

BEARCAT

August 17-20, 2023

ADVANTAGE



OFFICE HOURS DURING ADVANTAGE

Thursday, Aug. 17

Student Success Center (Orientation Central): 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

B.D. Owens Library: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Bearcat ID Office/Residential Life: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Laptop pickup: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Textbook pickup: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Financial Assistance: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Student Account Services: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Cashiering/Parking pass pickup: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Wellness Services: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Bearcat Shop: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

International Affairs: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Accessibility and Accommodations: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Admissions: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 18

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Textbook pickup: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Student Account Services: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Cashiering/Parking pass pickup: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Bearcat Shop: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Wellness Services: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

International Affairs: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 20

Student Success Center (Orientation Central): 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

B.D. Owens Library: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Bearcat ID Office/Residential Life: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Laptop pickup: 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Textbook pickup: 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Financial Assistance: 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Bearcat Shop: 10 a.m. - 3p.m.

Welcome to ADVANTAGE!


During the next few days, you will connect with other new Bearcats, become acclimated to campus and have some fun!

Your planner includes optional and required events scheduled just for you! Required events are marked with:



This symbol indicates
required events
for first-year students.

Advantage Checklist:

- Visit the Bearcat ID Office to take your Bearcat Card photo, if you haven't already.
- Verify your enrollment in CatPAWS between Aug. 16 - 21.
- Pick up your textbooks at The Station. Be sure to verify your enrollment in CatPAWS first and take your Bearcat Card with you. If you pick up your books on Thursday, you will need to **walk** to The Station to avoid Move-In Day traffic.
- Complete your parking permit registration in CatPAWS if you plan to have a vehicle on campus. Then, pick up your parking permit in the Cashiering Office. You will need to know your make, model and license plate information of the vehicle you are using while on campus. Be sure to take your Bearcat Card!
- Sign the Laptop Agreement in CatPAWS, then pick up your laptop. Be sure to take your Bearcat Card!
- Start using your meal membership. Your membership is active beginning Thursday, Aug. 17.
- Attend your University Seminar class. See times and locations in this planner and in your welcome letter, which you received in your envelope upon check in. Attend all required events that are indicated with a Bearcat in this planner.
- Have fun and meet other new Bearcats! 

Questions?

Contact the Student Success Center!

Location: 2nd floor B.D. Owens Library

Call: 660.562.1726

Email: studentsuccess@nwmissouri.edu

*See map on page 14 for locations

ADVISING AND SCHEDULE CHANGES

Your advisor will email you during Advantage and include their office location(s) and walk-in hours. This is a great time to stop and say hello, ask questions or make schedule changes.

Please see your Northwest email account or your welcome packet for your advisor's office hours and location.

My advisor is:

My advisor's office location:

My advisor's office hours:

BEARCAT TIP

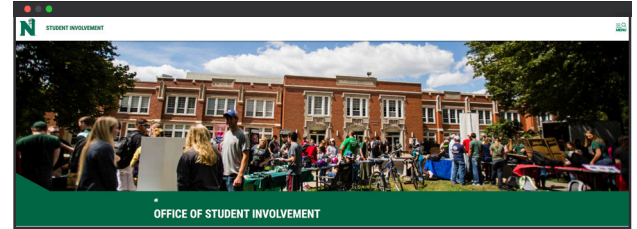
If you cannot connect with your advisor during office hours or you have general questions, stop by Orientation Central in the Student Success Center on the 2nd floor of B.D. Owens Library or email studentsuccess@nwmissouri.edu.

In addition to your advisor, your resident assistant (RA), University Seminar instructor and peer advisor (PA) are all available to help you get adjusted and answer your questions.

Get Involved at Northwest:



Northwest provides many ways for you to get involved! Want to know how? Navigate to the Bearcat Student Involvement portal and browse through a few student organizations.



