New Student & Family Orientation
Spring 2020

Friday, January 17
8 am–5 pm   Offices Open
Student Health Center, McLeod-Tyler Wellness Center*
Bursar’s Office, Blow Hall, Room 108*
Financial Aid, Blow Hall, Room 124
University Registrar, Blow Hall, Room 240
Student Accessibility Services, Campus Center, Room 109
*Student Health Center and Bursar’s Office close at 4 pm.

8:30–11 am  Orientation Check-In
Campus Center, Lobby
Pick up your Orientation packet and meet your Orientation Aide (OA). Learn whether any holds exist on your student account and, if so, how to remedy the situation.

8:30–11 am  W&M Tribe Card Processing
Tribe Card Services, Campus Center, Room 169
Pick up your William & Mary Tribe Card. Your Tribe Card provides access to dining halls, residence halls and events during Orientation. You can even make a deposit on your W&M Express account for access to over 30 on- and off-campus merchants, including vending and laundry machines.

9 am–12 pm  Residence Hall Check-In and Move-In
Residence Life, Campus Center, Room 212
Residence halls open for new residential students. Check-in at Residence Life (with a valid picture ID) to pick up keys before moving into your assigned residence hall room.

8:30-4:30 pm  Mailbox Key Pick-up
Sadler Center, Post Office
Pick up your mailbox keys at the Post Office, located on the 1st floor of Sadler Center. Make sure you have your Student Tribe Card with you for identity verification purposes.

9–10:30 am  Exchange Student Meeting
Reves Center for International Studies, Reves Room
All exchange students who will be studying at William & Mary for one semester or one year should attend this required meeting to meet your cohort and get important information!

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12–1:20 pm  Welcome Lunch for New Students and Family Members  
*Sadler Center, Chesapeake Rooms*
Welcome to the Tribe! Join members of the W&M community as we share lunch together over an introduction to the university’s academic and co-curricular experience.

**Friday . . . continued for Parents & Families**

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm  Academic Success, An Insider’s Guide  
*Sadler Center, Tidewater A*
Learn from the Academic Deans about expectations at William & Mary, including the academic philosophy of a liberal arts university, how you can support your student, and the undergraduate research and global education opportunities provided by the university.

2:20 pm – 3:10 pm  Helping Students Get the Help They Need  
*Sadler Center, Tidewater A*
Many students transitioning into a new college environment eventually experience some challenge to their physical and emotional well-being. This program provides an opportunity for families to hear about services available to support optimal physical and mental health while at William & Mary.

3:15 pm – 4:00 pm  Parent & Family Connections Fair  
*Sadler Center, Lobby*
Hear from the experts on the resources that will be available for your student’s success throughout their time with us. Campus partners from across our community will be available to answer your questions and provide more information on questions you didn’t know you had, from credit transfers to student health and everything in between!

4:00 pm – 4:45 pm  Authentic Excellence  
*Sadler Center, Tidewater A*
This program explores the Plateau Effect, the tendency for people to stay “stuck at good,” and how the college transition can be a critical time for either breaking that pattern or cementing it further. Families will learn about the Authentic Excellence Initiative, designed to move individuals beyond the Plateau Effect and enhance productivity, fulfillment, and resilience.

4:50 pm – 5:30 pm  A Chat with the Dean of Students  
*Sadler Center, Tidewater A*
Chat with Marjorie Thomas, Dean of Students, about how the college journey can be an exciting and challenging time for students and families. Find out more about the supports and opportunities available.

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Friday . . . continued for New Students

1:30–2 pm  Foundations & New Beginnings  
_Sadler Center, Lobby_
Meet your Orientation Aides (OAs) and other students in your orientation group.

2–4 pm  Exchange Student Shopping Excursion  
_Meet in Hunt Circle (Behind Campus Center, in front of Hunt Hall)_
International students who are non-degree seeking may opt to participate in a shopping trip during this time.

2–3:20 pm  Planning Your Academic Path as a Transfer Student  
_Tucker Hall, Room 127A_
Learn about our Liberal Arts curriculum while considering your future academic plans. The transfer credit process will be covered and students will have the opportunity to work in smaller groups to prepare for course registration and meeting with their faculty advisor.  
**Note:** Students should bring copies of their transcripts, as well as their laptop computer if available.

3:30–4 pm  New Degree-Seeking Course Registration Begins  
_Tucker Hall, Various Classrooms_
All new students entering in the spring 2019 semester will register for up to 11 credits in a computer lab or via their own laptop with their Orientation Group. Professional, Faculty and Peer Advisors will be available to answer specific questions and help guide the students through registration.

