

Wilson College

Welcome Week 2023

August 31- September

Welcome!

This schedule will guide you through orientation activities during the next week through **Monday, September 4 - the first day of class**. Programs and activities that have been selected for orientation are designed to make you feel at home at Wilson, prepare you for academic challenges and have fun getting to know your new classmates.

Sessions at which your attendance is required are noted in red with a “*”, but we hope that you will take advantage of all opportunities to get to know Wilson better.

*Check Lenfest Commons, the portal, your Wilson College email, and the materials in your orientation packet for information about other events and opportunities that are taking place over the next few days and weeks.

Thursday, August 31

8:00 am — 11:00 am	Check-In for Residential Students <i>Lenfest Commons – Lobby Area</i>
8:00 am — 11:00 am	Orientation Check-In for Residential Students <i>Please pick up your orientation schedules when you check in at the residence life table.</i>
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	ID Cards <i>Lenfest Commons – Student Financial Services Center</i> If you are unable to get your ID picture taken today, the Student Financial Services Center will be open from 8am – 5pm on Friday, September 1.
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	<i>Equestrian Placement Rides</i> <i>Hawthorne Arena Lobby</i> <u>For any student</u> -residential or commuter - scheduling or anticipating scheduling an equestrian (riding) class. *Confirmation of riding time will be provided by McKenna Debus prior to arriving on campus.
11:00 am — 12:00 pm	Check-In for Commuters <i>Lenfest Commons — Lobby Area</i> Pick up your Welcome Week schedules.
11:00 am — 1:30 pm	Lunch for New Students and Families <i>Lenfest Commons -- Esplanade</i> * Please note: Students and families are welcome to eat at <u>any time</u> during the 11:00—1:30 designation.
1:30 pm	Family Farewell The picnic lunch marks the last scheduled event for most families. Parents of winter and spring athletes are invited to a brief information session in the Brooks Science Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALL FAMILIES – Please stop by the Wilson tent located near the Park Avenue entrance to ask any last-minute questions and receive your “Way Home” bag of goodies!
1:45 pm — 2:15 pm	Student-Athlete Parent Presentation <i>Brooks Science Center, Auditorium</i> For parents of students who are winter or spring athletes, including equestrian western/hunt seat teams. Director of Athletics, Tina Hill, will review information that you need to know prior to the competition seasons.
1:45 pm	*Meet Your Orientation Team

Laird Green

Students! Meet your Orientation Leader (OL) and other members of your team as you get ready to become a Wilson student!

2:45 pm

Nuts and Bolts for Commuter Students

Allen Auditorium — Warfield Hall

Meet fellow commuter students and learn how to become an active, involved member of the Wilson College community.

3:15 pm

Commuter Campus Tour

Departing from Allen Auditorium

This tour will help you become an expert at finding your way around Wilson in no time.

4:30 pm

***The Wilson Welcome**

Alumnae Chapel, Thomson Hall

Join members of the Wilson community for the official kick-off to New Student Orientation!

5:15 pm — 5:30 pm

Class Photo

Thomson Hall Lawn

Join your new classmates for your first class photo!

Please wear your Wilson orientation T-shirt for the photo!

5:30 pm — 6:45 pm

Welcome Picnic

Commons Lawn / Esplanade

Join us on the Lenfest Commons lawn for a summer picnic.

8:00 pm

***Residential Life Meeting**

Brooks Science Complex, Auditorium

Get to know your floor mates, Resident Assistant (RA), expectations for residence hall living, and what it means to live in a community. **Required for all new students living on campus.**

Friday, September 1

7:00 am — 8:30 am

Breakfast

Jensen Dining Hall

8:30 am

***Navigating the Academic Experience**

Mastering MyWilson

Brooks Science Complex, Auditorium

Deb Austin, Associate Dean of Academic Advising, and Jean Hoover, Registrar, provide an overview of Wilson's academics program and the MyWilson portal.

10:00 am — 10:45am

***Advisor Meetings**

Various locations – refer to your packet

11:00 am — 11:50 am

*** First-Year Seminar Class (attendance is required for first-time, full-time students)**

Meeting locations will be posted in the Lenfest Lobby and on the Wilson Portal

It's your first college class! Meet with your FYS instructor to learn more about your seminar, course expectations, and semester activities.

11:00 am — 11:50 am

For Transfer Students Only!

Learning Commons, Library

Welcome to the Wilson family! This session is designed to help all transfer students better prepare for their experience, enjoy a smooth transition to the many opportunities and resources at Wilson College staff, and meet other transfer students.

