

## What's Next Checklist

Now that you have been offered admission as a transfer student to WSU Vancouver, you'll need to do a few more things. Advising, registering for classes and attending orientation are important tasks to promote success on our campus! We've created a checklist of things to do before classes begin.

### Pay Your Advanced Tuition Deposit

If you haven't already done so, don't forget to pay your non-refundable \$200 advance tuition deposit.

- The tuition deposit is applied toward the balance of your tuition for the semester for which you have been offered admission. If you cancel or change your semester of enrollment, you forfeit your deposit.
- **You must pay your tuition deposit before you can register for classes.**
- Please be aware it will take 48 hours to process your \$200 advance tuition payment online.
- All undergraduate degree-seeking students are required to meet with an academic coordinator and have their advising hold released before they can register.
- To check on course availability for the semester you wish to enroll, visit [www.schedules.wsu.edu](http://www.schedules.wsu.edu).
- [Pay your deposit now.](#)

### Online Student Affairs — myWSU

[myWSU](#) hosts the Student Information Center. Here, you can:

- Register for Classes
- Check Your Student Account Activity
- View Financial Aid Awards and "To Do" List
- Check Grades
- View Your Class Schedule
- Update Your Address, Phone & Email Information
- View "Notices" from the University

Keeping your email, mailing address and telephone number current using [myWSU](#) is critical. This information is necessary to contact you with about important University business.

To access [myWSU](#) you'll need to log in using your Network ID (NID) and password. Remember your Network ID (NID) & password, and keep them private.

## Math and Writing Placement Exams

WSU Vancouver offers both math and writing placement exams to ensure that students take courses that meet their academic needs. Many transfer students who have completed college level math and writing courses at other institutions are not required to take placement exams. To learn about these exams and who must take them, please view the Math and Writing Placement Exams Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

- [Math and Writing Placement Exams FAQ](#)

## Advising

Depending upon how many credits you have and your chosen field of study, you may be advised by the Student Resource Center or your academic department. After you are offered admission you will receive a postcard or letter with information about scheduling an advising appointment.

## Register for Classes

Once your advising hold is removed, you can register for classes by using WSU's automated system, [myWSU](#). We've outlined the steps below:

### **1. Have your student ID number, Network ID and password.**

To register through [myWSU](#), you need a Network ID (NID) and password. You may obtain a Network ID and password as soon as you apply for admission to WSU. If you have not already created your Network ID and password it is obtainable from the [myWSU](#) website. You will need your student ID number to establish an NID. You can find your student ID number on your admission offer letter.

### **2. Check your [registration appointment time](#) on [myWSU](#) (Click on Academics > Register and Plan)**

1. Graduate students are eligible to register April 15 for Summer Session and Fall Semester 2008.
2. New Transfer Co-Admit Students are eligible to register early – with current WSU students according to class standing.

3. New Transfer Students are eligible to register on April 15 for Summer Session and May 12 for Fall Semester 2008.
4. New Freshman Students are eligible to advise and register for Fall Semester 2008 through the [ROAR program](#).
5. Non-degree Students are eligible to register April 15 for Summer Session and July 28 for Fall Semester 2008.

### **3. Have the list of suggested classes from your advising meeting.**

Check class times and schedule line numbers.

### **4. Register for classes**

[Click here for some hints](#) to help you with registration. We suggest you print a copy of your schedule when you are finished registering.

### **5. Check your class schedule**

Check your class schedule on [myWSU](#) a few days before classes begin to determine if the location and the times are the same as when you originally registered.

## **Tuition and Fees Payment**

WSU does not mail billing statements to students!

### **To View your Billing Statement**

You can access your student account 24 hours a day/7 days a week from the [myWSU](#). University charges will be posted 1-2 weeks before each semester begins. Your account summary will show any activity including your \$200 [advance tuition deposit](#) required to reserve your seat at the time you are offered admission, any payments made toward your tuition and fees, and application of any financial aid funds.

The University is able to deposit directly to your personal bank account any residual financial aid funds (balance after tuition and fees are paid). Direct deposit can be authorized through [myWSU](#).

### **Payment Deadlines**

Tuition and Fees are due the first day of the term. Please refer to the [Tuition and Fees](#) and the [Academic Calendar](#) for further information regarding fees and deadlines.