4:15–5:30 pm  Your New Tribe Home  
_Sadler Center, Chesapeake A_
Begin to explore your new W&M community while meeting with Residence Life staff to become familiar with residence hall opportunities and policies.

5:45 pm  Dinner  
_Center Court at Sadler Center_
This meal is provided for all new spring semester students. Parents, families, and guests are invited to eat with their students on a cash/credit basis.

7:30 pm  A Night Out in Williamsburg: Ghost Tours  
_Wren Building_
Students will meet in front of the Wren Building for a ghost tour of campus and Colonial Williamsburg.
Saturday, January 18

7–9 am  Breakfast  
*Center Court at Sadler Center*  
Meals are provided for all new spring semester students.

8 am–12 pm  International Student Orientation  
*Reves Center for International Studies, Reves Room*  
Required for all new F-1 and J-1 students. All international non-degree seeking students will receive information separately from the Reves Center for International Studies.

9 am–8 pm  Dell Computer Pick-up  
*W&M Bookstore, Duke of Gloucester Street*  
If you placed an order for a laptop, you can pick it up at the W&M Bookstore. Purchase accessories for mobile, laptop and desktop technology and browse the Apple Store for the latest Apple innovations.

9–10:00 am  Building a Liberal Arts Experience for What’s Next  
*Sadler Center, Chesapeake A*

10:05–10:50 am Authentic Excellence  
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10:55-11:45am We Enhance Your Campus Experience  
*Sadler Center, York Room*  
Learn more about how Auxiliary Services works with products and services like the W&M Bookstore, Tennis Center, Parking & Transportation, Dining, and more to make your campus experience the best it can be!  
*Visit Auxiliary Services online: [www.wm.edu/auxiliary](http://www.wm.edu/auxiliary)*

11:45 am–1:20 pm Being a W&M Student Veteran  
*Sadler Center, York Room*  
Non-Traditional Aged and Veteran new students are highly encouraged to join current students for a frank conversation about overcoming first-semester hurdles and how the student veterans group can support you through your university experience.

11:45–1:30 pm Lunch

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1:30–2:30 pm Student Success in the W&M Community
Sadler Center, Chesapeake A
Understanding the community you are joining is a key to success. Join members of the Student Success staff and the Honor & Conduct Councils to learn more about how to successfully thrive in your new community.

2:30–3:15 pm Ensuring Community at W&M
Sadler Center, Chesapeake A
Building community is everyone’s responsibility, and often requires the help of others. Hear from key campus partners about how W&M works to ensure a safe and welcoming campus environment.

3:30–4:00 pm Honor and Conduct Pledge
Wren Building
All new students will take the Honor Pledge in a ceremony conducted by the student members of the Honor Council and Student Conduct Council. Immediately following, you will have the privilege of touring one of the oldest academic buildings in the country.

4:15–5:45 pm Making A Tribe Choice
Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium
The choices we make at William & Mary can define and influence us as individuals, as members in our small groups and teams, and as participants in the greater Tribe community. This engaging session explores the values and costs of our choices with a particular emphasis on issues of high importance to the Tribe.

6:00 pm Dinner
Center Court at Sadler Center
Meals are provided for all new spring semester students.

7:30 pm A Night Out in Williamsburg: Ice Skating and Explore Merchant Square
Sadler Center, Lobby

**Sunday, January 19**

9–10:30 am Breakfast
Center Court at Sadler Center
Meals are provided for all new spring semester students.

10:45–11:45 am What the COLL Curriculum Actually Means
Sadler Center, Chesapeake A

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This session builds on the other academic session from the weekend, and your meeting with your faculty advisor. Faculty who teach COLL classes at every level will share how they incorporate the COLL skills and objectives into their classrooms. You will know what to expect in your COLL classes after hearing directly from these experts – our professors who are passionate about COLL and your experience as new transfer students.

