Eastern FirstSTEP

Academic Orientation

start something big

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Eastern Spotlight
1–3 p.m. JFK Library Entrance

Visit one or more of the many programs, departments and colleges at the open fair. Get to know the who, what, when and where for your academic, social and community building interests. This is a fun and interactive opportunity to discover and explore your future EWU interests.

Student and Family Concurrent Sessions
2–4:30 p.m. (half hour sessions each)
Note: For session locations, refer to the Concurrent Session Schedule insert.

• Career Services
• Letting Go
• Greek Life
• Residential Life
• Clubs and Orgs
• Staying Healthy at EWU
• Technology
• Eagle Scholars
• Your EWU Library

General Undergraduate Academic Advising Open House
3–5 p.m. 302 Sutton Hall

Tours: Campus and Housing
4–5 p.m. Visitor Center

A great time to take a tour featuring a residence hall and the University’s campus.

For more information regarding Eastern’s fall 2007 New Student Orientation:

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Saturday, September 22 - Tuesday, September 25

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July 20, 25, 27, 30 and August 3

9–10 a.m.  FirstSTEP Check-In
10–10:30 a.m. University Welcome
Program Day Overview

Academic Overview
10:30–11:45 p.m. Showalter Auditorium

• The Value of Liberal Arts and General Education
• EWU Mission, University and Student Expectations, Academic Integrity
• “Hey, Teacher?” From High School Teachers to College Professors: EWU Faculty Roles and Expectations
• Policies, Procedures, and Requirements in Advising

Student Services Presentation

• Career Services
• Safety Resources
• Parking
• Res. Life/Dining Services
• Student Financial Services
• Student Life
• New Student Programs
• Health and Wellness
• Financial Aid

STCU Financial Education 101

Lunch
11:45 a.m.–1 p.m. Campus Mall

Join faculty, staff and administration for lunch and have a fun, exciting and interesting conversation about programs, majors and so much more.

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Eastern FirstSTEP

Eastern FirstSTEP is a summer academic orientation program for all new students—freshmen, transfer, non-traditional and international—that highlights the mission of EWU and the University’s expectations for new students. It is your first step toward starting something big in your personal and professional life through the traditions, connections and opportunities offered by an Eastern education.

At FirstSTEP, students may meet with academic advisors as well as gain information about academic policies, procedures, requirements and programs. FirstSTEP helps students and their families develop positive relationships with faculty, staff, administration and peers in the campus and surrounding community. The Eastern Spotlight event is an important opportunity for students to connect with faculty and staff for the first time.

New Student Programs and Transitions

Congratulations and welcome to Eastern Washington University. The Office of New Student Programs and Transitions is excited to work with students and their families as they prepare to become part of the Eastern community. We have prepared a day full of activities and programs that will help prepare students to start something big at Eastern Washington University. I look forward to meeting you on your Eastern FirstSTEP date and then later at New Student Orientation. Welcome and congratulations on your decision to pursue higher education.

– AnaMaria Martinez, Director New Student Programs and Transitions

NSPT Information

The Office of New Student Programs and Transitions (NSPT) serves freshmen, transfer, non-traditional and international students transitioning to and from Eastern Washington University. It is the goal of NSPT to prepare students for both academic and social transitions. Several of the programming initiatives supported by NSPT that help meet this goal include Eastern FirstSTEP, New Student Orientation, EWU Transitions Center, Peer to Peer (P2P) Motivators, Student Transition Courses, Freshman and Sophomore Living and Learning Communities. These programs are designed to help incoming students make a smooth transition to EWU.

Student Affairs

We welcome you to our University, a learning community of uniquely talented individual students like yourself. We look forward to your contribution to this University community where you can take advantage of all different types of learning opportunities while assuring your own future success.

– Dorothy Zeisler-Vralsted, Vice President for Student Affairs

IMPORTANT 2007 DATES

Residential Hall move-in: September 21

EWU New Student Orientation: September 22 – 25

Instruction Begins: September 26

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