Fall 2012 Final New International Student Orientation Schedule
(Updated 8/9/12)

Monday, August 13
9:00 - 11:30 am: CHECK-IN
Go to the Union Ballroom (Pickup at America’s Best Value Inn at 8:45 am)
Please bring all your academic and immigration papers, as well as your completed medical forms.

12:00 noon: LUNCH TRIP (Self-pay)
Pick up from outside University Union and America’s Best Value Inn hotel
We will take any interested students for lunch near campus.

1:00 - 3:30 pm: CHECK-IN CONTINUES
Go to the Union Ballroom
If you have not checked in yet, bring your academic and immigration papers, and your completed medical forms.

2:00 pm: BANK/SHOPPING TRIP
Pick up from outside University Union and America’s Best Value Inn hotel
For anyone who wants to shop and open a bank account. Be sure to bring your WIU ID card and passport.

4:30 pm: INFORMATION ON FINDING OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING
Go to Union’s Sandburg Theater
Staff from the Center for International Studies will present helpful information on finding suitable off-campus housing.

6:00 pm: DINNER/DRIVING TOUR OF MACOMB (Self-pay)
Pick up from Malpass Library bus stop and America’s Best Value Inn hotel
We will go to El Rancherito Mexican Restaurant for dinner. After, we will drive around Macomb and the WIU campus to familiarize you with your new home.

Tuesday, August 14
9:00 - 11:30 am: CHECK-IN CONTINUES
Go to 3rd floor Memorial Hall
If you have not checked in yet, bring your academic and immigration papers, and your completed medical forms.

10:00 am: MALPASS LIBRARY TOUR
Go to Malpass Library’s Main Floor Atrium Desk
Tour the Malpass Library and learn about all the services and resources available to you there.

11:00 am: EARLY RESIDENCE HALL MOVE-IN
If you have been assigned to live in a university residence hall, you can move in on this day. We’ll take you from your temporary housing location to the residence hall you have been assigned to.

11:30 am: LUNCH TRIP (Self-pay)
Pick up at Malpass Library bus stop & America’s Best Value Inn
We’ll take any interested students out to lunch at a local restaurant.
2:00 pm: ACADEMIC ADVISING/REGISTRATION INFORMATION MEETING
New graduate students (Master's degree) - go to Union’s Sandburg Theater
New undergraduates (Bachelor’s degree) – go to University Advising Center in Basement of Memorial Hall
REQUIRED FOR ALL GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN FULLY ADMITTED TO THEIR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

6:30 pm: DINNER (Self-pay)
Pick up at Malpass Library bus stop & America’s Best Value Inn
We’ll take any interested students out for dinner at a local restaurant.

Wednesday, August 15
7:30 – 8:45 am BREAKFAST (Free)
Go to Knoblauch Hall Room 239 (vans will pick up students at America’s Best Value Inn at 8:00 am)
We will provide you with a free breakfast.

9:00 am: INFORMATION SESSIONS
Go to Stipes Hall Room 121
Mandatory session for all students! People from many different university departments will speak to you about the services they provide. Speakers will give information on:
Student Housing  Public Safety  Student Health Center
Student Activities  Recreation Center  Insurance

11:45 am: LUNCH TRIP (Self-pay)
Pick up outside of Stipes Hall
We will take any interested students to Asian Buffet for lunch.

1:00 - 3:30 pm: CHECK-IN CONTINUES
Go to 3rd floor Memorial Hall
If you have not checked in yet, bring your academic and immigration papers, and your completed medical forms.

2:00 PM: BANK/SHOPPING TRIP
Pick up at Malpass Library bus stop & America’s Best Value Inn
For anyone who wants to shop and open a bank account. Be sure to bring your WIU ID card and passport.

4:00 pm: EXCHANGE STUDENT MEETING
Go to Memorial Hall 341
REQUIRED FOR ALL EXCHANGE STUDENTS. MEET WITH STUDY ABROAD ADVISOR TO DISCUSS IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

5:45 PM: U.S. AMERICAN CULTURE NIGHT (Free)
Pick up at Malpass Library bus stop & America’s Best Value Inn
Come for a free dinner in the Old Dairy Cafe. You’ll be introduced to people from the Macomb community. This activity is a chance to get to know people who live in the area and to learn about US culture.
**Thursday, August 16**

9:00 - 11:30 am: CHECK-IN CONTINUES

Go to 3rd floor Memorial Hall (vans will pick up students at America’s Best Value Inn at 8:45 am)

If you have not completed check in, please bring all your academic and immigration papers, as well as your completed medical forms.

