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Spring 2026 New Student Orientation

Friday, January 16

8:00 am - 5:00 pm **Offices Available**

Student Health Center, McLeod-Tyler Wellness Center*
Financial Aid, Blow Hall, Room 124
University Registrar, Blow Hall, Room 240
Student Accessibility Services, Sadler Center, Room 181

8:00 am - 12:00 pm **Residential New Student Orientation Check-In**

Sadler Center, Atrium

Residential new students should plan to arrive at the Sadler Center at your designated residence hall appointment time. You will begin the orientation check-in process and receive your Tribe (Student ID) Card* before moving on to Residence Life. Once you have successfully checked in with Residence Life, students will be able to begin moving their belongings into their residence hall space.

**Students should bring a valid picture ID with them to receive their Tribe (Student ID) Card and pick-up their residence hall room key.*

10:00 am - 1:00 pm **International Welcome Table**

Sadler Center, Chesapeake A

Come meet the staff of the Office of International Students, Scholars & Programs (ISSP), ask questions, and learn about our programs and resources for international students!

10:00 am - 1:00 pm **New Student & Family Connections Fair**

Sadler Center, Chesapeake A

W&M has numerous resources to help students be successful throughout their university experience. Various campus representatives will be available in one convenient area so you can pursue the information you want to ensure a positive start to your W&M experience.

10:00 am - 1:00 pm **Ask a Transfer Coordinator**

Sadler Center, York Room

Have questions about your transfer credits? Want to make sure your fall semester transcript(s) have arrived – even if they have not yet been reviewed? Pop in to chat with the university's Transfer Services Coordinator.

11:30 am - 1:00 pm **Lunch**

On Your Own!

We encourage you to explore Williamsburg and its robust food scene! View the list of over 80 restaurants we compiled, within walking distance from the Sadler Center, or within a short 15-minute drive away (which encompasses all of Williamsburg!)

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12:00 pm
1:00 pm
Off-Campus/Commuter New Student Orientation Check-In
Sadler Center, Atrium
Off-campus and commuter new students should plan to arrive at the Sadler Center Atrium anytime during this timeframe to check-in for orientation and receive your Tribe (Student ID) Card before the program begins.
**Students should bring a valid picture ID with them to receive their Tribe (Student ID) Card.*

1:15 pm -
1:45 pm
Celebrating Your William & Mary
Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium
Together new students, parents, families and student supporters will officially be welcomed to the Tribe family!

2:00 pm -
2:30 pm
Foundations & New Beginnings
Orientation Group Meeting Rooms
Meet your Orientation Aides (OAs) and other students in your orientation group.

2:30 pm –
3:15 pm
Meaningful Engagement
Orientation Group Meeting Rooms
William & Mary wants you to become an engaged member of our community! Join your orientation group in starting to think about how you might become involved, navigate the many opportunities the university brings, and where you might find community.

3:30 pm –
4:30 pm
Academic Success: Planning Your Path
Sadler Center, Tidewater AB
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.

3:30 pm –
4:30 pm
Welcome & Introduction for Exchange Students
Sadler Center, York Room
Welcome to William & Mary! New Exchange Students will connect with Reves Center staff to learn more about support services and their upcoming event schedule.

4:45 pm -
5:30 pm
Your New Tribe Home for ALL Residential New Students
Sadler Center, Commonwealth
Learn about on-campus life, opportunities for engagement, and your rights and responsibilities.

4:45 pm -
5:30 pm
Your New Tribe Home for New Off-Campus Students
Sadler Center, Tidewater
Learn about off-campus life, opportunities for engagement, and your rights and responsibilities.

5:30 pm -
6:45 pm
Dinner
Commons Dining Hall
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7:00 pm -
Community Connection …Tribe Women's Basketball vs. Hampton!

9:00 pm *Kaplan Arena*
Use this time to get to know other students who are new to W&M -- or spend it focusing on your own well-being.

Saturday, January 17

7:00 am – 9:00 am **Breakfast**
Commons Dining Hall
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9:00 am – 9:30 am **We Enhance Your Campus Experience**
Orientation Group Meeting Rooms
Learn more about how Auxiliary Services works with products and services like the W&M Spirit Shop & Bookstore, Tennis Center, Parking & Transportation, Tribe Card Services, Dining, and more to make your campus experience the best it can be!

9:45 am – 10:45 am **Supports to Help You Flourish at W&M (Group Green)**
Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium
What made you the amazing success you already are? Learn about the supports and programs William & Mary has to offer to help you keep that momentum going. These folks will become your guides, confidants, and cheerleaders as you flourish within our community.

