

Summer Transition Program

Greetings Scholars!

I am pleased to welcome you to the Student Transition Program (STP) at the University of Mary Washington (UMW)! I look forward to meeting and working with you in the coming months and upcoming academic year. On that note, I assure you that my team and I are working hard to prepare for the approaching summer program so that we may provide you, STP 2025, with a great first experience at Mary Wash!

The STP summer pre-college experience will run **Sunday**, **July 6th-Friday**, **July 18th**. Over the next couple of months, I will send you a series of messages (as necessary) with updates about the schedule and other pertinent information regarding the STP summer experience. In the meantime, here's what I can begin with:

- Move-In/Move-Out: STP participants will reside in Virginia Hall during the summer experience. Move-in will take place on Sunday, July 6th between the hours of 12:00noon-3:00pm and move-out will be Friday, July 18th beginning at 3:00pm.
 - Program participants are asked to be moved out of the residence hall by 8:00pm.
- Summer Housing Assignment: Program participants will live on same sex hallways, where-in-which, female and male students will reside on separate floors within the residence hall (i.e., Virginia); sex in this matter is defined as an individual's biological makeup. All STP students will be randomly assigned a roommate of the same sex and will share hall bathrooms with program participants of the same sex. If you have any questions and/or concerns about rooming assignments, please feel free to contact me directly.
- Summer Course(s): During the summer program, participants will complete two courses worth
 3-credits total, applicable towards your degree. IDIS 111: How to Succeed in College Pt. I (2-credits) will focus on helping students to develop a personal system of learning, studying, and communication strategies to effectively navigate college life. The second course, IDIS 191:
 Liberal Arts and the World of Work (1-credit), is a career exploratory course in which students will explore, discover, and evaluate their own interests, values, strengths, and skills as related to UMW academic programs and potential careers.
 - The course(s) will be taught via face-to-face instruction.
 - Textbooks will be provided.
- Health & Wellness: STP strongly encourages program participants to submit all documentation required by the UMW Health Center prior to arriving to campus for the summer experience. Health forms are located in the health center's 'Student Portal', highlighted in yellow on the left-side of their website; you can access the portal through the following link.
- Disability Resources: The Office of Disability Resources (ODR) has been designated
 by the University of Mary Washington as the primary office to guide, counsel, and
 assist students with disabilities. If you feel you require accommodations for your summer/fall
 2024 classes and/or throughout your time at UMW, please complete the Registration Form and
 provide appropriate documentation. ODR specialists will work diligently to provide you
 appropriate accommodations starting summer 2024. If you are in need of Housing
 Accommodations throughout your time at UMW, please complete the required registration

<u>form</u> and provide your <u>Housing Accommodation Request Form</u> as soon as possible. Should you have questions, or specific needs around housing, ODR also recommends you contact their office at 540-654-1266.

- Program Participant Forms: Please refer to the <u>STP website</u> for more information pertaining to
 the program. In particular, you're probably wondering what to bring and/or what your daily
 schedule may look like. Under the <u>'Participant Forms'</u> tab, you'll find the following three
 documents:
 - 'What to Bring for STP'
 - o STP 2025 Rules & Regulations (sign and return on move-in day)
 - Important STP Summer Dates for Families

I will continue to provide updates regarding the summer program, as necessary. In the meantime, if you have any questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at (540) 654-1726 and/or email me.

Can't wait to meet and work with you,

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