Fall 2013 Transfer Student Orientation Schedule

This orientation schedule is geared toward the specific needs of transfers who are coming to Washington College with at least 32 credits and/or have at least two semesters at another four-year institution.

Thursday, August 22

8:00 - 11:30 a.m. *Check-In/Move-In*
The full schedule and information about check in times and locations can be found here:
http://www.washcoll.edu/live/files/2563-check-in-information-2013pdf

Students and their families can pick up their keys and move into their residence halls. Move-in help will be provided by the Peer Mentors, fall athletes, and members of the Student Government Association. Resident Assistants will be available on the halls to answer questions. Students not living on campus should still check in to receive their packet of information.

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. *Textbook Reservation Pickup*
Students who reserved their fall textbooks through the bookstore's textbook reservation system can pick up their books from the bookstore during these times.

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. *Lunch*
Hodson Hall Commons
Students and their families are welcome to a complimentary lunch in our dinning hall.

1:15 – 2:00 p.m. *Meeting for Parents/Guardians of First-Year and Transfer Varsity Athletes*
Hotchkiss Recital Hall, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts
Members of the athletic department will meet with parents of incoming student-athletes to share information and expectations about participation in the College's NCAA Division III program.

2:00- 3:15 p.m. *Peer Mentor Group Meetings*
Various Locations
This is your first meeting with your Peer Mentor and other members of your Peer Mentor group. You will receive important information about Orientation at this meeting. Find your group's location on the outside of your orientation booklet.

2:30 – 3:15 p.m. *"Letting Go: A Session for Parents and Guardians"*
Hodson Green
This session for parents and guardians will offer guidance on what to expect during their student's transition to life at College and how they can both "let go" and provide support at the same time.

3:30 p.m. *Welcome to Washington College*
Hodson Green
New students and families will be welcomed by President Mitchell Reiss, Provost Emily Chamlee-Wright, and the new Vice President and Dean of Students.

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. *President's Reception*
Hodson East Lawn
This is an opportunity for students and their families to meet President Mitchell Reiss and his wife Elisabeth. The social begins immediately following the Welcome Ceremony.

5:00 p.m. *Good Bye Time*
This is a time for parents and families to say goodbye to their students, make promises to stay in touch, and get on the road!

5:00 p.m. *Dinner in Peer Mentor Groups*
Hodson Hall Commons

6:45 p.m. *Taking a Step Into WAC*
Smith 336
Transfer students will engage in a discussion about the similarities and differences between their former institutions and Washington College. The group will also take a tour of campus and learn where their specific classrooms are to help ease the transition.

8:00 p.m. *Maria Falzone – Sex Rules!*
Decker Theatre, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts
Comedian Maria Falzone offers and up-to-date and hilariously frank discussion about how our attitudes toward sex affect our lives. One of the most popular orientation events!

9:45 p.m. *Residential Life Meeting in Dorms*
Most meetings will be on your floor. Students living in the Western Shore residence halls, Gibson, Harford, Cecil, Talbot, or Dorchester will meet in the Dorchester common room. Students living in Chester, Sassafras, or Kent Crossing, will meet in the Sassafras first-floor lounge.
All new students who are living on campus attend these meetings in their residence halls (or other designated location) where RAs will discuss the responsibilities of community living.

Friday, August 23

8:00 a.m. *Breakfast*
Hodson Hall Commons

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. *Textbook Reservation Pickup*
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system can pick up their books from the bookstore during these times.

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. *Honor Code Session*
Decker Theatre, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts
The Honor Code plays a critical role in the student experience at Washington College. All students are required to sign the Code after hearing about important elements of the Washington College Honor Code and remarks from student honor board chair, Brittany Weaver '14 and honor board vice chair, Prof. Bill Schindler.

9:45 – 10:40 a.m. *Academic Planning for Transfer Students*
Smith 336
Drew Thiemann, the College's Registrar will be go over specific academic issues critical to transfer students including: developing an effective relationship with your academic advisor, the complexities of transfer credits, academic requirements for transfers, and most importantly, preparing for the senior thesis.

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. *Lunch*
Hodson Hall Commons

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. *Tour of Chestertown*
All new students and their Peer Mentors will take a walking tour of Chestertown, including a visit to the College's waterfront.

