

Session Descriptions

Academic Advising at WMU: Academic advisors will provide an overview of our advising process and the Student Success Hub, which brings together support services from across campus into one online platform.

Financial Aid & Accounts Receivable: Representatives from Financial Aid and Accounts Receivable will explain the financial aid process, discuss financing options, talk about the billing and payment process, and answer your questions.

Bronco Socials: Come to the Bronco Social room to meet other incoming students and current students. Get answers to questions from the student perspective in this laid-back environment.

Career and Student Employment Services: Learn about resources to help students find and secure on campus jobs, internships, part-time jobs, and full-time jobs after graduation. This session will introduce WMU's job posting platform – Handshake – and other resources for career planning. Also learn about the different experiences all students should plan to participate in as part of laying a strong foundation for future careers and job searches.

Diversity and Inclusion: Hear about resources and programming intended to break down barriers, expand perspectives, and foster a sense of belonging and empowerment for all students and members of the WMU community.

Global Engagement & Study Abroad: Explore the world on campus, in the classroom and abroad! By attending events, enrolling in courses, studying abroad and more, students can earn Global Bronco, Global Explorer and Global Citizen status. Each status contains unique rewards, including scholarships for studying abroad on any of WMU's 85 programs in over 30 countries. Ranging from a few weeks to an academic year, programs run year-round and all majors and minors are encouraged to participate.

Graduate College & Accelerated Degree Programs: Learn about the Accelerated Graduate Degree Program pathways, which allow undergraduate students who meet certain criteria to enroll in graduate courses while still an undergraduate. Find out what programs are available and how to apply.

Health Promotion and Education Empowering Bronco Wellness: Hear from our nationally-certified Peer Health Educators about the wellness services, prevention education, and employment opportunities HPE offers. Through programming on topics including mental health, violence prevention, sexual health, substance use, and more, students learn proactive coping strategies and skill building to take care of themselves at WMU and beyond.

Housing and Dining: Learn about what to expect with your housing experience and where to eat on campus, as well as details about move-in and meal plans.

Student Engagement Learn about how to get involved with one (or more) of WMU's 300+ Registered Student Organizations, Fraternity and Sorority Life, experiential educational leadership opportunities to find your people and build up resume skills all at the same time.

Student Success Services is committed to providing academic support programs that connect students to resources they may need to achieve their academic and personal goals. Attend this session to learn more about the Bronco Study Zone, Learning Assistants, Supplemental Instructors, Peer Navigators, and Peer Academic Success Coaching.

TRIO Student Success Program and TRIO Future Educator Success Program is a learning community funded by the U.S. Department of Education that helps first-generation, income eligible and students with disabilities complete their baccalaureate degrees. TRIO has been a vibrant part of the Western Michigan University campus community. Providing students with services like learning opportunities, scholarships, and career prep, TRIO continuously works to help students succeed.

Disability Services: Learn about how disability services work with students to provide individualized accommodations, reduce barriers, and support academic success. Students will learn how to request accommodations, access campus resources, and develop self-advocacy skills to fully participate in their courses and campus life.

Office of Student Transitions: The Office of Student Transitions supports all undergraduate students, including first-years, transfers, and contemporary adult learners, by helping them build social networks, understand academic expectations, explore WMU resources, and prepare for life after college. This support begins with New Student Orientation and continues through key programs like:

Fall Welcome (August 27- September 1): Students join small groups led by upper-class leaders to explore campus resources, find classes, and engage in academic and social activities. First-year students are automatically registered (required to attend), and transfer students are encouraged to join. Fees are \$275 for on-campus students and \$175 for commuters.

First-Year Experience (FYE 2100): A two-credit fall course with small class sizes that helps students transition academically and socially. Taught by an instructor and student co-facilitator, it focuses on personal growth and student success. Students should consult their academic advisor about enrolling.