

# TOPPER ORIENTATION PROGRAM

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The Topper Orientation Program (TOP) is a required orientation for all new degree-seeking undergraduate students attending WKU. TOP helps new students become familiar with WKU, take placement exams, learn about campus programs and activities, meet with an academic advisor, and register for classes. An optional parent and guest program runs simultaneously on most TOP dates for parents and guests of students who attend. Students must be officially admitted to the university to be eligible to register for TOP. Once admitted, students will receive information via email from TOP on how to schedule a date. *There is a non-refundable fee for students and guests.*

**Freshman TOP** is a one-day orientation that takes place on WKU's main campus in Bowling Green. All first-year students are required to participate throughout the one-day program to be registered for classes. Students who arrive late or leave early must reschedule for another date. A variety of fall semester TOP dates are available in April, May, June, July, and August. Students planning to begin coursework in the spring semester may attend the program in late January. TOP dates are available on a first come, first served basis, and reservations must be made online at least four business days before the preferred date. Reserve space early as dates often fill to capacity.

**TOP Online** is a required program for transfer students with at least 24 earned hours from another accredited post-secondary institution. TOP Online provides information regarding what to expect as a transfer student. This includes policies, procedures, academic departments, student services, and more. All transfer students are **required** to complete TOP Online in order to register for classes. Once students have successfully completed the TOP process, they are able to contact an advisor and receive assistance with choosing and registering for classes via phone, email, or in person.

Students planning to attend a **regional campus location** (Elizabethtown / Ft. Knox, Glasgow, or Owensboro) are not required to participate in the programs above. Please contact your regional campus location for registration details.

An additional required orientation for newly enrolled **international students** is conducted by the Office of Global Learning and International Affairs. Contact [iso@wku.edu](mailto:iso@wku.edu) for additional information.

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