

Student Affairs

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. The first class sessions of the First Year Seminars are held during the August New Student Orientation. Information on the orientation programs will be sent to the student after registration. Call the Director of First-Year Experience at 314-246-7966 or visit www.webster.edu/fye/orientation 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 870 beds in modern, 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 2020-2021 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.

Blue & Gold meal plans are required for all resident freshman 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. 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. Blue & Gold 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 the Blue & Gold 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 commutable distance (approximately 35 miles). 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 World Traveler program, as described below.

World Traveler Students

All World Traveler 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

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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 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 the Webster University Student Health Insurance plan.

- Upon registration for classes, international students on F-1 and J-1 visas are enrolled in the Student Health Insurance plan with health insurance coverage dates that coincides with the dates of the academic term in which they are enrolled. The charge for the insurance is applied to the student account.
- Students are **required** to complete the health insurance registration process by submitting a health insurance enrollment form **for each academic term**.
- International students that are sponsored by their government or by a corporation are exempt from enrollment in the student health insurance plan. 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 the Student Health Services Department a copy of their current health insurance card which includes a copy of both the front and back of the card.

Residential students living on the Webster University main campus in St. Louis, Missouri must submit to the Student Health Services Department proof of current health insurance. **This is an annual requirement.**

Residential domestic students are required to send to the Student Health Services Department a copy of the student's current health insurance card by sending an email to stuhealthins@webster.edu.

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. Marletto's was completely renovated in summer 2017. The meal plan for resident students is a declining balance, or all points, program. This plan offers students the ultimate in flexibility and spending options at our Campus Dining Services locations. This plan allows students to get whatever they want at any time when Dining Services is open. Points not used during the fall semester carry over to the spring semester. Points not used by the end of the academic year are forfeited. Points on this meal plan cannot be used at off-campus restaurants.

Buy-Up Option – After a full meal plan is purchased, there is a 2-for-1 buy-up option available for students who would like to add more points to their meal plan. For every \$100 in additional points purchased, students will get 200 points. This buy-up option can be purchased at the Campus Dining Services offices in Maria Hall.

All residents of campus housing (with the exception of non-freshman apartment residents) are required to have this meal plan.

The University Center Crossroads food court, including a Wow Café and Wingery, Freshëns 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.

All flat-fee undergraduates will automatically have a commuter meal plan, providing \$100 to spend at the campus dining locations each semester. There is no additional fee for this commuter meal plan.

A Gorlok Bucks declining balance plan, offering cashless convenience, access to off-campus restaurants, and a 10% discount on campus, is also available to students.

The Library Café featuring Kaldi's, offering upscale coffee, smoothies, sandwiches, and pastries, is open Monday through Friday in the Emerson Library. A Simply-To-Go Unit is open weekdays during lunch and evenings on the second floor of East Academic Hall.

Student Activities and Organizations

A current list of approximately 60 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
- Parent Engagement