Ensuring Community at W&M (Group Gold)
Sadler Center, Tidewater AB
Building community is everyone's responsibility, and can often require the help of others. Hear from additional campus partners about how they work to ensure William & Mary is a safe and welcoming campus environment.

10:55 am – 11:55 am **Supports to Help You Flourish at W&M (Group Gold)**
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12:00 pm - 1:30 pm **Lunch**
Commons Dining Hall
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1:45 pm - 2:45 pm **Get Wren Bell Ready with Career Readiness Pathways (Group Green)**
Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium

Did you know 93% of employers do not look at your major when hiring? Learn how the Office of Career Development & Professional Engagement in the Cohen Career Center can help you explore and pursue your career possibilities. This interactive session will get you thinking about how your values, interests, personality, and skills play a role in making confident, informed career choices.

W&M Honor Code & Community Values Pledge (Group Gold)
Wren Building, Great Hall & Hearth: Memorial to the Enslaved

Join members of the W&M Honor and Conduct Councils to learn more about our community values, followed by the taking of the W&M Honor Pledge. Then, affirm your commitment to our community with members of W&M Student Assembly.

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4:15 pm - 5:15 pm **Engaging Across Difference Through Better Arguments**
Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium

Being a college student requires an open mind and a willingness to respect conflict and its place within the university experience. Learn the five principles of a "better argument" and hear from faculty, staff and administrators as they set in motion a framework for the year ahead.

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm **Dinner**
Commons Dining Hall

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7:00 pm - 10:00 pm **Community Connection … Ghost Tour of Colonial Williamsburg (CW)**
Meet at Wren Building

Use this time to get to know other students who are new to W&M -- or spend it focusing on your own well-being.

Sunday, January 18

7:00 am – 9:00 am **Breakfast**
Commons Dining Hall

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11:00 am – 12:30 pm **Being a W&M Student Veteran**
Sadler Center, York Room
For ALL military and veteran students! Meet incoming and current military and veteran students, connect with the staff and students who work in the Office of Student Veteran Engagement, and learn about resources just for your W&M experience.

11:30 am - 12:45 pm **Lunch**
Commons Dining Hall
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1:00 pm 2:00 pm **Integrative Wellness at W&M**
Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium
W&M focuses on promoting health and wellness for all of our students. Learn how you can engage in your own exploration of the eight dimensions of wellness and have some fun doing it!

2:15 pm 3:15 pm **Wellness Mindset: Do It for the Well of It**
Orientation Group Meeting Room
Wellness is such a broad term and how we think about wellness is affected by our culture and our life experiences. We believe wellness is conscious, self-directed and evolving; holistic and multidimensional; positive and affirming; and inclusive.

All dimensions of wellness need our attention for us to truly flourish. There doesn't have to be a balance among all dimensions. Instead, the goal is to find a personal harmony with the dimensions that is most authentic for you. You can't get there passively, it requires active awareness, acceptance and commitment. It is our hope that the following information about the eight dimensions of wellness will help you get started or refine your wellness plan. All four Health & Wellness departments are committed to optimizing the well-being of our community. We strive to promote flourishing and resilience through education, service and support.

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm **You Belong at W&M**
Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium
At William & Mary, belonging is more than a core value—it is an essential part of our community's foundation. At its heart, belonging is a fundamental human need, yet it is also a complex and multidimensional concept. Join us as we will explore what belonging truly means and how it shapes our shared experience.

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm **Dinner**
Commons Dining Hall
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7:30 pm - 9:30 pm **Community Connection … Bowling**
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Use this time to get to know other students who are new to W&M -- or spend it focusing on your own well-being.

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Monday, January 19

University offices are closed as William & Mary is observing the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. Today's events are optional. ***Required programming resumes tomorrow, Tuesday, January 20.***

7:00 am – 9:00 am **Breakfast**
Commons Dining Hall
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9:00 am– 5:00 pm **Community Connection Hub Space**
Sadler Center, Tidewater AB
Use this time to get to know campus along with other students who are new to W&M.

9:30 am– 11:00 am **Campus Tours with More!**
Meet in Sadler Center, Atrium
Use this time to get to know campus along with other students who are new to W&M.

11:30 am - 1:00 pm **Lunch**
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2:00 pm– 4:30 pm **Campus Tours with More!**
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5:30 pm - 7:00 pm **Dinner**
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6:00 pm 8:00 pm **Community Connection … Exploring Merchants Square & DOG Street**
Consult your OAs for Meeting Location
Use this time to get to know other students who are new to W&M -- or spend it focusing on your own well-being.