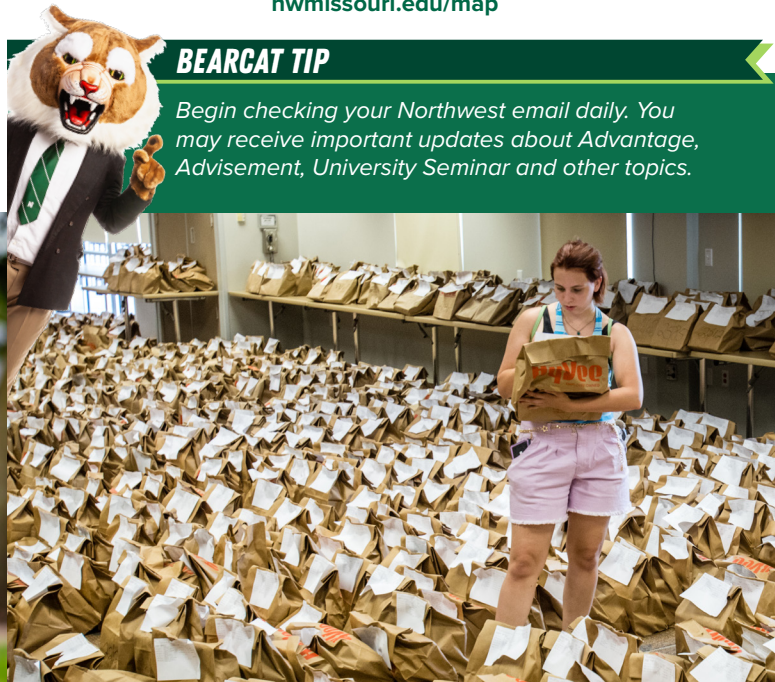
LOCATION KEY

Ballroom	Student Union, third floor
Bearcat Commons	Student Union, first floor
Boardroom	Student Union, third floor
Houston MLA	Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts, Mary Linn Auditorium
Pavilion	Raymond J. Courter College Park Pavilion
Tower View	Student Union, third floor

Map of campus on page 14 or online at nwmissouri.edu/map

BEARCAT TIP

Begin checking your Northwest email daily. You may receive important updates about Advantage, Advisement, University Seminar and other topics.



Thursday, Aug. 17

7:00 AM **7 a.m. Your meal membership is active.** You'll need your Bearcat Card to access your membership. See page 13 for more Campus Dining details.

8:00 AM **8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Bearcat Card photos (for students who have not received their Bearcat Card),** Bearcat ID Office, J.W. Jones Student Union

8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Laptop pickup, Jon T. Rickman Electronic Campus Support Center. (Take your Bearcat Card and your email username and password. You should have already signed the laptop agreement in CatPAWS. If not, do so before you go.)

8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Textbook pickup, The Station. You will need to verify in CatPAWS before picking up your textbooks.

10:00 AM

11:00 AM

12:00 PM

1:00 PM

2:00 PM

3:00 PM

4:00 PM

5:00 PM

6:00 PM  **6 – 10 p.m. Residence Hall Orientation,** your residence hall (Required for students living on campus) Orientation will be followed by Residential Programming

7:00 PM

8:00 PM

9:00 PM

BEARCAT TIP

After you get settled, walk to pick up your laptop and textbooks between 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Be sure to take your Bearcat Card with you! Don't worry if you don't have time. You can also do it on Friday.



BEARCAT TIP

Your meal membership starts today, so you can start dining at the Bearcat Commons in The Union. Your family is welcome to purchase lunch or use a guest meal if your membership allows. Commuter students may use their commuter membership or pay with cash or card.



Incoming Class of 2023 Tree

Each year, Northwest plants a tree dedicated to the incoming class. This year, the incoming class of 2023 tree, a Patriot Elm, is located near the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

Stop by today to take a photo with your class tree, and be sure to visit again on graduation day!

Notes


THURSDAY


Friday, Aug. 18

8:00 AM 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. If you were unable to check in on Thursday, pick up your materials before class in the Student Success Center on the second floor of B.D. Owens Library.

8 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Textbook pickup**, The Station
Laptop pickup, Jon T. Rickman Electronic Campus Support Center
Parking pass pickup, Office of Student Account Services in the Administration Building
Bearcat ID pickup, 2nd Floor Student Union

 **8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. University Seminar meetings.**
Check your class schedule for your classroom.

10:00 AM  **10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Department Meetings**
(with participating schools/depts) Location noted in your Welcome Packet.