**9:00 am: MATH/ENGLISH PLACEMENT TEST**

*Go to University Advising Center in Memorial Hall basement (vans will pick up students at America’s Best Value Inn at 8:45 am)*

REQUARED FOR ALL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS WHO HAVE PASSED THEIR TOEFL TEST

11:00 am: LUNCH TRIP (Self-pay)

*Pick up at Malpass Library bus stop & America’s Best Value Inn*

We’ll take any interested students out for lunch.

**1:00 pm: WESL PLACEMENT TEST**

*Go to Stipes Hall 121 (vans will pick up students at America’s Best Value Inn at 12:45 pm)*

REQUIRED FOR ALL WHO HAVE NOT MET THEIR ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY! PLEASE BRING YOUR PASSPORT! PLEASE NOTE: ALL TEST TAKERS MUST PAY A $100 WESL PLACEMENT TEST FEE (CASH ONLY)

1:00 - 3:30 pm: CHECK-IN CONTINUES

Go to 3rd floor Memorial Hall

If you have not completed check in, please bring all your academic and immigration papers, as well as your completed medical forms.

**2:00 pm: REGISTRATION MEETING**

*Go to University Advising and Academic Support Center in Memorial Hall basement*

Bring your “Green Sheet” that has been signed by your advisor and you will work with UAASC staff to register for your classes. (Note: exchange students do not need to attend this session.)

5:30 pm: DINNER TRIP (self-pay)

*Pick up at Malpass Library bus stop & America’s Best Value Inn*

Interested students will be taken to Buffalo Wild Wings restaurant for dinner.

7:30 pm: THE EXPERIENCE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

*Go to Stipes Hall Room 121 (vans will pick up students at America’s Best Value Inn at 7:20 pm)*

Listen to returning international students talk about their experiences with adjusting to the culture of the U.S.

**Friday, August 17**

10:00 am: IMMIGRATION 101

*Go to Sandburg Theater, basement of University Union (vans will pick up students at America’s Best Value Inn at 9:45 am)*

REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS. Visa Specialist Megan Bennett will provide you with the information you need about maintaining your student visa status. Included will be information about jobs, drivers’ licenses, and Social Security Numbers.
11:30 am: AMERICAN CLASSROOM LUNCHEON (Free)
Go to Knoblauch Hall Room 239
We will provide you with lunch and we’ll discuss the culture in the American classroom. Presented by Sociology faculty member Dr. Davison Bideshi.

1:00-3:30 pm: CHECK-IN CONTINUES
Go to 3rd floor Memorial Hall
If you have not completed check-in, please bring all your academic and immigration papers, as well as your completed medical forms.

1:30 pm: MANDATORY ORIENTATION SESSION FOR ALL NEW WESL STUDENTS
Go to Memorial Hall Room 338
All new WESL students must attend this session for an introduction to the WESL program.

2:00 pm: BANK/SHOPPING TRIP
Pick up at Malpass Library bus stop & America’s Best Value Inn
For anyone who wants to shop and open a bank account. Be sure to bring your WIU ID card and passport.

3:30-5:30 pm: NEW GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION
Go to Lamoine Room, University Union
An important orientation session for all new graduate students sponsored by the Office of Graduate Studies.

5:30 pm: IFC WELCOME ICE CREAM SOCIAL (Free)
Go to Multicultural Center IFC lounge
The International Friendship Club hosts this gathering to meet the members of their club. Free food, lots of prizes and great fun!

7:00 pm: DINNER TRIP (self-pay)
Pick up at Multicultural Center, Malpass Library bus stop & America’s Best Value Inn
We will take any interested students out for dinner.

Saturday, August 18
Beginning of all-campus orientation
5:00 pm: NEW STUDENT CONVOCATION
Meet outside Student Recreation Center (East side)
WIU President Jack Thomas, faculty, and staff will officially welcome new undergraduate students and their families to Western Illinois University. All incoming freshmen and transfer students should plan to attend this special ceremony which promotes Western’s values and highlights the rich traditions and history of the University.

6:15-7:00 pm: PRESIDENT’S FAMILY PICNIC
Immediately after Convocation, outside Western Hall

8:00 pm: ROCKY AFTER DARK: FIRST NIGHT
Meet in front of Brophy Hall
Come out for a night to remember with free food, prizes, rides, games, and live entertainment. Sponsored by the Division of Student Services, Office of Student Activities, University Housing and Dining Services, Campus

Monday, August 20 – Friday, August 24
1:00—3:30 pm: CONTINUING ORIENTATION ACTIVITIES
Go to 3rd floor Memorial Hall
If you have any additional orientation needs, come to Memorial Hall between 1:00 pm—3:30 pm. Center for International Studies staff will be available to assist you during this time.