12:00 pm — 1:00 pm

Lunch

Jensen Dining Hall

1:00-1:15 pm

***Meet Your Orientation Team**

Main Green (in front of Warfield)

Meet your Orientation Leader (OL) and other members of your group to line up for Convocation.

1:30 pm

***Convocation**

Thomson Chapel

****Please line-up on the driveway in front of Edgar Hall (white Administration Building) no later than 1:15 pm. The Registrar will place you in line and the Marshals will lead you to Thomson Chapel.***

Wilson College has a long-standing tradition of calling together her members each year, at the beginning of the fall semester. Faculty, students, staff, and administrators are all called to participate in this important academic event.

The ceremony will conclude with all new students, faculty, and staff signing the Wilson College Honor Principle.

3:30 pm

***Finding Your Path...Your Wilson, Your Way**

Brooks Science Complex, Auditorium

Substance abuse, violence, and sexual misconduct should not have to be a part of anyone's Wilson experience. This session will give you practical and useful advice on the best way to have a safe and fun Wilson experience, while at the same time giving an understanding of what to do in the event you witness these situations.

5:00 pm

Cookout on the Patio

Library Patio

Celebrate your first full day at Wilson with snow cones and funnel cakes while playing "giant" Jenga, Connect Four, Twister and more!

6:00 pm

Class of 2027 ~ First Class Meeting with WCGA

Brooks Science Complex, Auditorium

This meeting is intended for all first-year students who are members of the Class of 2027. This brief, yet informative, meeting will cover information you'll need to know about electing class officers, participating in Wilson traditions and making your voice heard to positively impact the student experience.

7:00 pm

Women's Volleyball vs. Penn State Harrisburg

Gannett Memorial Field House

9:00 pm

Hypnotist Mark Zacharia: Out of His Mind...And Into Yours!

Laird Hall

Back by POPULAR demand!

Mark Zacharia is New Jersey's funniest hypnotist. New Jersey Monthly magazine calls him a "total bogglement." This show is as much fun for the audience as it is for the subjects who volunteer.

Saturday, September 2

7:00 am — 9:00 am

Breakfast

Jensen Dining Hall

9:00 am — 12:00 pm

***The Wilson Community**

Jensen Dining Hall

Join the members of the Student Development staff, and Wilson's RA's and OL's for a unique community building experience and a chance to meet many new classmates!

12:00 pm — 2:00 pm

Lunch

Jensen Dining Hall

2:00 pm

***Your Bold Belongs Here**

Laird Hall

"We want true belonging, but it takes tremendous courage to knowingly walk into hard moments." - Brené Brown

We know finding your place on campus can be a hard moment to walk into, so join us for a Bold conversation about inclusion and belonging at Wilson.

5:00 pm — 6:30 pm

Dinner

Jensen Dining Hall

9:00 pm

Bingo!

Jensen Dining Hall

Join us in the dining hall for bingo, prizes, and fun!

Sunday, September 3

11:00 am — 1:00 pm

Brunch

Jensen Dining Hall

11:00 am

Veterinary School Information and Planning Session

Warfield Auditorium

Thinking of pursuing a degree in veterinary medicine? This important session will help you start the planning now.

11:30 am

Welcome Week Student Bible Study

Sarah's Coffeehouse, Lenfest Commons

Join us for an informal Bible study to celebrate the start of the new year and a chance to learn more about Spiritual Life on campus. Students from all spiritual backgrounds are welcome to attend.

1:00 pm — 3:00 pm

Activities Fair

Lenfest Commons and Lenfest Breezeway

Meet upperclass students and check out the activities from the many clubs on campus. Sign up to join your favorite!

1:00 pm

Men's Soccer vs. Albright College

Kris's Meadow

3:00 pm

Stables Orientation

Equestrian Center, Hawthorne Indoor Arena

Anyone registered or planning to take a riding class MUST attend one of the two sessions offered today. Barn policies will be explained, an overview of the horses will be given, and release forms will be signed. Students who do not attend an orientation meeting will not be permitted to ride. Information for new boarders will be provided at the conclusion of the orientation meeting.

5:00 pm — 6:30 pm

President's Picnic

Sharpe House Lawn (in front of Disert Hall)

Join President Fugate at his home to celebrate the start of the fall

semester with a fabulous dinner.

8:30 pm

Movie Night and Nacho Bar

Jensen Dining Hall

Get comfortable and get ready to watch the blockbuster hit *Dog* starring Channing Tatum!

Classes begin at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, September 4, 2023!

Fall 2023

Classes begin: September 4

Last Day to Add/Drop: September 11

Fall Break: October 23-24

Last Day to Withdraw: November 13

Thanksgiving Break: November 22-24

Classes End: December 15

Final Exam Period: December 18-22