an idea of what’s available by looking online ahead of time. College is a time to spread your wings, so don’t be afraid to explore your options and interests. For a list of campus organizations, go to [www.nwmissouri.edu/getinvolved](http://www.nwmissouri.edu/getinvolved).

### ADVANTAGE UPDATES

For Advantage updates, such as rain locations, follow us on Twitter @SOARNorthwest and @UnivSemNorthwest.
1 Mabel Cook Recruitment and Visitors Center (MC)
2 Hudson Hall, residence hall (HUDPER)
3 Perrin Hall, residence hall (HUDPER)
4 Roberta Hall, residence hall
5 Wells Hall (WH)
6 Valk Center (VLK)
7 Thompson-Ringold Building (TR)
8 Transportation Shop
9 Landscape Zone Shop
10 Power Plant/Chiller Plant
11 Administration Building (AD)
12 Memorial Bell Tower
13 J.W. Jones Student Union (UN)
14 Colden Hall (CH)
15 Thomas Gaunt House, president’s residence
16 Alumni House (ALM)
17 Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building/Charles Johnson Theater (FA)
18 Fire Arts Building (FIR)
19 Joyce and Harvey White International Plaza
20 Lamkin Activity Center/Bearcat Arena (LAC)
21 Student Recreation Center
22 Martindale Hall and Gymnasium (MH)
23 Robert and Virginia Foster Fitness Center
24 Everett W. Brown Education Hall/Horace Mann Laboratory School (BH)
25 South Complex, residence hall
26 North Complex (Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing) (NC)
27 Centennial Garden
28 B.D. Owens Library (OL)
29 Garrett-Strong Science Building (GS)
30 Botany Lab
31 McKemy Center for Lifelong Learning (MCK)
32 Horticultural Complex
33 Forest Village Apartments
34 Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE)
35 University Police
36 Materials Distribution Center (MDC)
37 Maryville Community Center/National Guard Armory
38 University Greenhouse
39 Facility Services Maintenance Shop
40 Support Services Building (SSB)
41 Dieterich Hall, residence hall
42 Franken Hall, residence hall
43 Tower Suites
44 The Station (STA)
45 Millikan Hall, residence hall
46 Phillips Hall, residence hall
47 Wellness Services (UWC)
48 Softball Field
49 High Rise Tennis/Basketball Courts
50 Bearcat Baseball Field
51 Jon T. Rickman Electronic Campus Support Center (ESC)
52 Bearcat Stadium/Mel Tjeerdsma Field/Herschel Neil Track
53 Houston Studio Theatre
54 Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts/Mary Linn Auditorium (HOUSTON)
55 Raymond J. Courter College Park Pavilion
56 College Park
57 Practice Fields
58 Bearcat Pitch (Soccer Field)
59 Athletic Grounds Support Building
60 Hardscape/Recycling/Pellet Plant
61 Donaldson Westside Park
Monday, Aug. 29

**7:30–9:30 a.m. Pancake Feed**, Bell Tower
Stop and have breakfast before class and meet members of the Northwest administration. They’ll be serving breakfast!
Sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs.

Thursday, Sept. 1

**4–7 p.m. Multicultural Student Organization Block Party**, Pavilion
Come enjoy music, free food and an inflatable obstacle course, and meet organization leaders.
Sponsored by Office of Diversity and Inclusion and the University Police Department.

Wednesday, Sept. 7

**10 a.m.–2 p.m. Organization Fair**, Bell Tower
Learn about all the organizations on campus, from the Student Activities Council to Fellowship of the Tower Gaming Society. (If it rains, this event will be held in Bearcat Arena.)