

WELCOME TO THE

Bluefield State

UNIVERSITY

Family



Starting with Success at B-State Bound New Student Orientation

You will find college to be a very exciting time in your life! Being a new member of the Bluefield State family provides you with an opportunity to work toward a goal you have set for yourself. Whether it be to enter a certain career or complete a degree, you will also discover that there is more to college than just taking classes!

The B-State Bound New Student Orientation Program has been developed to help new students, like you, to start successfully and find the information you need to know about important topics including class registration, financial aid, and student life. Make sure that you follow the schedule & complete the following:

1. Do not leave campus today without being registered for your fall semester classes!
2. Attend ALL five (5) Sessions before Noon & stay with your assigned group.
3. Connect with the Dean & Faculty from your College at 1:00 pm to get insight into your scholarly pursuits & coursework.
4. Attend your scheduled Financial Aid appointment in the afternoon, do not leave campus without a Student ID Card, & make sure you see everyone you need to throughout the day.
5. Visit the MEC Residence Hall if you will be living on campus in the fall, or if you are thinking about living on campus with your fellow BSU students. Remember that all first-year and second-year students are required to live on campus (see the exemptions on the Residence Life webpage).
6. **ASK QUESTIONS!!!**

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New Student Orientation Schedule

Brown Gilbert Basic Science Building - Summer 2025

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM
 8:30 AM - 8:55 AM
 9:00 AM - NOON

Check In & Registration - *BSB Auditorium*
Welcome Sessions - *BSB Auditorium*
General Sessions - *BSB 1st Floor*

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9:00 AM - 9:25 AM	A	B	C	D	Parents
9:30 AM - 9:55 AM	A	C	D	E	B
10:00 AM - 10:25 AM	B	D	E	C	A
10:30 AM - 10:55 AM	B	E	A	Parents	C
11:00 AM - 11:25 AM	C	A	Parents	B	D
11:30 AM - 11:55 AM	C	Parents	B	A	E
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch				
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	College Faculty & Staff Meetings				
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Financial Aid Appointments, Business Office, Registrar's Office, Testing, Walking Campus Tours, Bookstore, & Student ID Cards				
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Residence Hall Tour @ the Medical Education Center Residence Hall				

Session 1	-	Advising & Registration	Room 101 & 112
Session 2	-	MyBSU Training & Testing	Room 108
Session 3	-	Residence Life & Student Activities	Room 104
Session 4	-	Counseling & Student Health Centers	Room 109
Session 5	-	Academic Success Center	Room 102

- All new students attending today's New Student Orientation program will be assigned to one of five groups who will be escorted by a group leader to each session throughout the program. Parent sessions will be in the Auditorium. The Financial Aid & Registrar's office presentations will begin at 9:30 am in the Auditorium.
- 1:00 PM Faculty & Staff Meetings will be for each of the following Colleges:
 - College of Arts, Education & Social Sciences
 - College of Health Sciences
 - College of Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM)
 - W. Paul Cole, Jr. College of Business
- Conley Hall is the location for the Financial Aid Office, the Business Office, the Registrar's Office, & the Testing Center. The Campus Bookstore is located in the Student Union & Student ID Cards are obtained in the William B. Robertson Library.

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Financial Aid

Where do I find help to pay for college?

Financial Aid is any source of funds to help students meet their educational expenses. Bluefield State University participates in federal, state, university, and private programs to assist students with paying for their education.

FAFSA

If you have not applied for Financial Aid, you can do so today and online by visiting Bluefield State University's Financial Aid webpage (keyword search: Financial Aid). While completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), please be sure to include BSU's Federal School Code, **003809**. This will ensure that your FAFSA is sent to Bluefield State's Financial Aid Office.

Bluefield State University participates in four major resources of Financial Aid Assistance for our students:

- Grants: Need-based awards referred to as gift aid that does not have to be paid back.
- Work-Study: Need-based award that pays you to work while you attend classes.
- Loans: Need-based and non-need based. All loan funds you receive must be repaid after you graduate or stop attending classes.
- Scholarships: Funded by private donors and available to assist with tuition, fees, books, and other educational expenses. Go to the Financial Aid webpage (keyword search: Scholarships) and you will find a comprehensive list of available internal and external scholarship information.



Academic Programs

What College or School am I a member of and what degrees are offered?

Bluefield State offers world-class academic degrees respected across the globe that will enhance your career pursuits. All students matriculate in one (1) of our four (4) outstanding Academic Colleges.

W. Paul Cole, Jr. College of Business

Named after successful businessman, and community leader, the W. Paul Cole, Jr. School of Business offers a career-focused business program featuring exceptional faculty and world-class technology.

Degrees: Business Administration with majors in Accounting, Entrepreneurship, Management, Marketing, and Sports Management. Additional programs include Health Services Management, Regents Bachelor of Arts (RBA), and an advanced Master of Business Administration (MBA).

Students majoring in Business Administration are required to select a minor within the college of business to complement their degree. Available options include Accounting, Entrepreneurship, Management, Marketing, Sports Management, Health Services Management, Information Systems, or Organizational Leadership.

Students pursuing majors outside the College of Business can enhance their academic experience by choosing from the following business-related minors: Business, Entrepreneurship, Health Services Management, and Organizational Leadership.

