

Day New Student Next Steps

Westfield State University

Fall 2025



GET CONNECTED

- ☐ Activate your student email account and [MyWestfield student portal](#).
- ☐ [Link your WSU email account to your phone](#) and start checking your WSU email regularly.
- ☐ Sign up for the [Emergency Notification System](#) through MyWestfield.
- ☐ [Complete your WSU360 profile](#) and explore your success network.
- ☐ Download the apps below to stay connected with WSU on the go:
1) [Westfield app](#) 2) [GET app](#) 3) [PLATO app](#)



For login/ activation assistance please [click here](#) for instructions or contact supportdesk@westfield.ma.edu

NOTE: Students are loaded into their online courses the weekend before classes start. If you add an online class after classes have begun, it may take up to 24 hours to become active in your PLATO.



ACADEMICS & CLASSES

- ☐ [Check your degree audit](#) to make sure that all of your credits transferred correctly, including AP credits and CLEP scores.
AP & CLEP scores can be sent directly to the [Registrar's Office](#).
- ☐ Review your course schedule.
Log into myWestfield, go to the Student Self-Service card > My Schedule. Reach out to the Transfer Advisor, Brittany Garand, with any questions or concerns at bgarand@westfield.ma.edu.
- ☐ Submit your final official transcripts to the [Admissions Office](#) as soon as your semester grades are posted.
If you do not submit your final transcripts, a registration hold may be placed on your account to prevent you from registering for classes next semester!
- ☐ Find and purchase your textbooks [here](#).
Please note: we recommend that you wait until 2 weeks before the semester starts, when schedules are finalized, before purchasing any class materials. If you have excess financial aid, it can be [transferred to Owl Bucks](#) to be used toward books or campus dining.



FINANCIAL AID & BILLING

- ☐ Look over and pay your [student bill](#). Go to:
myWestfield > My Student Finances card > Pay My Bill Online
This will be available online (not mailed). Please contact [Student Accounts](#) if you have any questions or concerns about your bill. Unpaid bills will result in holds on your account.
- ☐ Complete [Entrance Counseling & Loan Agreement](#) for a Subsidized/ Unsubsidized (MPN) Master Promissory Note (ONLY for Federal Student Loan Borrowers).
The federal student loan will not credit the semester bill until both items are complete.
- ☐ Make sure your financial aid is all set (if applicable).
All financial aid package, scholarship and grants, or financial eligibility questions can be directed to financialaid@westfield.ma.edu.



REQUIRED FORMS

- ☐ Complete the [Health Insurance Waiver or Enrollment Form](#).
You can review our insurance brochure, enroll in our plan or waive our health insurance. You MUST either enroll in our plan or waive it, you bill will be impacted by your decision.
- ☐ Complete the [Health/Physical and Immunization Form](#).
This form is required: Massachusetts law requires that all college students have certain immunizations before coming to school.
- ☐ Complete the [Proof of Residency Form](#).
The Proof of Residency Form is sent to you after submitting the required Enrollment Deposit. The Proof of Residency Form is required of all new students to Westfield State University. Failure to complete this form may result in a registration hold on your account.
- ☐ Update your [preferred/ chosen name](#) (if applicable).
Please give the system time to update across different campus systems.



CAMPUS LIFE & SERVICES

- ☐ Attend [new student orientation](#) this summer or sign up for an individual campus session. Then, attend Owl Welcome Weekend the weekend before classes start!
For more information, contact nso@westfield.ma.edu.
- ☐ Purchase your [parking permit](#) if you will have a car on campus.
All parking decals are virtual and will be linked to your vehicle's license plate number. If you have excess financial aid, it can be applied toward your parking decal by emailing parking@westfield.ma.edu.
- ☐ Living on campus? Complete your Housing Agreement, create your roommate profile, and get ready to meet your roommate, all online!
New student move-in is the weekend before classes begin. For housing questions, please contact Residential Life at (413) 572-5402 or housing@westfield.ma.edu.
- ☐ Upload your photo for your [Student ID card](#). Student IDs can be used as a PVTa bus pass for free passage (restrictions may apply).
Online-only students are not required to get a student ID. If you are a resident living on campus, you will receive the card when you move in. If you are a commuter, you will pick up your ID card when classes begin. ID cards will not be mailed.
- ☐ Complete the Reasonable Accommodations Request Form (if applicable).
Complete the [Reasonable Accommodations Request Form](#) to find out about support services and reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. For more information, email [Student Accessibility Services](mailto:sas@westfield.ma.edu) at sas@westfield.ma.edu.
- ☐ If you are a veteran or are military-connected, contact the [Veteran and Military Services office](#).
- ☐ If you were previously part of a TRIO Student Support Services Program at another institution, [apply to join TRIO](#) at Westfield State.
- ☐ Find your flock! Meet former WSU transfer students and get connected your first term with the [Transfer Peer Mentor program](#)!



Welcome to Westfield State!