12pm–1 pm  **Lunch**  
 *Center Court at Sadler Center*  
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1:00–1:55 pm  **What the COLL Curriculum Actually Means**  
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2–2:45 pm  **Concurrent Sessions (Attend one of the following sessions.)**

**A Global Education** *(Repeat on at 2:50 pm)*  
 *Sadler Center, James Room*  
 Discuss aspects of studying away including choosing a program, earning transfer credit, setting up finances, and determining the timing in your personal and professional development with staff from the Reves Center.  
 *Visit the Reves Center for International Studies online:*  
 www.wm.edu/revescenter

**Strategies for Academic Success (Repeat on at 2:50 pm)**  
 *Sadler Center, Chesapeake A*  
 Learn about study groups, organization, time management, college-level study skills and effective textbook use.  
 *Visit Academic Enrichment online:*

**Connect With Your Career (Repeat of 2:50 pm)**  
 *Cohen Career Center, Presentation Room*  
 Explore professional development objectives such as obtaining internships and externships, and create a powerful professional story with staff from the Cohen Career Center as they unpack tools to help you prepare for life beyond W&M.  
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**3:45-5:30pm**  
**One Tribe, Many Stories**

**6 pm**  
**Dinner**  
*Center Court at Sadler Center*  
Meals are provided for new spring semester students.

**7:30 pm**  
**A Night Out in Williamsburg: AMF Williamsburg Lanes**  
*Sadler Center, Lobby*

**Monday, January 20**

**7–9 am**  
**Breakfast**  
Sadler Center

**9:15–10:15 am**  
**Bookstore Trips (Offered again @ 2:15 pm)**  
OAs will meet students at the couches in the Sadler Center Lobby to walk to the bookstore and explain the process for choosing and buying books.

**10:30 am – 12:00 pm**  
**Exploring Your New Community: The Campus Tour with More!**  
Join your OAs and fellow new students for an adventure throughout the W&M campus and Colonial Williamsburg.

**12:00 pm – 2:00 pm**  
**Lunch**  
*Sadler Center, Center Court*  
Meals are provided for all new spring semester students.

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1:30 pm – 2:00 pm  Exploring Your New Community: The Campus Tour with More!
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3:30-4:30 pm  Bookstore Trips (Offered before @ 9:15 pm)
OAs will meet students at the couches in the Sadler Center Lobby to walk to the bookstore and explain the process for choosing and buying books.

2:15 pm–4:45 pm  Fun & Games
Sadler Center, Chesapeake AB
Hang out with your OAs and new friends during this interactive afternoon activity.

5 pm  Dinner
Center Court at Sadler Center
Meals are provided for new spring semester students.

7:00 pm  A Night Out in Williamsburg: Regal New Town Cinemas 12

**Tuesday, January 21**

7–10:30 am  Breakfast
Center Court at Sadler Center
Meals are provided for new spring semester students.

8 am–12 pm  Academic Advising with your assigned Faculty Advisor
Each student must meet with their advisor to review and plan a schedule for spring semester. Meet during the time you arranged during Friday’s registration period. Students will receive a PIN at the end of their meeting. This PIN is necessary to complete the registration process later Tuesday afternoon. Meetings typically last for 30 minutes.

9–10:15 am  Swem Library Tour (Offered later at 1:45pm)
OAs will meet students at the couches in the Sadler Center Lobby to walk to the Swem Library for a tour with library faculty.

10:00 am–12:00 pm  W&M S.O.S. (Services. Opportunities. Support.)
Sadler Center, Lobby
W&M has numerous resources to help students be successful throughout their university experience. Various campus representatives will be available in one convenient area this morning so you can pursue the information you want to ensure a positive start to your semester.

11:00 am–1:00 pm  Lunch
Commons Dining Hall or Center Court at Sadler Center

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12:30 pm – 1:30 pm  Course Registration Continues
  Computer Labs or Personal Laptops
  Your OA will let you know where to meet. This timeframe has been reserved for new spring semester students only.

1:45–3:00 pm  Swem Library Tour (Offered before at 9am)
  OAs will meet students at the couches in the Sadler Center Lobby to walk to the Swem Library for a tour with library faculty.

3:00pm  Ongoing Add Drop

4:00–5:00 pm  Wrapping Up Your Academic Schedule
  Swem Library, Academic Advising
  All students whom have not registered for 12-16 credits should wrap up their schedule at this time.

6:30–8 pm  Mid-Year Student Organizations & Activities Fair
  Sadler Center, Various Rooms
  The Office of Student Leadership Development is pleased to offer the Mid-Year Student Organizations and Activities Fair. This Activities Fair is intended to meet the needs of incoming William & Mary students AND provide a mid-year opportunity to current students and organizations. The Office of Student Leadership Development works to help students engage, elevate, and explore opportunities for leadership and involvement on campus. We hope you’ll check out the Mid-Year Activities Fair!