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New Student Orientation

New student orientation is held in August for all new students entering Fall 1 and in January for all new students entering Spring 1. All new freshman students are required to attend orientation to ensure a successful transition to Webster University. All new transfer students are strongly encouraged to attend. Information on the orientation program will be sent to the student after registration. Call the Director of First-Year Experience at Family Programs at 314-246-7007 or login to your Webster University Connections account for additional information.

Extended Orientation Course for Freshmen

EDEX 1500 Webster 101. Prerequisite: first time freshman status. Webster101 is designed as an introduction to college life and is intended for first year students. This course will help the first year student make the most of their career at Webster University. Using various assessments and exercises, each student will develop a deeper understanding of themselves and use that understanding to learn adaptation strategies, such as goal setting, values clarification, time management, money management, and stress management skills that will work for each student in and out of the classroom. Each student will also learn how to use the many resources Webster provides to support students in meeting both academic and social challenges. All freshmen are invited, but not required, to enroll.

Housing

University Housing

Student housing on-campus includes 850 beds in fully furnished, air-conditioned, suite-style residence halls and apartments. Residents may apply for a particular type of hall or apartment; however, if a first choice is not available, staff will make the best arrangements based on resident requests and space availability.

Options for First-Time Freshmen

For the 2023-2024 academic year, housing options for first-time freshmen include West Hall and Maria Hall. Maria Hall houses 108 students in double room, one-bath suites. West Hall houses 231 students in similar room configurations as Maria Hall. Each floor in West and Maria Halls includes a social lounge, kitchenette area, and a study lounge. A full laundry room, resident mailboxes and a semi-staffed desk are located on the ground floor of each building.

Meal plans are required for all resident freshmen students.

Options for Sophomores and Beyond

Students in their sophomore year and beyond (including graduate students) can choose to live in East Hall, the Webster Village Apartments (WVA), or one of the off-campus apartment options managed by Housing and Residential Life.

East Hall rooms are available in four-person or six-person suite configurations, with each suite containing two full bathrooms. There are single and double bedroom options. Floors in East Hall also include a social lounge, kitchenette area and a study lounge. A full laundry room, resident mailboxes and a semi-staffed desk are located on the ground floor. Meal plans are required for East Hall residents.

The WVA offers fully furnished apartments in 2-bed/2-bath, 4-bed/2-bath and efficiency/1-bath configurations. The WVA

complex also includes a clubhouse area with a social lounge and laundry facilities as well as onsite parking (as available).

Housing and Residential Life also manages apartment complexes that are located off-campus proper within the city of Webster Groves. Students residing in these options are able to select from a variety of housing styles, experiencing life off-campus while still receiving the support of the Housing and Residential Life department.

Students who reside in apartments are not required to purchase a meal plan, but may opt into the plan or purchase Gorlok Bucks.

Residency Requirements

New Freshmen

All new freshmen students taking a minimum of 13 credit hours and enrolling in classes at the Webster Groves campus will be required to live on-campus for the duration of their first two years, unless they plan to commute from the home of their parents or legal guardian, providing that this home is within a 35-mile radius from campus. After the completion of the second year of studies at the Webster Groves campus, they may choose to move off-campus.

New International Students

All new undergraduate international students enrolling in classes at the Webster Groves campus will be required to live on campus for the duration of their first year. New freshmen have a two-year on campus living requirement. After the completion of the first year of studies at the Webster Groves campus, students other than new freshmen may choose to move off campus. An exception to the live-on requirement is granted for international graduate students, unless they are coming as part of the Study Abroad program, as described below.

Study Abroad Students

All Study Abroad participants, both undergraduate and graduate, enrolling in classes at the Webster Groves campus will be required to live on campus for the duration of their study abroad experience. If they choose to permanently transfer to the Webster Groves campus, they may choose to move off campus after the completion of their first year of studies at the Webster Groves campus.

Contracts and Leases

All housing contracts include utilities (water, electricity, trash, internet). Laundry facilities (washers and dryers) are available for student use in each living area. All housing and meal plan contracts are for the full academic year, or if the student assumes residence during the year, for the remainder of the academic year. A deposit of \$175 must accompany the housing request for space. This includes a \$150 security deposit and a \$25 nonrefundable application fee.

All housing charges are based on the 17-week undergraduate class schedule. The Department of Housing and Residential Life may approve additional weeks at a per-week rate. Residence halls open throughout the week of new student onboarding and close on the Friday of finals week. The residence halls are closed during the break between fall and spring semesters, and meals are not served on campus during that time. The residence halls remain open during Fall Break and Spring Break. Note that apartment complexes remain open during all breaks with a move

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out date on the Friday of spring finals week. The housing charges for the residence halls do not reflect coverage for periods outside of the housing contract -- winter or summer breaks. Housing charges may be extended for summer months, which will include a summer rate.

Health Insurance

All international students on F-1 or J-1 visa attending Webster University in the United States are required to enroll in health insurance coverage through Student Health Services.

- Upon registration for classes, international students on F-1 and J-1 visas must be enrolled in a health insurance plan through Student Health Services (SHS) with coverage dates that coincides with the dates of the academic term in which they are enrolled.
- Students will be required to complete the health insurance registration process by submitting enrollment form for each academic term.
- International students that are sponsored by their government or by a corporation may be exempt from enrollment through SHS. This exemption is determined by the International Services Director at Webster University. Students must contact the International Services department to obtain a waiver from the student health insurance requirement.
- Students that are exempt from enrollment in the student health insurance plan must submit to SHS a copy of their current health insurance card which includes a copy of both the front and back of the card.
- The student health insurance plan is for international students only; US/domestic students are not eligible to enroll.

Residential students living on the Webster University main campus in St. Louis, Missouri may be asked to submit to the SHS proof of current health insurance.

Dining Services

The University's largest dining facility, Marletto's Marketplace, located in Maria Hall, offers food service for three meals a day, Monday through Friday, and two meals a day on weekends. The University Center Crossroads food court, including a Wow Café and Wingery, Freshens Crepes and Smoothies, and Far East Fusion, is open Monday through Friday and offers a variety of wings, tenders, quesadillas, wraps, fajitas, crepes, smoothies, rice and noodle bowls and sushi, burgers, tenders, chopped salads, shrimp, sides, and beverages. The Library Café offering upscale coffee, smoothies, sandwiches, and pastries, is open Monday through Friday in the Emerson Library.

Student Activities and Organizations

A current list of approximately 80 clubs and organizations sanctioned by the Student Government Association, as well as other activities, may be found at involved.webster.edu/organizations.

If a student's particular interest is not represented, the staff in the Office of Student Engagement will help the student in forming a specific group.

Other Programs

The following services, programs, and facilities are available to Webster University students. A more detailed description can be found online:

- Career Planning and Development Center
- Dean of Students Office
- Student Health Services
- Multicultural Center and International Student Affairs
- Student Government Association (SGA)
- WebsterLEADS Leadership Certificate Program
- University Center
- Office of Student Engagement
- Counseling and Life Development
- Student Conduct and Community Standards
- Family Programs
- Campus Dining Services