First Year Introduction 2015
FAMILY SCHEDULE

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WHEELOCK COLLEGE NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION 2015

Session #1 June 23 & 24
Session #2 June 27 & 28
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Family Schedule

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7:30 - 8:45am
Check-in
Wheelock Family Theatre Foyer
Students will receive their FYI folder, follow up with Information Technology staff, pick up their room key, and settle belongings in their room.

9:00 - 9:30am
Welcome
Wheelock Family Theatre
Join members of the Wheelock College administration as they welcome you and your student into the Wheelock community!

9:30 - 10:30am
Get Out Of Your Bubble
Wheelock Family Theatre
Part game show, part stand-up, part dialogue, all entertaining! Get Out Of Your Bubble (GOOYB) is an orientation diversity program that inspires students and families to see college for the great adventure it can be. GOOYB will show a slice of the changing world that students are preparing to face and help them become more knowledgeable, diverse, marketable, and resourceful throughout their college career.

10:30 - 11:00am
Travel Time to Hawes Campus in Brookline

11:00am - noon
CL Lindsay
Ladd Room
The advent of social networking sites like Twitter and Facebook have put both universities and their students in a precarious and largely undefined space. Add to that the fact that students are commonly accused of online harassment, electronic stalking, copyright infringement, and software piracy, and it’s clear that cyberspace can be a dangerous place. This program will educate families on how to ensure that students can adjust and keep themselves safe in the cyber world.

Noon - 2:15pm
Lunch & Lunchtime Presentations
Ladd Room
Grab lunch and enjoy casual conversation with other families before we begin our scheduled afternoon presentations. Feel free to go back for seconds!
Presentations

Safety & Technology
- Mike Fesko, Director of Campus Services
- Ed Jacques, Director of Facilities
- Charlie Noyes, Director of Public Safety
- Roy Schifilliti, Vice President for Administration, Institutional Effectiveness, and Innovation

Wheelock College staff will discuss campus safety, emergency protocol, and communications. This program is very helpful for families who have concerns about their students living in an urban area, possibly for the first time. Campus technology and innovation will also be discussed.

Partnering in Your Student’s Success
- Mary McCormack, Dean of Student Success
- Barbara Morgan, Dean of Students

As your student begins the first steps on her/his journey towards adulthood, learn how you can support this important transition. The Deans will discuss the unique challenges and opportunities facing today’s college students and will also share goals and expectations of the student experience at Wheelock. In addition, you will learn tips, resources, and best practices on how to partner with the College in your student’s success.

Counseling Center Resources
- Eileen Thompson, Director of the Counseling Center

The Counseling Center plays an integral role in helping students make the most of this time of rapid change in their lives by providing services that foster the enhancement of psychological health and personal effectiveness. Members of the Counseling Center will highlight their resources and answer any questions you may have.

2:00pm - 5:00pm
Family Lounge
Hawes Living Room

Need a cup of coffee to get you through the afternoon? Need to check your email or make a phone call? Stop by the Family Lounge to take a quick break between sessions! Members of the Wheelock community will also be present in the Lounge to meet and greet, answer any questions, and see how your day is going.
Breakout Sessions
Choose one session in each time slot

2:15pm - 3:00pm

Academic Advising
Hawes 002
- Meghan Cassidy, Student Success Specialist
- Malcolm Pace, Assistant Director of Advising
- David Reed, Student Success Specialist

This session will help participants understand Wheelock’s 2+2 advising model, how Academic Advising supports first-year students in their transition to college, and ways families can be partners in students’ transition to college. We will discuss the student-advisor relationship and the many ways an academic advisor assists first-year students in experiencing academic and personal success.

Diversity & Inclusion Campus Resources
Hawes 208
- Jamie Boussicot, Director of Multicultural Affairs
- Ashleigh Hala, Associate Director of Residence Life

At Wheelock, we aim to create, promote, and encourage a supportive and friendly campus environment that is welcoming for and attractive to people of diverse backgrounds. This session will address the importance of understanding students’ multiple identities and will outline the diversity, multicultural, and spiritual resources that Wheelock provides to students belonging to diverse groups.

Field Experience & Jumpstart
Board Room
- Christina Jache, Field Experience Coordinator
- Caitlin Mannix, Administrative Assistant for Field Placement Office
- Kathryn Rivard, Jumpstart Site Manager

All first-year students are required to do a field placement attached to their Human Growth and Development course. Students will do a traditional three-hour-per-week placement through the Field Experience Office OR can choose to participate in the Jumpstart service learning program. Learn the differences between the two options and how we prepare and support students’ professional development.

