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# NEW GRADUATE STUDENT CHECK LIST

**Welcome to the School of Graduate Studies at Western Illinois University!**

To ensure a successful transition, please follow the check list below prior to the start of your first semester.

Questions? Contact us at [Grad-Office@wiu.edu](mailto:Grad-Office@wiu.edu) or (309)298-1806.

**REVIEW YOUR LETTER OF GRADUATE ADMISSION**

You will receive an official acceptance letter once you are admitted. It will contain your WIU ID number, instructions for activating your student account, and advisor contact information, as appropriate.

**ACTIVATE YOUR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION STUDENT ACCOUNT (ECom)**

Your [ECom account](#) grants access to Google Apps (WIU email), 1GB of storage space, and access to services requiring ECom (computer labs, online courses, etc).

**ATTEND THE NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION**

We encourage you to attend our School of Graduate Studies [Orientation](#) to obtain helpful information on available resources. \*\*Registration is required in the Quad Cities.

**DISCOVER OPPORTUNITIES TO FINANCE GRADUATE SCHOOL**

Financing your studies can be done through [assistantships](#), [scholarships](#), [student employment](#) or [financial aid](#).

**MEET WITH YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISOR**

Your advisor will be able to assist you with course selection, degree planning, and answer any program questions you may have. Your acceptance letter will include your advisor's name and contact information. If you need guidance in selecting courses, refer to the [graduate catalog](#).

**BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE STUDENT/ALUMNI RECORDS SYSTEM (STARS)**

The [STARS](#) system allows you to access your university records. You will use STARS to register for courses, review class schedules, pay your tuition, and much more!

**ORDER YOUR BOOKS**

Textbooks can be purchased or rented through the [University Bookstore](#).

**APPLY FOR CAMPUS HOUSING (IF APPLICABLE)**

If you are interested in applying for housing, please contact Student Housing for on-campus or off-campus housing information: [Macomb](#) or [Quad Cities](#).

**REVIEW REQUIREMENTS FOR IMMUNIZATIONS & HEALTH INSURANCE**

Contact the Beu Health Center to determine [immunization](#) and [health insurance](#) requirements prior to attendance. Visit the health insurance link to see if you qualify for a waiver of insurance.

**OBTAIN YOUR STUDENT ID AND PARKING PERMIT**

Your [WIU ID card](#) is used at the Rec Center in Macomb, libraries, campus events, and when making meal plan purchases. You will need to purchase a parking permit to park in any lots on the [Macomb](#) or [Quad Cities](#) Campus.