12:00 PM  **12 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. Commuter student meeting**, Union Ballroom, (Required only for students living off campus.)

1:00 PM 1 p.m. **SAC T-shirt Giveaway**, 2nd Floor Student Union/Info tables

2:00 PM

3:00 PM

4:00 PM  **4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Welcome, Convocation, and Walk to the Tower**, Bearcat Arena; attend with your University Seminar class.

4:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. New Student Celebration, Bell Tower (DJ karaoke; inflatables; ice cream)

5:00 PM

6:00 PM

8:00 PM 8:00 p.m. **Late Night Movie in the Stadium**, Bearcat Stadium



BEARCAT TIP

Wear your **Bearcat gear** today to Convocation and the New Student Celebration... It's tradition!



Notes

Lined area for taking notes.

BEARCAT TIP

Take time today to attend events and meet other Bearcats!



Saturday, Aug. 19

8:00 AM **8:00 a.m.– 9:00 a.m.** Available Exercise/Meditation, Foster Fitness and Student Recreation Center.

9:00 AM _____

10:00 AM **10:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.** **Laptop pickup**, Jon T. Rickman Electronic Campus Support Center
10:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. **Textbook pickup**, The Station



10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **University Seminar**, seminar classroom
Bring your laptop to University Seminar!



11:00 AM **11:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.** **Helping Bearcats Succeed**, your assigned time will be announced in your University Seminar class, Union Ballroom.

12:00 PM _____

1:00 PM _____

2:00 PM _____

3:00 PM _____

4:00 PM _____

5:00 PM _____



6:00 PM **6 or 8 p.m.** **Sex Rules**, Houston MLA (attend with your residence hall RA- your time will be announced at your Residence Hall Orientation or Commuter Meeting)

7:00 PM _____

8:00 PM _____

9:00 PM _____

9:30 p.m. **Bearcat Back-to-School BINGO**, Union Ballroom

10:00 PM _____

11:00 PM _____



BEARCAT TIP

If you need to speak to someone about your Northwest bill or setting up a payment plan, visit the Office of Scholarships and Financial Assistance or the Office of Student Account Services in the Administration Building to see if additional options are available.



My “Helping Bearcats Succeed” time:

My “Sex Rules” time:
6 p.m. or 8 p.m.

Notes

Sunday, Aug. 20

9:00 AM 9:00 a.m. – 10 a.m. **Available exercise/meditation**, Foster Fitness and Student Recreation Center.


10:00 AM 10 – 11 a.m. **Interdenominational Worship Service**, Union Boardroom

11:00 AM 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. **Religious Organization Open Houses**
Religious houses (on Fourth Street)

- The Lighthouse
- Christian Campus House
- Lutheran Campus Center
- Newman Catholic Center
- Wesley Student Center

12:00 PM

1:00 PM 1 – 2 p.m. **Test out exams** for Spanish, Colden Hall 3700

2:00 PM  2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **University Seminar**, seminar classroom

2 p.m. – 5 p.m. Laptop pickup, Jon T. Rickman Electronic Campus Support Center

2 p.m. – 5 p.m. Textbook pickup, The Station

3:00 PM 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Meet the Fraternities and Sororities**, Memorial Bell Tower. Get to know the Northwest Fraternities and Sororities and speak with members at a come-and-go event at the Memorial Bell Tower. Light refreshments will be served.

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Humane Society/Petting Zoo**, Bell Tower