## Payment Options

Payments can be made in several ways:

- On the internet with a MasterCard, Discover, or American Express credit card at [my.wsu.edu](http://my.wsu.edu) (Click "Finances" and "Pay Now")
- In person at the Cougar Center, VSSC
- Using the drop box outside VSSC

By mail, send payments to:

### Cashier

Washington State University Vancouver  
14204 NE Salmon Creek Avenue  
Vancouver, WA 98686

## Financial Aid Payments

### How do I apply for Financial Aid?

For information about financial aid at WSU Vancouver, please refer to the [Financial Aid and Scholarships web site](#) or attend one of our [A-Z of Financial Aid and Scholarships workshops](#).

### Receiving Your Financial Aid

All financial aid funds (including scholarships and fee waivers) are first applied to your tuition/fee bill, and then to miscellaneous fees. When these charges are paid in full, any financial aid amounts over these costs are then refunded to you (either in a check or by direct deposit) to use for other educational/living expenses.

### Where and when do I pick up my check?

*We recommend that you fill out a [direct deposit authorization form](#) to allow your financial aid funds to be electronically deposited into your checking account. This will allow a faster and paperless process.\*\**

Effective July 1, 2008 WSU will mail paper checks to your home address rather than the campus you are attending.

## How do I check my financial aid status?

If you are unsure of your status you can view your ["to do list"](#) online through [myWSU](#). Click on "Finances," then "Student Aid." This will help you determine if you have any holds on your aid for outstanding items.

## What is a Short-Term Loan?

A Short-Term Loan Program is available for students who expect to have resources available to pay for books or living expenses but cannot access them yet. These situations may arise when expected financial aid is not available to cover costs in a timely manner or when unexpected costs occur. Apply in person at the Student Services Center. (In some cases, Short-Term Loans require a co-signer.)

## Attend ROAR

Come to Orientation to learn about student resources, campus involvement opportunities, student life, meet your fellow classmates, eat pizza, learn about campus technology and the library, win prizes and have fun!

ROAR is a mandatory orientation program offered Wednesday August 20th. Please check back for a final agenda and to reserve your spot.

**Please Note: Parking on campus is not free the day of the event. You will need to have purchased your permit, park in metered spots, the blue pay lot or be dropped off.**

## Books

WSU's Bookstore, known affectionately as "The Bookie," provides a variety of WSU merchandise: the famous Cougar Gold cheese, textbooks and other titles, classroom supplies and Cougar apparel.

### **The Bookie is open:**

Monday-Thursday from 9:00am to 6:00pm and Fridays from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Summer hours are 9:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday. The Bookie is located on the lower level of the Student Services Center. For more information, call the Bookie at (360) 573-0447

[More information about the Bookie](#), and to order books online.

## ✓ Important Information for International Students

You are required to attend New International Student Immigration Check-in. This is a mandatory session to discuss important immigration facts and what you need to do in order to maintain your lawful immigration status in the US.

**Monday, August 18, 2008; 9 am to noon in room 101 of the Student Services Center.** Bring the following documents: passport, visa, I-94, and I-20. [directions to campus and a campus map.](#)

## ✓ Parking

Parking on campus is enforced Monday through Friday, from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, in all parking lots and areas. Metered, disabled and reserved parking areas/spaces are strictly enforced 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Thirty minute metered parking is available to visitors.

Parking permits may be purchased at Public Safety. For more information about the different types of permits available and a map of parking lots, [visit Public Safety's web site.](#)

## ✓ ID card

You should obtain your student ID card as soon as possible. You will need this card for activities such as accessing the computer lab, checking out materials in the library, picking up financial aid checks, and riding CTRAN. Stop by the Cougar Center to have your picture taken and pick up your Student ID the same day. Remember, registration is required before your ID card is issued. There is no fee for your first ID card but you will be charged a replacement fee if you lose your card.

## ✓ Timed Write Info/Writing Portfolio

The Timed Write is part of the University Writing Portfolio requirement.

Students who started their first college work at any regionally accredited college or university fall 1991 or after are required to complete the writing portfolio and the timed writing assessment. Graduate and nondegree students are not required to complete the University Writing Portfolio.

The timed write schedule and more information about the Writing Portfolio requirement is available from [the Writing Center](#). Call 360-546-9260 for further information.

## **Email Account**

You will need to have a WSU Vancouver Unix/email account in order to load Web pages onto the campus server (computer) and to send and receive email. [Apply for your free Unix account now.](#)

## **Handbook**

Now that you've registered, it is a good time to review some of WSU's policies. Policies are found in the online [Student Handbook](#).