Tuesday, January 20

7:00 am – 9:00 am **Breakfast**
Commons Dining Hall
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9:00 am – 1:00 pm **Academic Advising Appointments**
Across Campus
Your faculty advising appointment is this morning's priority! Enjoy the opportunity to explore your academic prospects and prepare for this afternoon's registration period.

9:30 am – 10:30 am **Exchange Student Academic Advising**
Reves Center, Reves Room
All Exchange Students will meet with Nasha Lewis of the Reves Center to confirm academic course work and ensure a smooth transition into the university.

10:15 am – **Community Connections (Opportunity 1)**

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11:15 am Use this time to get to know the offices and resources available to you throughout the William & Mary community.

A Home Without Hazing – Prospective Member Training
Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium
Are you interested in joining a student organization at W&M (particularly a fraternity, sorority, professional greek-letter organization AND/OR any other organization on this list? If so, W&M and the Commonwealth of Virginia require completion of a hazing prevention training PRIOR to joining (as a prospective member). ***In-person participation in*** **A Home Without Hazing** ***Training will be required for all prospective members of student organizations with new members*** *(defined as any organization for which "upon invitation to membership, individuals do not automatically become members of such organization and have a period of time between invitation for membership and being initiated into membership"). A list of organizations for which prospective members must complete training PRIOR to joining (through a prospective member training) can be found online here. Be sure to participate in one of these sessions in order to be eligible to join. Compliance is REQUIRED by W&M.*

Learn more about Hazing Prevention at W&M online: www.wm.edu/hazingprevention

Fraternity & Sorority Life
Sadler Center, James Room
Here at William & Mary the tradition of fraternity remains strong and our Fraternity & Sorority Community plays a vital role on campus and in the community. Come learn about our chapters and engagement opportunities!

Global Education
Sadler Center, York Room
Discuss aspects of studying abroad including choosing a program, earning 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

Academic Wellbeing (TutorZone)
Sadler Center, Chesapeake C
Learn about the variety of resources available to you through the Office of Academic Wellbeing. We will give you an overview of academic support programs, free tutoring & time management support through the TutorZone, and our Success Coaching program.

Writing & Communication Center
Sadler Center, Rm. 375
The Writing and Communication Center provides individual support for all kinds of assignments and projects that require writing: academic essays, presentations, scripts, personal statements, applications, and more. In this session, you'll learn how our trained peer consultants can help you at any stage of the process -- from idea, to draft, to revision. Appointments are free. Learn more or schedule your first session at: www.wm.edu/as/wcc/

11:30 am - 1:00 pm **Lunch**
Commons Dining Hall

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2:00 pm – 2:30 pm **Course Registration Continues**
Orientation Group Meeting Rooms or Personal Laptops
Your OA will let you know where to meet. This timeframe has been reserved for new spring semester students only.

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm **Supports. Opportunities. Services. (SOS) Fair**
Sadler Center, Atrium
All students can be successful at William & Mary. The SOS fair will provide you with information about the **support** structures in place, the **opportunities** around you, and the **services** that can guide and help you during your time at William & Mary.

2:45 pm – 3:45 pm **Community Connections (Opportunity 2)**
Use this time to get to know other students who are new to W&M -- or spend it focusing on your own well-being.

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3:00 pm **Ongoing Add/Drop Spring Semester Course Registration**

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm **Wrapping Up Your Academic Schedule Advising Zoom Drop-In Hours**
Zoom: https://cwm.zoom.us/j/81474210426 or Ewell Hall, 2nd Floor
Students who have not registered for at least 12 credits can meet with an Academic Advisor in person on the second floor of Ewell Hall (or via Zoom) to discuss wrapping up their schedule.

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm **First-Generation and/or Limited Income (FGLI) Student Dinner**
Sadler Center, York Room
Wind down your orientation experience with fellow First-Generation and/or Limited-Income (FGLI) students at our semester kickoff FGLI Student Dinner! Whether you grab and go or stay and chat, this is a fantastic opportunity to meet new friends and build a sense of community. Join us as we warmly welcome our newest FGLI members —it's the perfect way to kick off the semester!

Sponsored by: Office of First Generation Student Engagement.

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm **Dinner**
Commons Dining Hall
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6:30 pm - 8:00 pm **Mid-Year Student Organizations & Activities Fair**
Sadler Center
The Office of Student Leadership Development (SLD) is pleased to offer the Mid-Year Student Organizations & Activities Fair. This event is intended to meet the needs of incoming students AND provide a mid-year opportunity to current students and organizations. SLD works to help students engage, elevate, and explore opportunities for leadership and involvement on campus. We hope you'll check it out!

Wednesday, January 21

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