First Year Academic Experience
Ladd Room
- Dr. Jenne Powers, Assistant Professor of Humanities & Writing, Director of Writing Center
- Dr. Eleonora Villegas-Reimers, Associate Professor of Education
- Scott Votel, Director of Composition Programs

Academic coursework is central the first-year experience. Students participate in a core set of academic experiences that unify the community and help them integrate into Wheelock’s culture. Learn about the academic experiences that will challenge your student and broaden his or her perspective: summer reading, English composition class, Human Growth & Development (the class and the field experience), and First Year Seminar offerings.
3:10pm - 3:55pm

Athletics
Hawes 002
- Dwight Datcher, Director of Athletics
- Wole Oke, Assistant Director of Athletics and Head Coach Men’s and Women’s Cross Country/Track & Field
- Stephanie Smyrl, Assistant Director of Athletics and Head Women’s Soccer Coach

Wildcat student-athletes strive for athletic success, enhance their academic experience, and are active members of the college community, leaders in the classroom, and competitors on the field. Athletics staff will share ways in which families can support and encourage their student to participate in Wheelock Wildcats sports programs.

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International & Service Learning Opportunities
Board Room
- Britney Masse, Student Opportunities & Social Media Coordinator
- Lauren Thorman, Director of Center for International Programs & Partnerships

From rebuilding homes in New Orleans to providing English tutoring at orphanages in West Africa, Wheelock students engage deeply in multiple communities. Participants at this session will have an opportunity to learn about these service learning courses as well as other international experiences.

Money Matters
Ladd Room
- Michael Discolo, Associate Director of Student Accounts

Money Matters details the Wheelock College billing process and touches on different payment options for the 2015-16 academic year. As there are several methods for financing a college education, Money Matters aims to provide families with the proper tools to financially plan for the upcoming year. Topics include tuition costs, health insurance, payment plans, billing timeline, student loans and outside grants, and developing financial literacy skills.

4:05pm - 4:50pm

Residence Life
Hawes 002
- Darcy Dubois, Associate Dean of Students, Director of Residence Life
- Ashleigh Hala, Associate Director of Residence Life

We’ll discuss how roommates are chosen, the common questions and concerns we receive about students living on campus, campus policies, and safety in and around the residence halls.
4:05pm - 4:50pm (continued)

Academic Support & Disability Services
Board Room
- Katherine Hala, Assistant Director of Academic Assistance
- Paul Hastings, Associate Dean of Student Success

This session will describe the academic support and disability services available to students and how to access these supports. Special attention will be paid to Wheelock’s academic assistance options, the differences between academic support in high school and college, and the importance of helping students to be proactive in seeking out help in college.

Colleges of the Fenway
Ladd Room
- Deborah Pepper, Director, Operations and Collaborative Services
- Douglas Upton, Assistant Director, Global Education Opportunities (GEO) Center

Colleges of the Fenway is a consortium of schools composed of Wheelock College, Emmanuel College, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, MCPHS University, Simmons College, and Wentworth Institute of Technology. Learn about the many ways that your student will benefit through their participation in the consortium. Cross-registration, the Performing Arts program, Intramurals, and the Global Education Opportunities program are just a few examples of the robust academic and co-curricular opportunities that are available – from day one!

4:50pm - 5:15pm
Reflection
Ladd Room

After breakout sessions are completed, we will gather families together to reflect on their day, share their insights, and have the opportunity to win Wheelock prizes. Program evaluations will also be distributed during this time.

5:00pm
Travel Time back to Main Campus

5:30pm - 7:00pm
Dinner
Campus Dining Hall

It’s finally time to connect with your student for dinner. Please eat with your student at your assigned time. Group A starts dinner at 5:30pm; Group B starts dinner at 6:15. Your group number can be found on the FYI folder that your student received in the morning.

5:30pm - 7:00pm
Campus Life Expo
Wheelock Family Theatre Foyer

Before or after dinner make sure you and your student stop by the Expo where various Wheelock offices and businesses from the surrounding community will be present to share information.
Join us tomorrow for a BBQ Lunch
Campus Center Green
12:30pm
IMPORTANT DATES - FALL 2015

Sunday, August 16
Check-in for Summer Bridge
Check-in for Fall Athletes

Saturday, August 29
9:00-12:00: Check-In for Resident New Students
11:00-12:00: Check-In for Commuter New Students

Saturday, August 29 - Tuesday, September 1
Fall Orientation for ALL New Students

Tuesday, September 1
Convocation

Wednesday, September 2
First Day of Classes

Monday, October 12
Autumn Holiday - No Classes

Friday, October 16 - Sunday, October 18
Fall Family Weekend

Wednesday, November 11
Veterans’ Day - No Classes

Wednesday, November 25
Thanksgiving Recess Begins - No Classes

Monday, November 30
Classes Resume

Wednesday December 16
Last Day of Fall Classes

Thursday, December 17
Undergraduate Reading Day - No classes

Friday, December 18 - Monday, December 21
Undergraduate Examination Period

Monday December 21*
Residence Halls Close for Winter Break

* Please don’t make final travel arrangements until your student knows their final exam schedule.