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. *Special Academic Program Meetings*
All new students who are interested in the following academic programs, should plan to attend the appropriate meeting:

Elementary & Secondary Education - **Goldstein 101**
Dual Degree in Engineering- **Dunning N210**
Pre-Law - **Daly 218**
Pre-Med (includes Pre-Dental, Pre-Medical, Pre-Vet, Pre-Optometry, and Pre-Podiatry) - **Litrenta Lecture Hall - Toll Science Center**
Nursing/Pharmacy - **Goldstein 201**

5:00 p.m. *Dinner*
Hodson Hall Commons

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. *Safe and Secure On and Off Campus*
Decker Theatre, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts
All new students will attend this session with their Peer Mentor group. The session will include Director of Public Safety Jerry Roderick discussing steps to take in case of a campus emergency, protecting the security of your belongings, and ensuring your own personal safety both on campus and off. Beth Anne Langrell, Director of Student Development, will discuss steps to both prevent and respond to sexual assault. Dawn Nordhoff, Director of Health Services will give you pointers on staying healthy, and the president of *Safe Ride* will talk about the services of this free student shuttle.

8:00 – 10:00 p.m. *Lit House Social and Print Shop Demo*
Rose O'Neill Literary House
The Lit House opens its doors and welcomes the new students of Washington College. Learn about the campus publications and art, writing, and music groups on campus, try your hand at letterpress printing and connect early with like-minded upperclassmen and arts faculty. Refreshments provided!

9:30 p.m. *Banachek the Mentalist*
Decker Theatre, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts
Described as the 'Cream of the Crop' when it comes to entertainers, Banachek is the world's leading Mentalist. His talents are so incredible that he is the only mentalist ever to fool scientists into believing he possessed 'Psychic powers' then later reveal he was fooling them.

Saturday, August 24

8:00 a.m. *Breakfast*
Hodson Hall Commons

9:30– 10:15 a.m. *Career Awareness and Planning*
Hodson Faculty Lounge
Jim Allison, Director of Career Development will talk to transfer students about the role that his office can play during their time at Washington College. Topics include FOCUS 2 (the interest inventory), internships and resume building. Transfer students will also be able to sign up for individual meetings with a member of the career development staff.

10:30 a.m. -11:15p.m. *Current Transfer Student Panel*
Hynson Faculty Lounge
During this panel some of the College's current transfer students will offer insight and share what their transition into WAC was like.

10:30 - 1:30 p.m. *Textbook Reservation Pickup*
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11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. *Lunch*
Hodson Hall Commons

12:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. *Boat Ride on the Callinectes*
This special session just for transfer students allows students to take a cruise on the Chester River aboard the College's 46-foot research vessel which serves as a "floating classroom" during the year.

3:00 – 3:50 p.m. *Summer Reading Book Discussion*
Smith 336
The group will discuss the summer reading assignment, "Reading Lolita in Tehran" by Azar Nafisi. The discussion will be led by a Washington College faculty or staff member.

5:00 – 6:30 p.m. *Sermon and Supper*
Hynson Lounge
Join us for this ecumenical service followed by supper, led by the Rev. Sara Holben, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Chestertown (PCUSA). Students of all faiths are welcome to attend and will also learn about the many interfaith service initiatives in the area, including the food pantry, winter shelter, and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast, among others.

5:30 p.m. *Dinner*
Hodson Hall Commons

6:30 – 7:30 *New Student-Athlete Meeting*
Hotchkiss Recital Hall, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts
This session is for all new students (first-year or transfer) who plan to participate in varsity athletics. Team captains and other upperclassmen will discuss expectations for student-athlete conduct, goals of the athletic department and answer any questions or concerns about the broad range of issues that will face student-athletes.

9:00 p.m. - Midnight *Party and Prizes in the Student Center*
Hodson Hall Commons
The Student Events Board, along with the help of Greek Life on campus, sponsors this event. There will be something for everyone in the Student Center, including the band "Hot Tub Limo" in the Egg for those who want to blow off steam and get crazy with their new friends, a variety of games (pool, ping pong, corn hole, Wii, Shuffleboard, etc.) in the game room, and a video montage of orientation along with refreshments in the student lounge. Raffle prizes will be given away throughout the evening, but you have to be there to win! There will also be members of each Greek organization present so new students can get the chance to meet them and see what they do for our campus.