4:00 PM

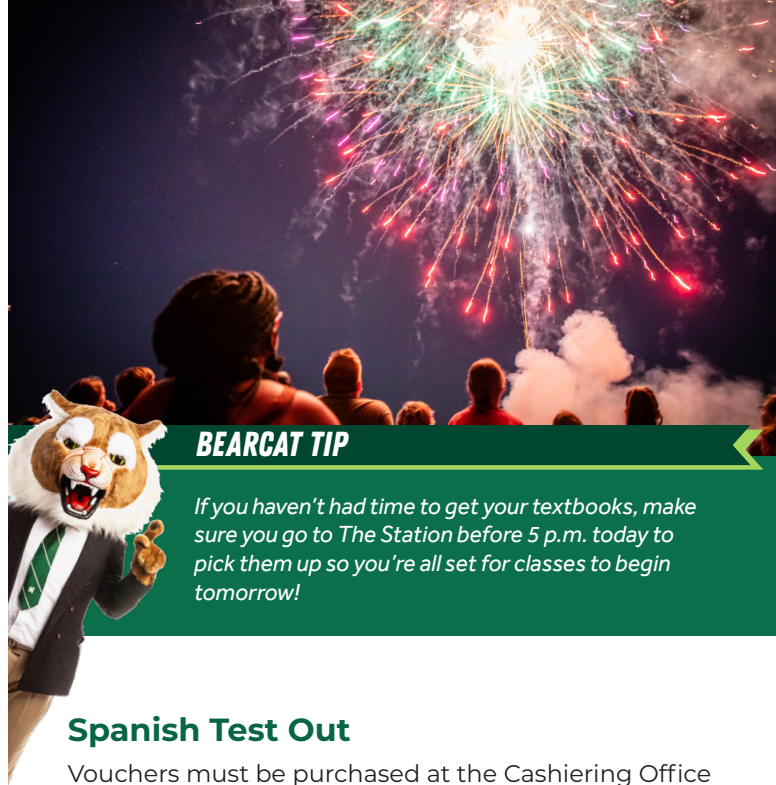
5:00 PM 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **RHA Color Run**, Bell Tower

6:00 PM

7:00 PM

8:00 PM 8:30 p.m. (approx.) **Fireworks**, Donaldson Park - west of campus, Join us for a Northwest tradition and start the semester with a bang! Sponsored by Student Activities Council (SAC).

9:00 PM



BEARCAT TIP

If you haven't had time to get your textbooks, make sure you go to The Station before 5 p.m. today to pick them up so you're all set for classes to begin tomorrow!

Spanish Test Out

Vouchers must be purchased at the Cashiering Office before taking the test out.

Indicate your intent to test out and direct any questions to the Department of Language, Literature and Writing.

Testing may also be done after the semester begins by contacting the Department of Language, Literature and Writing at 660.562.1265.

What if I get sick?

If you are ill, call Wellness Services at 660.562.1348. If you miss any sessions during Advantage, contact your University Seminar instructor or peer advisor. They will help you catch up on what you've missed. If you miss a class because of illness during the regular school year, contact your instructors as soon as possible.

Notes



NORTHWEST BEARCAT DINING

Meal memberships are available starting Thursday, Aug. 17. We recommend eating at a time to accommodate your schedule rather than traditional meal times the first week of classes. This means faster times and less waiting!

Bearcat Commons hours during Advantage:
Thursday, Aug. 17: 7 a.m. - midnight
Friday, Aug. 18: 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 19: 10:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 20: 9 a.m. - midnight

Visit nwbearcatdining.sodexomyway.com for a complete list of dining options and hours.

Stay connected with Campus Dining on Twitter & Instagram (@nwbearcatdining) and Facebook (NW Bearcat Dining) for hour changes, specials and more.



BEARCAT TIP

Be sure to use your meal membership responsibly to avoid unnecessary charges - learn more about your meal membership at <https://nwbearcatdining.sodexomyway.com>

GET CONNECTED

Save the Date:

Organization Fair
Wednesday, Sept. 6
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We know you are excited to get involved on campus, which is why we have the Organization Fair. Many student organizations will be there, but you can get an idea of what's available by looking online ahead of time. College is a time to spread your wings, so don't be afraid to explore your options and interests. For a list of campus organizations, go to nwmissouri.edu/getinvolved.

ADVANTAGE UPDATES

For Advantage updates, such as rain locations, follow us on Instagram [@northwestorientation](https://www.instagram.com/northwestorientation)



CHECK OUT OUR INTERACTIVE
CAMPUS MAP:
NWMISSOURI.EDU/MAPS

LOCATED IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING:

- Student Account Services & Cashiering
- Financial Assistance
- Registrar
- Admissions

LOCATED IN THE J.W. STUDENT UNION:

- Bearcat ID Office
- Residential Life Office
- Bearcat Shop
- Bearcat Commons

CAMPUS DIRECTORY

CAMPUS BUILDINGS & LANDMARKS

1. ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
2. CENTENNIAL GARDEN
3. GOLDEN POND
4. COLLEGE PARK
5. RAYMOND J. COURTER COLLEGE PARK PAVILION
6. J.W. JONES STUDENT UNION
7. JON T. RICKMAN ELECTRONIC CAMPUS SUPPORT CENTER
8. JOYCE AND HARVEY WHITE INTERNATIONAL PLAZA
9. MABEL COOK RECRUITMENT AND VISITORS CENTER
10. MEMORIAL BELL TOWER
11. MICHAEL L. FAUST CENTER FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS
12. THE STATION
13. THOMAS GAUNT HOUSE (PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE)

ACADEMIC BUILDINGS

14. B.D. OWENS LIBRARY
15. BOTANY LAB
16. GOLDEN HALL
17. DEAN L. HUBBARD CENTER FOR INNOVATION
18. EVERETT W. BROWN EDUCATION

19. HALL - HORACE MANN LABORATORY SCHOOL/PHYLLIS AND RICHARD LEET CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
20. FIRE ARTS BUILDING
21. GARRETT-STRONG SCIENCE BUILDING
22. HORTICULTURAL COMPLEX
23. MARTINDALE HALL AND GYMNASIUM
24. MCKEMY CENTER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING
25. OLIVE DELUCE FINE ARTS BUILDING - CHARLES JOHNSON THEATER
26. RON HOUSTON CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS - MARY LINN AUDITORIUM/STUDIO THEATRE
27. VALK CENTER
28. WELLS HALL

HOUSING

28. DIETERICH HALL
29. FOREST VILLAGE APARTMENTS
30. FRANKEN HALL
31. HUDSON HALL
32. MILLIKAN HALL
33. PERRIN HALL
34. ROBERTA HALL
35. SOUTH COMPLEX
36. TOWER SUITES

ATHLETIC & RECREATION FACILITIES

37. BEARCAT BASEBALL FIELD
38. BEARCAT PITCH (SOCCER FIELD)
39. BEARCAT STADIUM - MEL TJEEROSMA FIELD/HERSCHEL NEIL TRACK
40. CARL AND CHERYL HUGHES FIELDHOUSE
41. CRICKET PITCH
42. HIGH RISE TENNIS/ BASKETBALL COURTS
43. PRACTICE FIELDS
44. BEARCAT SOFTBALL FIELD
45. MARK ROSEWELL TENNIS CENTER/ FRANK W. GRUBE COURTS
46. LAMKIN ACTIVITY CENTER - BEARCAT ARENA
47. ROBERT AND VIRGINIA FOSTER FITNESS CENTER
48. STUDENT RECREATION CENTER

FACILITY SERVICES

49. ATHLETIC GROUNDS BUILDING
50. FACILITY SERVICES BUILDING
51. FACILITY SERVICES EAST

52. FACILITY SERVICES MAINTENANCE SHOP
53. RECYCLING CENTER
54. LANDSCAPE GREENHOUSE
55. MATERIALS DISTRIBUTION CENTER
56. JOHN C. REDDEN JR. POWER PLANT

OFF-CAMPUS LOCATIONS

57. ED PHILLIPS RODEO ARENA
58. R.T. WRIGHT FARM AGRICULTURAL LEARNING CENTER
59. MOZINGO OUTDOOR EDUCATION RECREATION AREA (MOERA)
60. DONALDSON WESTSIDE PARK
61. MARYVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER/ NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY

EMERGENCY SERVICES

62. WELLNESS CENTER
63. SUPPORT SERVICES BUILDING - UNIVERSITY POLICE

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION

MORE EVENTS OFFERED FOR YOU

Wednesday, Aug. 23

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Free Food, Memorial Bell Tower

Stop and have lunch between classes and meet members of the Northwest administration. They'll be serving lunch! Sponsored by the Office of Student Involvement.

Wednesday, Aug. 30

11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Local Job Fair, Hughes Fieldhouse

Sponsored by Northwest Missouri State University, Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments, Northwest Missouri Enterprise Facilitation and The Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce.

Wednesday, Sept. 6

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Organization Fair, Student Rec Center

Learn about all the organizations on campus from the Student Activities Council to the Northwest Gaming Club.



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