College of Arts, Education, and Social Sciences

One of the oldest Colleges at BSU, degrees are pathways towards multiple career options including professional and graduate programs. Our 3+3 program puts students on an accelerated path to becoming an attorney, combining a BA in Political Science with a Juris Doctor degree in just six years. Through our partnerships with the University of Akron School of Law, students complete three years at BSU before seamlessly transitioning to law school, saving both time and money compared to traditional programs.

Degrees: Humanities B.A. with English or Strategic Public Relations & Communications Specializations; Social Science B.A. with concentrations in History, Political Science, Psychology or Sociology; and International Studies B.A.

The School of Education helps students gain the fundamentals of teaching and education & is fully accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

Degrees: Elementary & Middle School Education, B.S.

The School of Criminal Justice prepares students for a wide variety of careers as professionals in local, state, and federal governments.

Degrees: Criminal Justice B.S. with concentrations in Forensic Investigations, Law Enforcement, Probation and Corrections Treatment, Cyber Security, or Corrections.

College of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)

The College of STEM's curriculum is focused on 21st-century problem-solving and has career job placement that is almost 100%.

Degrees: Engineering Technology - Civil, Electrical, Management, Mechanical, Mining. Baccalaureate degree in Computer Science and Applied Science (Pre-Med & Interdisciplinary Studies).

College of Health Sciences

The College emphasizes quality instruction & individualized advising leading to timely completion of degree requirements & high placement rates for its graduates.

Degrees: RN-BSN Baccalaureate Degree & Associate Degree in Nursing. Baccalaureate Degree in Imaging Science; Associate Degree in Radiologic Technology and Sonography. Baccalaureate Degree in Allied Health Education.

Student Affairs Departments

What is available to help me be successful?

Counseling Center

The University Counseling Center offers all new students with academic advising and class registration, in addition to testing services and personal counseling. Our services are designed to assist you in achieving academic and personal success through informed decision making and academic planning. We are dedicated to helping you take full advantage of your experience at Bluefield State and to realize your educational and career goals.

Academic Advisors will help you:

- Obtain information about courses of study and the appropriate registration procedures
- Select classes
- Understand BSU's graduation requirements
- Interpret BSU's catalog/schedule of classes
- Understand university policies and procedures
- Seek the appropriate university resources

Academic Success Center

The University Academic Success Center offers many services to support your academic success. Services are available at no cost and include:

Tutoring

Tutors are available for students in several courses, walk-in tutoring is provided in the Medical Education Center Residence Hall, and Bluefield State provides tutor.com for all students..

This terrific service provides 24/7 expert 1-to-1 academic support through connecting students to tutors in online classrooms.

Computer Labs

The Computer Lab in the Center is available for students to use for homework or to increase skills in an area. The BSU Writing Lab has tutors specifically to help students in the area of writing and encourages all students to utilize these services especially for writing intensive coursework.

Workshops & Seminars

We provide a wide variety of programs to help you improve your academic, organizational, and study skills. Topics include time management, math anxiety, and effective study habits.

Career Services

The Career Services department is dedicated to ensuring that you have access to the most relevant and current resources when it comes to advancing your career. Look no further than our department to access numerous resources to assist you in researching career opportunities & the job market.

Services include:

- Resume & Cover Letter construction & critique
- Mock Interview Days
- Career/Job & Graduate School Fairs
- Internship & Practicum support
- Alumni Shadow programs & networking opportunities

Student Activities & Campus Life

How do I get Involved?

Your Bluefield State experience is not limited to classrooms, labs and textbooks; it includes your participation and involvement in all things the university has to offer. From the annual Welcome Week events to membership in a club, organization, fraternity or sorority, there is always something fun and exciting happening on the Hill! Getting involved in campus life is a great way to meet new people, apply your leadership skills, and develop the interpersonal and communication skills needed to be successful in your future career pursuits. **Follow us on Instagram for all event updates! @bstateactivities**

Student Organizations

With dozens of different student groups, you will find plenty of activities that interest you. Whether your interest is academic, social, professional, leadership, or recreational, Bluefield State has an organization for you! Involvement in student organizations is a fantastic way to get connected to the campus, build leadership skills, meet people, and have FUN!

Leadership

You can learn all the valuable skills you need in a variety of critical areas including team building, managing conflict, leadership philosophy, goal setting, decision making, and time management. Begin or improve your existing leadership skills by participating in any or all of our leadership programs.

Community Service

Get connected and help give back to the community by participating in a plethora of events organized throughout the year. Some regular programs include blood drives, campus cleanup projects, collecting food & clothing for those in need, and much more.

Outdoor Adventure

Bluefield State provides wonderful opportunities for students to learn about and explore the awesome natural environment of Southern West Virginia. Programs include hiking trips, kayaking, canoeing, zip-lining, tubing and much more!

Intramurals

In addition to an amazing Athletic program, there are many ways for students to get involved in athletic competition throughout the year. The Intramural program is easy to join, easy to play, and provides a space for the campus community to compete in a fun and safe environment. Kickball, Ultimate Frisbee, Flag Football, Basketball, Softball, & Dodgeball are just some of the events held throughout the year.



Bluefield State Campus Map

How do I navigate my new campus community?



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