Sunday, August 25

10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. *Brunch*
Hodson Hall Commons

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. *Mission Possible*
Various Locations
This activity is an on-campus version of the popular TV show Amazing Race. This fun activity will help all students to become more familiar with the campus.

5:15 p.m. *Provost's Welcome to Washington College*
Decker Theatre, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts
Provost Emily Chamlee-Wright and members of the faculty welcome new students into the academic community of Washington College. Dean Chamlee-Wright will deliver an annual address on liberal learning. This year's address is titled, "Cultivating a Mind Fit for Free Inquiry."

6:00 p.m. *All-Campus Picnic*
Hodson Green
Join returning students, faculty, and staff for this perennial opening of school event! Fireworks will follow at dusk.

Important Post-Orientation Activities

August 25 – 31 *Welcome Week Activities (see Student Activities Schedule online)*
http://www.washcoll.edu/offices/student-activities/

Sunday, August 25
6:00 p.m. *All Campus picnic*

Monday, August 26
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. *Make your Own Dry Erase Boards*

Tuesday, August 27
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. *Free Rita's*

Tuesday, August 27
3:30 p.m. *Convocation*

Wednesday, August 28
2:00 - 6:00 p.m. *Sign Language: Make your Own Street Sign*

Thursday, August 29
9:00 p.m. *Movie Night- The Hangover III*

Saturday, August 31
Bus Trip to Christiana Mall

Saturday, August 31
12:00 - 3:00 p.m. *Fun in the Sun*
SEB & Greek Life present "Fun in the Sun" a cook out by the sand volleyball courts between Chester and Sassafras.

Friday, August 30
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. *Club Fair*
At this annual event designed to acquaint new students with the wide variety of extra- and co-curricular activities at Washington College, various clubs and organizations will have tables set up along with music, food, and games and other fun activities.

Friday, August 30
3:00 p.m. *Follow-Up Peer Mentor Meetings*

Saturday, August 31
Bus Trip to Christiana Mall

Saturday, August 31
12:00 - 3:00 p.m. *Fun in the Sun*
Chester and Sassafras Green
SEB & Greek Life present "Fun in the Sun" a cook out by the sand volleyball courts between Chester and Sassafras.

Friday, September 6
11:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. *Community Connections Fair*
Hodson Hall Commons
The Community Connections fair includes local agencies looking for student volunteers to become involved in service in the local area.

Sunday, September 8
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. *Mt. Vernon Trip*
This is the first of a bookend experience for Washington College students who will return to Mt. Vernon during their senior year as part of commencement week activities. In this first trip to Mt. Vernon, students will re-affirm their commitment to the Honor Code, enjoy lunch and a tour of the Mt. Vernon mansion, and wander the grounds of the home of our founding patron.

Tuesday, September 10
7:00 p.m. *Equalogy "One Night"*
Decker Theatre, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts
Equalogy harnesses the power of live, interactive theatre to raise awareness of acquaintance rape and dating violence.

Monday, September 16
7:00 p.m. *Follow-Up Peer Mentor Meetings*

Friday, September 20 *Homecoming Dance Party*

Friday – Saturday, September 20-21 *Fall Family Weekend & Waterfront Festival*
For more information on Fall Family Weekend, check the website at:
http://www.washcoll.edu/calendar/fall-family-weekend.php

The Waterfront Festival begins at noon on Saturday with live music. Festivities also include sailing, kayaking, boat rides on the Chester River, kayak races, and the second annual Cardboard Boat Regatta. Sponsored by the College's Center for the Environment and Society and the Student Affairs Office, this event is a highlight of the fall semester!

Week of September 23 *Follow-up Peer Mentor Meetings*

Monday, September 30 *First-Year Book Author Talk*
Decker Theatre, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts
Reading Lolita in Tehran's author Azar Nafisi will be on campus to speak to the first year class about her book, as well as her current work on the value of the liberal arts.