



Summer Transition Program

Greetings Scholars!

I am pleased to welcome you to the Summer 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 2026**, with a great first experience at Mary Wash!

The STP summer pre-college experience will run **Sunday, July 5th-Friday, July 17th**. 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 5th** between the hours of **12:00 noon-3:00 pm** and move-out will be **Friday, July 17th** 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, with female and male students residing on separate floors of Virginia Hall. 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)** focuses on helping students explore and develop strategies for overcoming common challenges you may encounter as a college student. The second course (my favorite because I'll be your instructor!), **IDIS 191: Liberal Arts and the World of Work (1-credit)**, provides students with an opportunity to examine your interests, values, and strengths in relation to UMW academic programs and potential career paths.
 - 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 2026 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 2026. **Should you have questions and/or specific needs around housing, ODR also recommends you contact their office at 540-654-1266.**

- **Program Participant Forms:** Please refer to the [STP website](#) for more general 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 '[Participant Forms](#)' tab, you'll find all this information and more inside the following three documents:
 - **'What to Bring for STP'**
 - **STP 2026 Rules & Regulations**
 - **Important STP Summer Dates for Families**

Again, I will continue to provide updates regarding the summer program, as we draw nearer to the start of the program. 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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